

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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 10, 2025



HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

INTENCIONES DE LA SANTA MISA



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

LECTURAS PARA LA STA. MISA ESTA SEMANA

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

Saturday, August 16, 2025

4:00 pm **Intention Available**
Priest remembered today: Rev. Zenon Bochnak

Sunday, August 17, 2025, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Priest remembered today: Most Rev. Paul Bootkoski, DD

9 am **Intention Available**
Priest remembered today: Rev. Damian Breen

12 pm * +Irma Salas
Priest remembered today: Rev. Msgr. Seamus Brennan
 *En Español, in Spanish +Denotes deceased

SUNDAY MASS READING 8/10

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

In this excerpt, the Israelites are reminded that they were warned before God sent an angel to slay the first born of the Egyptians. God called on them to have courage, and then rewarded them by punishing their enemies and leading them from captivity.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Faith is described as true belief even toward things we cannot see. Abram's faith in God was so deep that he wandered through a foreign land, convinced God's promise of a homeland was sincere. God honored his promise to give Abram many descendants, and was proud of the deep faith Abram and his people possessed.

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Jesus encourages us to be prepared for his return at all times, for he will come when we least expect him. He tells of a master who entrusts his home to his servants, and fully expects them to be awaiting his return. In the same manner, Jesus can arrive at any moment and expects us to be prepared for his return

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Monday

Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday

Dt 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday

Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16, 16:1-2; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28.

Day: Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Saturday

Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15



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	Tony & Sandy Franchino
George Riehman, Jr.	Arthur & Maryann
Jennifer Rose	Gosenski
Robert Valance	Mary Grande
Thomas McGrath	Donna Kelly
Irene Sixt	Roseanne Kielar
Annmarie Bizub	Antonia LaCorte
Joseph Carter	Ralph Lombardi
Jane Chiesa	Steve & Geri Max
Joan Chopay	Jack McElhinney
Elizabeth Anne Dwyer	Allsya Miller
Randy Fisher	

AUGUST IS DEDICATED TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

**A SALESIAN REFLECTION ON THE SUNDAY GOSPEL
BY AN OBLATE OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES**

Jesus has desired from all eternity to meet us here at this sacred meal.

He invites us to sit down with him and listen as he tells us about our Father's love for us and what our Father desires for us. He will also tell us how we can respond to our Father's loving care for us.

Jesus offers us the example of Abraham and Sarah, our ancestors in the faith, in today's reading from the Letter to the Hebrews. He tells us that we have faith when we accept our God's word as the truth, confident that what God says will become a reality.

Both Abraham and Sarah did just that: They left their homeland for a new land that God promised. They accepted God's word that they would have a child even though they were old. They were willing to sacrifice their son Isaac who was the only evidence they had of God's promise of many descendants. And God gave Isaac back to them as a sign of the truth of God's word to them and as a witness to their confident hope.

Jesus offers their example to us as a reminder. He tells us not to be afraid. Our Father is pleased to give us the kingdom. He invites us to place our trust in our Father's promise, to make our heart's only desire the treasure we have been promised and given.

The sign of our confident hope will be our willingness to be prepared each day: prepared to seek our Father's will for us each day and do it lovingly; prepared to live with Jesus at our side each day, talking with him about our day and listening as he talks to us, often through the people and events of our day; prepared to care gently for each person we will meet today.

Jesus tells us: much will be expected of the person entrusted with much. You and I have been given much by our God. Let us be worthy of the trust our God puts in us as his beloved children.

Let us take what Jesus tells us at this meal and live it out today – and every day. He is here to strengthen us to do just that - for he gives us his Body to eat and his Blood to drink.

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**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY INTO HEAVEN
Friday, August 15, 2025**

Oratory Mass Schedule

**7:00 pm (vigil) • St. Joseph
(Eng)**

8:00 am • St Ann

11:00 am Confessions Shrine Chapel

**12:15 pm • Shrine Chapel
• Holy Trinity**

**7:00 pm • St. Ann
• Holy Trinity
• Shrine Chapel (EF)**

7:30 pm • St Joseph (Spanish)

***This Solemnity is a Holy Day of
obligation***



WHAT HAPPENED IN THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY?

CCC 966 “Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death” (Pope Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus*). The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians:

In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death (Byzantine Liturgy, Troparion, Feast of the Dormition).

WHAT DOES THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY TEACH US?

In a homily for the Assumption, Pope St. John Paul II said, “Taken up into Heaven, Mary shows us the way to God, the way to Heaven, the way to life. She shows it to her children baptized in Christ and to all people of good will. She opens this way especially to the little ones and to the poor, those who are dear to divine mercy. The Queen of the world reveals to individuals and to nations the power of the love of God...”

Source: ewtn.com/seasonsandfeastdays/assumption/

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

3-Aug-25	Collection	Online G	Total
Offertory	\$3,109	\$435.00	\$3,544.00
Sewage parish project	\$3,426		\$3,426.00
Total for parish operation			\$6,970.00

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 web-site and follow the registration steps for recurrent or one time donations sjraritan.org



2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal PILGRIMS OF HOPE (Campaign Summary Report): 8/1/25

Parish Goal: **\$25,000** | Pledged & Received: \$25,032.95
Received: **\$24,022.95**

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

THIS SUNDAY AUG. 10!

MEXICAN FOOD SALE

After every Mass, in the School Auditorium

Come and enjoy delicious food, support the parish and build community!



Several Mass intentions available:

August 16, 17, 23, 30, 31. All of September, with the exception of Sept 21, and many other dates for the rest of the year. Please email or call Nora at the parish office
parishoffice@sjraritan.org



Collections on the 3rd Weekend of each month.

Next weekend, Aug. 16-17, 2025

Your donations serve the local community through **The Food Bank Network of Somerset County**. We collect all non-perishable foods, full size and trial size toiletries. Bring a bag to Mass for the less fortunate in our area.

Hispanic Heritage Festival

Sunday, September 7, 2024

1:00pm -7:00pm

Save the date!



Four Days for Our Lady: A Rosary Pilgrimage

October 4-7, 2025 Join us for Four Days for Our Lady: A Rosary Pilgrimage—a special four-day series of events honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary during the Month of the Holy Rosary. This rare alignment of First Saturday, Rosary Sunday, and the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary offers a unique spiritual opportunity for the faithful. Events include public rosaries, Traditional Latin Masses, a theological lecture, a Men's Rosary Rally, relic veneration, and the traditional blessing of roses. All events will take place in Raritan and Somerville, NJ. Visit <https://www.blessedsacramentshrine.com/october-rosary-pilgrimage> for the full schedule and details.



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ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC



Saturday August 16th, 2025

Noon – 6 PM

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In conjunction with
**Knights of Columbus
of Somerville**

The Ancient Order of Hibernians and Knights of Columbus invite all Catholic families to a picnic to be held on Saturday, August 16th, from 12 noon to 6 PM at the Eagles Aerie Bridgewater picnic grounds 360 Woodside Lane, Bridgewater NJ 08807. If interested, please contact Neil Mahoney at neilmahoneynyc@yahoo.com or call/text him at 908-672-3686 to receive a flyer with all information for the picnic as well as costs.

Now Enrolling!

St. Ann Classical Academy is now enrolling students in Pre-K–8th Grade for the 2025–2026 school year. Come experience the classical difference! Call now 908-725-7787 or visit us online at stannclassical.org/open-house to learn more, register for one of our August Open Houses, or enroll today!



**JUBILEE
2025**

DIOCESAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGES



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

Radio icon Kevin Matthews shares the inspiring story behind his book "Mary's Roadie" and how a broken statue of Mary changed his life.

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi

548 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ 08840

7:00 PM: Praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, talk and book signing by Kevin Matthews



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

108th Anniversary of the Fourth Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima

National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima

674 Mountain View Road E, Asbury, NJ 08802

12:30 PM: Talk with Kevin Matthews

1:15 PM: Holy Mass with celebrant, Most Rev. James F. Checchio



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C.

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

400 Michigan Avenue, Northeast, Washington, DC 20017

with Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA

Bishop of Diocese of Metuchen, NJ



SCAN FOR
MORE INFO:



Una reflexión Salesiana sobre el evangelio dominical por un Oblato de San Francisco de Sales

Las lecturas de hoy nos exhortan a ser siervos fieles de Nuestro Señor. Este es un tema recurrente en los escritos de San Francisco de Sales:

Las Escrituras nos dicen que debemos aferrarnos fuertemente a lo que tememos. Aún así, nosotros somos como los corales que fácilmente se doblan por el movimiento de las corrientes marinas. Como aún habitamos en el mar de este mundo, somos propensos a doblarnos por lado y lado – de un lado por el amor divino, y del otro lado cediendo ante la tentación que representan los Bienes que, aunque vacíos, aparentan ser benéficos.

Estos supuestos Bienes son como zorros que se encargan de destruir Nuestro viñado; mientras que el amor divino nos urge a que hagamos de Nuestro corazón un lugar fértil, por medio de las buenas obras. Por consiguiente debemos emplear nuestra mente en la práctica del amor Sagrado, para que esos supuestos Bienes no ejerzan su influencia sobre nosotros. La voluntad de Dios no es protegernos de los falsos Bienes. Por el contrario, EL desea que practiquemos el amor Sagrado más plenamente, resistiendo la tentación que estos representan. Lo que EL desea es que combatiendo obtengamos una Victoria, y que por medio de una Victoria obtengamos un triunfo.

Siempre habrá Bienes falsos, como la riqueza y los honores, que despiertan la avaricia en nosotros. Si mantenemos nuestra fe enfocada en la Palabra de Dios podremos, ella distinguirá entre los Bienes Verdaderos por los cuales debemos trabajar, y los falsos que debemos rechazar. Nuestra fe hará que se encienda en nosotros una alarma ante la aparición de un bien falso, por más atractivo que este parezca. Inmediatamente el amor divino rechazará esa falsedad, ya que nuestra fe nos permite ver aquellas cosas que son realmente eternas.

Continuemos perteneciendo a Dios, aún en medio de las múltiples ocupaciones que implican la diversidad de cosas terrenales con las que hemos de lidiar. ¿Qué mayor oportunidad para ofrecer testimonio de nuestra fidelidad, que en los momentos en que todo nos sale mal? Las dificultades nos dan la oportunidad de poner en práctica nuestras virtudes y nuestra confianza en Dios quien desea asistirnos si tan solo solicitamos su ayuda. ¡Qué Felices seremos si viajamos por la vida, y dejamos los brazos de Nuestro Señor solo para caminar, y para hacer todo lo posible por poner en práctica las virtudes y las buenas obras, siempre tomados de la mano de Nuestro Salvador!

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DECIMONOVENO DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Primera Lectura: Sabiduría 18:6-9

En este pasaje, se les recuerda a los israelitas que fueron advertidos antes de que Dios enviara a un ángel a matar al primogénito de los egipcios. Dios les pidió que tuvieran coraje, y los recompensó castigando a sus enemigos y librándolos de la captividad.

Segunda Lectura: Hebreos 11:1-2, 8-19

Fé se describe como la verdadera creencia en algo que no podemos ver. La fé de Abram en Dios era tan profunda que viajó por una tierra extraña, convencido de que la promesa de Dios de darle su propia patria era sincera. Dios cumplió la promesa de darle a Abram muchos descendientes y estaba orgulloso de la fé que Abram y su gente tenían.

Evangelio: San Lucas 12:32-48

Jesús nos anima a estar preparados para su regreso a todo momento, ya que vendrá cuando menos lo esperamos. Cuenta de un amo que confía su hogar a sus sirvientes, y espera que ellos estén listos para recibirlo cuando regrese. De igual manera, Jesús puede llegar en cualquier momento y espera que estemos preparados para su regreso.

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Del 18 de Agosto al
29 de Septiembre de 2025
Costo: \$35 por persona
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SOLEMNIDAD DE LA ASUNCION DE LA SANTISIMA VIRGEN MARIA A LOS CIELOS

Día de precepto: es obligatorio ir a la Santa Misa

Horario de Misas:



Vigilia, Jueves, 14 de Agosto

7:00 pm • San Jose (en ingles)

Viernes, 15 de Agosto

8:00 am • Santa Ana (en ingles)

**12:15 pm • Santuario del Santisimo
Sacramento (en ingles)
• Santisima Trinidad (en ingles)**

**7:00 pm • Santa Ana (en ingles)
• Santisima Trinidad (en ingles)
• Shrine Chapel (en latin)**

7:30 pm • San Jose (en español)

Un "día de precepto" es una festividad en la Iglesia Católica en la que los fieles tienen la obligación de asistir a Misa y abstenerse de trabajos innecesarios, de manera similar a los domingos

EL TRIUNFO DE LA GRACIA

En María, se han hecho realidad todas las promesas de Dios. En Ella Dios reina totalmente; no hay resquicio para el pecado. María es toda de Dios. El triunfo de la gracia en María ha alcanzado incluso a su cuerpo, que queda inundado por la gloria de Dios, por ello es elevada en cuerpo y alma al Cielo. En Ella Dios ha vencido definitivamente el mal, el pecado, la muerte. Por eso esta fiesta es también motivo de esperanza para nosotros: el triunfo de María es prenda de nuestro propio triunfo total y definitivo.

«Bienaventurada Tú que has creído». La asunción de María testimonia igualmente el alcance de su fe. Testimonia que su fe no ha quedado sin fruto, que «los que confían en el Señor no quedan defraudados» (Dan 3,40). Un día se confió al Señor. Durante toda su vida mantuvo esta entrega en la oscuridad de la fe, y no vaciló en el Calvario ante la muerte del Hijo; y ahora contemplamos el resultado de su fe. El Señor no ha fallado nunca ni fallará jamás. Sí, bienaventurada Tú, porque te has fiado de Él y con Cristo nos has alcanzado la salvación.

Ciertamente: Unidos a María venceremos el mal, el pecado y la muerte y, sostenidos como Ella por una fe inquebrantable, el sufrimiento de ahora, unido a Cristo, es moneda de gloria eterna.

María asunta en cuerpo y alma al cielo es prueba de que todos nosotros, de quienes Ella es Madre, estaremos un día con nuestro cuerpo glorificado junto a Cristo glorioso.

María asunta en cuerpo y alma al cielo es la esperanza, ya realizada, de la plenitud que Dios desea para todos nosotros. María Asunta es nuestro consuelo.

La Asunción de María es la eternidad feliz de una historia de amor... porque en Dios nada acaba, Dios es Amor y el Amor no acaba nunca.

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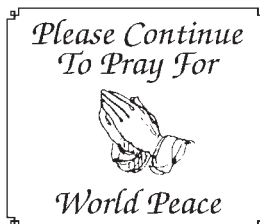
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