

The Roman Catholic Community of Saint Joseph

16 East Somerset Street, Raritan, NJ 08869

We, the Catholic Community of St. Joseph, are committed to follow Jesus Christ. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we strive to be good stewards in our lives.

We pray for peace, forgiveness, and for one another as Christ loves us!

Baptisms

Baptisms are usually held on Saturday mornings any time throughout the year (**with the exception of the Lenten Season**). Parents must be registered parishioners and complete a Baptismal Preparation class. It is required that godparents are no less than 16 years of age and have completed the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation. If the godparents are a married couple, they need to have been married by the Catholic Church. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for the class and the date of Baptism.

Sponsor Certificates

Sponsors (Godparents) for Baptism and Confirmation are required to verify their eligibility. They must be fully initiated Catholic who actively practice their faith and are in good standing with the Church. For more information please contact the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you are considering becoming Catholic, or desire to complete your sacraments, please contact the Parish Office for more information about RCIA.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Please call the rectory and let us know when a member of your family is in the hospital so a priest can arrange to visit them. Make sure you contact the Pastoral Care Office in the hospital so the Chaplain can bring you communion daily. **In the event of an emergency please call 908 392-7962 anytime of the day or night.**

Marriages

Please call the office to meet with the Pastor as soon as you become engaged and before any preparations are made. Arrangements should be made one year in advance. Couples preparing for marriage must attend required Pre-Cana sessions within the Diocese along with F.O.C.C.U.S. and sessions with your Parish Priest or Deacon.



Under the Pastoral Care of the Priests and brothers of the Congregation of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri.

Very Rev. Jeffrey Calia, C.O., Provost

Rev. Kevin P. Kelly, C.O.Administrator
Nora MartinParish Office Manager
Anthony R. Nardino..... Director of Music & Liturgy
Ramon Salazar.....Multi-Parish Facilities Manager

The Lord's Day Mass Schedule

Saturday.....**St. Joseph 4 pm English**, Holy Trinity 5 pm
Sunday.....**St. Joseph 7:30 am Spanish**, St. Ann 7:30 am,
St. Joseph 9 am English, St. Ann 10:30 am,
Holy Trinity 10:30 am, Shrine of the Blessed
Sacrament 10:30 am (Latin EF)
St. Joseph 12:00 pm Spanish, St. Ann 12:00 pm,
St. Ann 5 pm

Holy Days

7:00 pm Vigil Mass—St. Joseph (English)
8am: St Ann, 12:15pm: Shrine Chapel, Holy Trinity
7:00 pm : St. Ann, Shrine Chapel (Latin EF), 7:30 pm St. Joseph (Spa.)

Weekday Masses

Monday through Friday..... 8 am St. Ann, 12:15 pm Shrine (E)
Friday 7 pm Holy Trinity (E)
Saturday..... 9 am St. Ann (E)
First Saturdays..... 9 am Shrine (Latin)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday..... St. Ann after the 9 am Mass
St. Joseph 3:00 –3:30 pm
Wednesday..... Holy Trinity 11 am –12 pm
Friday..... Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament 11 am –12 pm
or by appointment

Parish Office

Open Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
908 725-0163 • parishoffice@sjraritan.org • www.sjraritan.org
Fr. Kevin Email.....padrekevin2024@gmail.com

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 3, 2025



HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

INTENCIONES DE LA SANTA MISA



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

LECTURAS PARA LA STA. MISA ESTA SEMANA

First Saturday, August 2, 2025

4:00 pm Debora Sepesi [sep-see] R/o The Sepesi Family
Priest remembered today: Rev. Leon Aniszczyk

Sunday, August 3, 2025, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am* Pro-populo (for the people)

Priest remembered today: Rev. John Alvarado

9 am +Anthony Perna R/o Dennis & Ida Ciemniecki

+Les Walten R/o Ralph & Diane Lombardi

Priest remembered today: Rev. Antony Arockiadoss

12 pm * +Walter Mena Artavia

Priest remembered today: Rev. John Barbella

Saturday, August 9, 2025

4:00 pm Joseph & Katarina Balucha R/o Tom & Maria Riehman
Priest remembered today: Rev. Msgr. William Benwell, JCL, VG

Sunday, August 10, 2025, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am* Pro-populo (for the people)

Priest remembered today: Rev. Jan Bernas, SDB

9 am +Cynthia & Joseph Roehrich R/o The Roehrich Family

Priest remembered today: Rev. Michael Bihuniak

12 pm * +Juan Luis Ramirez Cabezas

Priest remembered today: Rev. Lukasz Blicharski

En Español, in Spanish

Several Mass intentions available: Aug 16, 17, 23, 30, 31.

All of **Sept**, with the exception of Sept 21, and many other dates the rest of the year. Please email or call the parish office parishoffice@sjraritan.org

SUNDAY MASS READING 8/3

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

"Vanity of vanities." Sometimes we may work for wealth, wisdom and knowledge only to discover that it has been left for some one who did not toil for it. The offering of our work, fatigue and pain, if not for God, can also be a kind of vanity.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Paul urges us to seek what is good and from God, encouraging us to put our minds on the spiritual. He reminds us that, as Christians, we have died with Christ and are hidden with Christ until his glory is once again revealed. We are all one in Christ.

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

On being requested to settle a question of inheritance, Jesus heeds us to beware of all covetousness because our life does not consist on the wealth of possessions. Through the lesson of a parable Jesus reinforces this teaching, explaining that those who store up the treasures of wealth and possessions are not the richest in God's eyes.

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Monday

Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday

Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday

Nm 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23

Friday

Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday

Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-2



CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sanctuary: Frank Krachun Jr.

R/o Camille Krachun

Blessed Virgin Mary:

Fattori & Sinibaldi Families

R/o Camille Krachun & Family

St. Joseph: Krachun & Gall Families

R/o Camille Krachun

The Paschal Candle: In Memory of The Krachun & Fattori Families R/o Their loved ones

Pray for the Sick

Michael Galida
George Riehman, Jr.
Jennifer Rose
Robert Valance
Thomas McGrath
Irene Sixt
Annmarie Bizub
Joseph Carter
Jane Chiesa
Joan Chopay
Elizabeth Anne Dwyer
Randy Fisher

Tony & Sandy Franchino
Arthur & Maryann
Gosenski
Mary Grande
Donna Kelly
Roseanne Kielar
Antonia LaCorte
Ralph Lombardi
Steve & Geri Max
Jack McElhinney
Allsya Miller

AUGUST IS DEDICATED TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



August: Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This devotion, which complements the June devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, invites the

faithful to contemplate the interior life of the Blessed Virgin Mary—her purity, love, and perfect union with the will of God. Through devotion to her Immaculate Heart, we are drawn more deeply into the mystery of Christ and called to imitate Mary's wholehearted response to God's grace.

The roots of this devotion can be found in Scripture. In the Gospel of Luke, we are told that Mary "kept all these things, pondering them in her heart" (Luke 2:19) and again that she "kept all these things in her heart" (Luke 2:51). These verses reveal the contemplative nature of Mary's heart—a heart attentive to the mysteries of her Son, sensitive to the movements of the Holy Spirit, and full of love for both God and humanity.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary is often depicted surrounded by roses or pierced by a sword, recalling the prophecy of Simeon: "And a sword shall pierce your soul also" (Luke 2:35). This image reminds us that Mary's life was marked not only by joy and holiness, but also by deep suffering as she shared in the Passion of her Son. Her Heart is "immaculate" not only in the sense of being without sin, but also in being completely given over to the love and will of God—even amid sorrow.

While devotion to Mary's Heart has existed for centuries, it gained wider prominence through the teachings of saints such as St. John Eudes in the 17th century and through the apparitions at Fatima in 1917. At Fatima, the Blessed Virgin asked that devotion to her Immaculate Heart be established throughout the world as a means of reparation for sin and a path to peace. She promised that "in the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph."

This devotion calls us to imitate Mary's interior life—her humility, obedience, purity, and steadfast faith. It also encourages us to consecrate ourselves and our families to her Heart, trusting in her maternal intercession and seeking to belong more fully to Christ through her.

Throughout August, the faithful are encouraged to pray the Rosary daily, meditate on the mysteries of Mary's

life, and practice acts of reparation and consecration. In honoring her Immaculate Heart, we draw near to the Heart of Jesus, for the two are forever united in the mystery of salvation.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

27-Jul-25	Collection	Online G	Total
Offertory	3878	\$305.00	\$4,183.00
Total for parish operation			\$4,183.00

TODAY: 2nd Collection to offset the cost of the parish Pipe Sewage Repair Project (see last week's bulletin)

Thank you and God bless you for supporting the mission of the church and the ministry of St. Joseph. St Joseph's offers **Online Giving thru ParishSoft**; an easy option for donating to the Sunday Collection. It's simple! Just visit our website and follow the registration steps for recurrent or one time donations sjraritan.org



2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal PILGRIMS OF HOPE (Campaign Summary Report): 7/25/25

Parish Goal: **\$25,000** | Total Pledged & Received:

\$25,032.95 | Amount **Received**: \$24,022.95 |

Under Goal: **\$-32.95** | Percent of Goal Received: **96.09%** |
Average Gift Amount: **\$291.08**



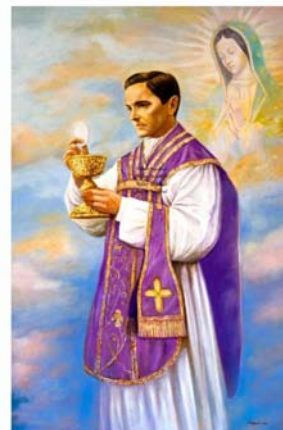
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**Feast Mass
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**Coffee and
Refreshments
after Mass**

**When
Wednesday
Aug. 13th Mass
07:00 pm**

**Where
Saint Ann Church
45 Anderson Street
Raritan, NJ 08869-2102**

Religious Education Enrollment for 2025-2026

At St. Ann

Register online or in person at the parish office from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M., Monday through Thursday. Registration packets will be available at the church entrances beginning this week.

stannparish.com/prep-program

At Holy Trinity

-REGISTRATION FEES

Grade 2 \$150.00 (\$100.00 Tuition + \$50.00 Sacramental Prep Fee)

Grades 7 & 8 \$175.00 (\$100.00 Tuition + \$75.00 Sacramental Prep Fee)

Grade 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 \$100.00 Tuition fee 1 – 3 children
\$100.00 Tuition per child Additional Children Free

-ALL FEES AND HANDBOOK AGREEMENTS ARE DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION

-A late registration fee of \$50.00 will be charged after August 15th for all currently enrolled children in the program who have not registered.

Monday (4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.) Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

** Checks should be made out to Holy Trinity Church or use an online option on Holy Trinity's website (holytrinitynj.org) to pay by credit/debit card. To use the online option go to Holy Trinity's website and click on "Donate" then click on "Special Collection" then choose "Religious Education" to enter payment info.

holytrinitynj.org/religious-education

ST. ANN'S CLASSICAL ACADEMY, RARITAN, NJ

Tuition Angels Needed! Give a gift that lasts a lifetime! Thank you to the generous tuition angels who have already answered the call! We are still praying for 4 generous Tuition Angels to provide partial tuition scholarships (\$1,500-\$3,500) to offset the total tuition cost for students who dream of attending St. Ann Classical Academy but need financial assistance to do so. Become part of their story. Give at <https://stannclassical.org/tuitionangels> or call 908-725-7787. St. Ann, pray for us!

Save the Date – Fall Clothing Drive:

Friday, September 19, 2025

Clean out those closets! St. Ann Classical Academy



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Membership is open to Catholic men over 18 years of age who want to join an organization in making positive changes in the world by providing help to the needy. Meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month. @7:30. **Become an online member today FREE!** kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html

will host its Fall Clothing Drive on Friday, September 19.

LIFE-GIVING Wounds RETREAT

A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce, Separation, or Family Brokenness





August 22-24th



San Alfonso Retreat House
Long Branch, NJ



\$315

The retreat includes meditations by the national Life-Giving Wounds retreat team, small group discussion, Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, lunch, and more.

Register Now At:

diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce

Questions:

cdaverso@diometuchen.org

or scan here:



Start setting aside your gently used clothing, shoes, lin-

Jubilee Pilgrimage National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Washington, DC

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Roundtrip 6:00am – 10:00pm

Cost per person

MMOG Parishioners: \$40 person
Other Parishes: \$70 person
(Includes bus fee and driver tips)

Trip Details

Coffee Stop: Maryland House
Dinner Stop: Cracker Barrel, Elkton, MD
(Dinner not included in cost per person)

Register Parish Office

908-874-8220, ext. 300
office@marymotherofgod.org
Seats available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Payment in full is required at the time of registration.

Somerset County AOH Division 1 hosts it's ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC



Saturday August 16th, 2025

Noon – 6 PM

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Cut here to mail in reservation

Ticket Order Form

Tickets	Price	# of Tickets	Amount Due
1 Adult	\$35/\$40 after August 8 th		
1 Child 4-17	\$7/\$10 after August 8 th		
Children under 3	Free		
Cash, checks or Zelle payments only Make checks payable to: AOH Mail to: Somerset AOH Division 1 36 Newland Court Bridgewater, NJ 08807			Total Amount ☐ (If enclosed, mark box)

Make Zelle payments to:
908-672-3686
(If paying by Zelle, please still mail the ticket order form to confirm address, phone number, and email)

If you have any questions, email Neil Mahoney at neilmahoneynyc@yahoo.com, or call or text him at 908-672-3686.

Una reflexión Salesiana sobre el evangelio dominical por una Hija de San Francisco de Sales

"Qué clase de beneficios obtiene una persona por todo el trabajo y la ansiedad del corazón con el cual se ha trabajado bajo el sol?"

"Uno puede ser rico, pero las posesiones no le garantizan a uno la vida."

Perspectiva Salesiana

Es la riqueza un obstáculo para poder vivir una vida de rectitud? Acaso las posesiones nos impiden vivir una vida de rectitud? Acaso debemos escoger entre las cosas que son de esta tierra y las cosas que son del cielo?

Verdaderamente, las riquezas pueden llegar a tentarnos para que abandonemos una vida centrada en Dios precisamente por que nos distraen en nuestra búsqueda de aquellas cosas que verdaderamente importan en la vida: las cosas que duraran por siempre. Aun así, la raíz del problema puede no ser la riqueza – las posesiones – el éxito- mismos, sino mas bien nuestra preocupación y ansiedad por esas cosas.

Yo tome dos cursos en economía cuando estaba en la universidad. Tristemente, yo no me acuerdo mucho de esa excursión, excepto que hay una gran similitud entre las personas que se hallan a los dos puntos extremos de la escala de ingresos.

El más pobre de los pobres y el más rico de los ricos viven con el miedo de perder lo que tienen.

La ansiedad que produce la acumulación y la preservación de la riqueza ultimadamente no nos permite disfrutar verdaderamente nuestras bendiciones y nuestros éxitos en la vida. Como nos indican las Escrituras del día de hoy, la ansiedad de retener lo mucho (o lo poco) que poseemos puede ocasionar trágicas consecuencias.

Francisco de Sales escribió en su Introducción a la Vida Devota: "Hay una diferencia entre poseer veneno y ser envenenado. Los farmacistas mantienen casi toda clase de venenos en sus reservas para ser usados en ciertas ocasiones, aun así el hecho de que ellos tengan estos venenos en sus tiendas no quiere decir que ellos lo

tienen también en sus cuerpos. De la misma forma, ustedes pueden poseer riquezas sin necesidad de ser envenenados por ellas si las mantienen en su casa, en su cartera o billetera, pero no en su corazón." (Parte III, Capítulo 14)

El hombre en la parábola del Evangelio no ha sido condenado por haber llenado su *establo* con riquezas: el fue condenado por que el había permitido que su *corazón* fuera consumido por las riquezas. Tan consumido estaba, que cuando él estaba considerando cómo disponer de su excesiva buena fortuna, nunca se le ocurrió que el podía compartirla con los demás.

Una palabra para los ricos... y para los sabios: el mejor remedio para aquellos que han sido consumidos por las riquezas es practicar la virtud de la generosidad. Después de todo, como puedes sentir ansiedad de perder lo que tienes si ya estas demasiado ocupado compartiéndolo con –incluso dándolo a– los demás?

Ahí está el secreto de la verdadera riqueza... en los ojos de Dios, la riqueza que enriquece verdaderamente – y para siempre- . Lo que me hace rico no es la medida de lo que yo poseo: es una expresión de lo que yo estoy dispuesto a compartir.

Oblates.org

DECIMOCTAVO DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Primera Lectura: Eclesiastés 1:2, 2:21-23

"¡Vana ilusión!". A veces trabajamos para ganar riqueza, sabiduría y conocimiento, sólo para descubrir que ha sido otorgado a alguien que no lo ha trabajado. La ofrenda de nuestro trabajo, con su fatiga y penas, si no es para Dios, puede ser un tipo de vanidad.

Segunda Lectura: Colosenses 3:1-5, 9-11

Pablo nos incita a buscar lo que es bueno y viene de Dios, alentándonos a fijarnos en lo espiritual. Nos recuerda que como cristianos, hemos muerto con Cristo y estamos escondidos con Cristo hasta que su gloria sea revelada de nuevo. Somos todos uno en Cristo.

Evangelio: San Lucas 12:13-21

Al pedirle a Jesús que opinara en cuestión de una herencia, nos previene a no ser avaros, pues nuestra vida no consiste en la riqueza de poseciones. Por medio de una parábola, Jesús refuerza sus enseñanzas, explicando que aquellos que acumulan tesoros de riqueza y poseciones no son los más ricos a los ojos de Dios.

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Esta santa ayudará a que tu vida brille en Agosto

Santa Clara de Asís es perfecta para guiarnos este agosto, mes que en nuestra tradición es dedicado al Inmaculado Corazón de María

Este mes, invoquemos a Santa Clara de Asís para que sea nuestra ayuda y guía especial. Le pedimos que interceda por nosotros para que perseveremos en la oración y brillamos con fe, como ella lo hizo.

Ella es perfecta para guiarnos este agosto, el mes que nuestra tradición dedica al [Inmaculado Corazón de María](#). Después de todo, el Inmaculado Corazón resplandece con fulgor, y el nombre de Santa Clara en italiano significa luminosidad.

Santa Clara de Asís recibió su nombre de una voz sagrada que su madre escuchó poco antes del parto que insistía: "Producirás una luz que iluminará el mundo con mayor claridad". Por lo tanto, la bebé se llamó Chiara, del italiano para "brillo", traducido a "Clara" en español. Esta bebé pronto se convertiría en la santa Clara, nacida de noble cuna y, sin embargo, lista para dejarlo todo una vez que fue fuertemente influenciada por el ejemplo de San Francisco de Asís. Cuando se negó a casarse y en su lugar hizo votos, se convirtió en la cabeza de la segunda orden de San Francisco. La Orden de las Clarisas se formó en el convento de San Damián. Clara pronto se unió allí con su madre y su hermana, Agnes, quien también se convirtió en santa.

Clara tenía una poderosa devoción a la Sagrada Eucaristía. El 11 de agosto es la fiesta de Santa Clara.

Aquí hay una [de tres] cita de Santa Clara que nos dará sabiduría para afrontar nuestras propias vidas.

1. EL AMOR QUE NO SABE DE SUFRIMIENTO NO ES DIGNO DE ESE NOMBRE

Mantengamos encendido en nuestro corazón el deseo de "ofrecerlo". ¿Qué significa eso? Significa estar en estado de gracia, y luego aceptar cualquier dificultad que se nos presente con una actitud buena y paciente que nos permita ofrecerlo a Dios por las almas del purgatorio, la conversión de los pecadores o la reparación al Inmaculado Corazón de María, por ejemplo.

Al hacer un sacrificio puedes rezar esta aspiración (una de las siete oraciones de Fátima):

Oh Jesús, te ofrezco esto por amor a Ti, por la conversión de los pecadores y en reparación por los pecados cometidos contra el Inmaculado Corazón de María.

También puede cubrir toda la jornada con anticipación al comenzar el día rezando una ofrenda matutina.

Ver artículo completo en es.aleteia.org

Santa Misa



Virgen de los Ángeles, Patrona de Costa Rica

Sábado, 2 de agosto de 2025

6:00 pm Rosario | 6:30 pm Misa

Parroquia San José de Raritan, NJ

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Lunes de 7:00 pm a 9:00 pm,
Del 18 de Agosto al
29 de Septiembre de 2025
Costo: \$35 por persona
Centro Pastoral St John Neumann
146 Metlars Ln, Piscataway



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