

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

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 31, 2025



HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

INTENCIONES DE LA SANTA MISA

Saturday, August 30, 2025

4:00 pm +Walter M R/o Irene Sixt

Priest remembered today: Rev. Jeffrey Calia, CO

Sunday, August 31, 2025, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Priest remembered today: Rev. Marco Caceres

9 am +Catherine Diamond R/o Rev. Sean Winters

Priest remembered today: Rev. Msgr. William Capik

12 pm * +Juan Garcia Gonzalez

Priest remembered today: Rev. Chester Carina

Saturday, September 6, 2025

4:00 pm Bob & Carol McCarthy

Priest remembered today: Rev. Alexander Carles

Sunday, September 7, 2025, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Priest remembered today: Rev. Thomas Carlton

9 am +Leon Clark R/o Steven & Karen Minarovich

Priest remembered today: Rev. Peter Cebulka

12 pm * +Jose Luis Elias Trujillo

Priest remembered today: Rev. Msgr. Joseph Celano

*En Español, in Spanish

+Denotes deceased

SUNDAY MASS READING 8/31

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Those who are humble will find favor with God. Everyone should realize that there is much we can learn from each other. Even the most knowledgeable people need to be humble enough to know that they can still learn from others.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

The Hebrews are informed that they are not approaching an untouchable mountain etched with gloom and fear. Rather, they have neared "the city of the living God, Jerusalem." The Hebrews have approached a joyful gathering of angels, God our judge, and Jesus, who brought us a new covenant.

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus went to share a meal with one of the leading Pharisees when he noticed other guests competing for places of honor at the table. He warned that a guest who takes the place of honor may be asked to move to the lowest place. Yet a guest who takes the lowest place is honored when a better position is offered by their host. He then added, "He who humbles himself will be exalted."

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

LECTURAS PARA LA STA. MISA ESTA SEMANA

Monday

1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11

First Friday

Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39

First Saturday

Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5



CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sanctuary: Frank Krachun Jr.

R/o Camille & Family

Blessed Virgin Mary:

Fattori & Sinibaldi Families

R/o Camille & Family

St. Joseph: Krachun & Gall Families

R/o Camille & Family

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

Pray for the Sick

Robert Paulishak
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

SEPTEMBER IS DEDICATED TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS

FROM A SERMON BY SAINT AUGUSTINE, BISHOP

(Sermo 23A, 1-4: CCL 41, 41, 321-323)

The Lord has had pity on us



Happy are we if we do the deeds of which we have heard and sung. Our hearing of them means having them planted in us, while our doing them shows that the seed has borne fruit. By saying this, I wish to caution you, dearly beloved, not to enter the Church fruitlessly, satisfied with mere hearing of such mighty blessings and failing to

do good works. *For we have been saved by his grace, says the Apostle, and not by our works, lest anyone may boast; for it is by his grace that we have been saved.* It is not as if a good life of some sort came first, and that thereupon God showed his love and esteem for it from on high, saying: “Let us come to the aid of these men and assist them quickly because they are living a good life.” No, our life was displeasing to him. He will, therefore, condemn what we have done but he will save what he himself has done in us.

We were not good, but God had pity on us and sent his Son to die, not for good men but for bad ones, not for the just but for the wicked. Yes, *Christ died for the ungodly.* Notice what is written next: *One will hardly die for a righteous man, though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die.* Perhaps someone can be found who will dare to die for a good man; but for the unjust man, for the wicked one, the sinner, who would be willing to die except Christ alone who is so just that he justifies even the unjust?

And so, my brothers, we had no good works, for all our works were evil. Yet although men’s actions were such, God in his mercy did not abandon men. He sent his Son to redeem us, not with gold or silver but at the price of his blood poured out for us. Christ, the spotless lamb, became the sacrificial victim, led to the slaughter for the sheep that were blemished—if indeed one can say that they were blemished and not entirely corrupt. Such is the grace we have received! Let us live so as to be wor-

thy of that great grace, and not do injury to it. So mighty is the physician who has come to us that he has healed all our sins! If we choose to be sick once again, we will not only harm ourselves, but show ingratitude to the physician as well.

Let us then follow Christ’s paths which he has revealed to us, above all the path of humility, which he himself became for us. He showed us that path by his precepts, and he himself followed it by his suffering on our behalf. In order to die for us—because as God he could not die—the *Word became flesh and dwelt among us.* The immortal One took on mortality that he might die for us, and by dying put to death our death. This is what the Lord did, this the gift he granted to us. The mighty one was brought low, the lowly one was slain, and after he was slain, he rose again and was exalted. For he did not intend to leave us dead in hell, but to exalt in himself at the resurrection of the dead those whom he had already exalted and made just by the faith and praise they gave him. Yes, he gave us the path of humility. If we keep to it we shall confess our belief in the Lord and have good reason to sing: *We shall praise you, God, we shall praise you and call upon your name.*

Second reading, Office of Readings, 8/31/25
ibreviary.com

Home Bound Visit

If you or your loved one is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office at parishoffice@sjraritan.org or 908-725-0163 x 2

SAVE THE DATE

Hispanic Heritage Festival: Next Sunday! Sept 7, 2025

8:30-10:30am Breakfast!

1:00-7:00 pm: Outdoor festival with food, music, Hispanic folkloric dances, games... (see next page)

Parish Bake Sale: October 11-12 after all Masses.

Car raffle: NJ Right to Life car raffle tickets will be available at the **Hispanic Heritage Festival, September 7.** Tickets available after all masses as well beginning September 6/7.

Christmas Kolach: Pick up Dec 20-21
Flavors & pricing will be posted in a few weeks.

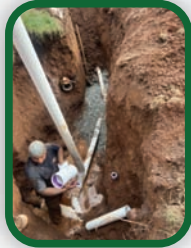
Christmas Giving Tree: Gift tags will be made available beginning the weekend of Nov 22-23
Gifts will go to the Samaritan Homeless Interim Program (SHIP) ship908.com

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

24-Aug-25	Collection	Online G	Total
Offertory	\$3,905.00	\$615.00	\$4,520.00
Sewer project	\$50.00		\$50.00
Total for parish operation			\$4,570.00
Diocesan collection for Gaza			\$1,967.00

SEWER PROJECT UPDATE—As of 8/24

Total Cost of sewage	\$21,953.77
Parishioner contribution	\$4,996.00
	\$16,957.77



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



Calling all bakers
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BAKE SALE ON
Weekend of October 11-12

FOR MORE INFORMATION
or to offer baked goods contact
Sharon:
908-707-1507 | Ssteinme05@yahoo.com

Fundraiser to benefit St. Joseph Church

Religious Education Enrollment for 2025-2026
Register ASAP—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

Hispanic Heritage Festival

St. Joseph Catholic Church | 16 East Somerset St. | Raritan | NJ

Sunday, September 7, 2025 | 1:00 pm -7:00 pm



8:30 — 10:30 AM **BUFFET BREAKFAST** (School Auditorium)

1:00 PM Festival officially begins with a Eucharistic Procession

Featuring food from more than 10 different countries of Latin America, including: Mexico, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Honduras, Peru, Colombia, Paraguay, Ecuador, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, and the U.S.!. The festival will also have games for children, raffles, Karaoke contest, live music, folkloric dance groups, and D.J. Chazy,

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-Mark 16: 17-18



The Celebrant: **Fr. Jeivi Hercules**
with the prayer team from **Encounter-School of Ministry**

Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 10:00am
St. Joseph Church, 16 East Somerset Street, Raritan, New Jersey

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VIGESIMO SEGUNDO DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Primera Lectura: Sirac 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Aquellos que sean humildes serán favorecidos por Dios. Debemos darnos cuenta de que hay mucho que aprender los unos de los otros. Aún gente sabia necesita ser humilde para saber que aún pueden aprender de otros.

Segunda Lectura: Hebreos 12:18-19, 22-24a

Los hebreos han sido informados que no se acercarán a una montaña intocable rodeada de penumbra y miedo. En vez, se acercan a "la ciudad del Dios viviente, Jerusalén". Los hebreos se acercan a una jubilosa congregación de ángeles, Dios nuestro juez y Jesús quien nos trajo un nuevo pacto.

Evangelio: San Lucas 14:1, 7-14

Jesús compartía una comida con uno de los líderes de los fariseos cuando notó que otros invitados se peleaban por obtener los lugares de honor a la mesa. Advirtió que el invitado que toma el lugar de honor puede ser humillado a moverse al de menos. Pero el que toma el lugar de menos importancia, es honrado cuando el anfitrión le otorga uno de más importancia. Luego agregó: "El que se humilla será engrandecido".

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INSCRIPCIONES PARA EDUCACION RELIGIOSA

Educación religiosa en ingles para niños en la Parroquia Santa Ana, Raritan. Inscripciones disponibles en la entrada principal de la iglesia y en la pagina web parroquial sjraritan.org/catechesis

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www.usccb.org/es/vias-de-misericordia



Jubileo 2025

DE LA ESPERANZA

Vive la Fe, encontrando y teniendo una relación con Dios.




Evento para Jóvenes y Jóvenes Adultos Hispanos

FECHA DEL EVENTO:
Sáb, Sept. 13 de 2025

HORA DEL EVENTO:
9:00am-4:00pm

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