### 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!

#### <u>Baptisms</u>

Baptisms are usually held on Saturday mornings anytime 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 Martin	Parish Office Manager
Anthony R. Nardino	Director of Music & Liturgy
Ramon Salazar	Multi-Parish Facilities Manager

#### The Lord's Day Mass Schedule

The Lord 5 Day Mass Seriedate
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
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#### **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)
<b>Saturday</b> 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
FridayShrine of the Ble	essed 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



#### HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

INTENCIONES DE LA SANTA MISA

#### Saturday, September 6, 2025

4:00 pm Intentions of 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

+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

#### Saturday, September 13, 2025

4:00 pm +Ken Pahel R/o Steve & Karen Miranovic Priest remembered today: Rev. Keith Cervine

#### Sunday, September 14, 2025, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

Priest remembered today: +Rev. Rafael Ciro

Intentions of John & Maggie Bolton 9 am

Priest remembered today: Rev. Peter A. Chakkunny, CMI

12 pm \* + Josue Chac Sanchez (1er aniversario de fallecido)

+Carlos Antonio Castro

Priest remembered today: Rev. David Chalackal, CMI

\*En Español, in Spanish

+Denotes deceased

#### SUNDAY MASS READING 9/7

#### First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

This reading acknowledges that people have had a difficult time attempting to know God's wishes. At times we have difficulty understanding the things that happen on earth. Therefore, learning of things in heaven would have been impossible, except that God sent us wisdom and the Holy Spirit to help us understand him.

#### Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Paul writes to Philemon regarding Onesimus, a slave who ran away and encountered Paul. Although Paul wished Onesimus could remain with him, he did not want to violate Philemon's wishes. Paul asks that Philemon receives his friend Onesimus as a beloved brother, not as a slave. He closes by saying, "Welcome him as you would me."

#### Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Jesus warns people who wish to follow him that they must abandon everyone else first. A person calculates the amount of money needed to complete a project before they begin it. In the same way, Jesus warns these people to consider exactly what is involved before they make a commitment to follow him.

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#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

LECTURAS PARA LA STA. MISA ESTA SEMANA

#### Monday

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

#### Tuesday

Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19

#### Wednesday

Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26

#### **Thursday**

Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38

#### Friday

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42

#### Saturday

1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49



#### CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sanctuary: Frank Krachun Jr. R/o Camille & Family

**Blessed Virgin Mary:** +Grandmas Oraschin & McCann

R/o Alicia McCann

St. Joseph: +Grandpas Oraschin & McCann R/o Alicia McCann

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

Randy Fisher

Tony & Sandy Franchi-

Arthur & Maryann

Gosenski Mary Grande Donna Kelly Roseanne Kielar Antonia LaCorte Ralph Lombardi Steve & Geri Max Elizabeth Anne Dwyer Jack McElhinney

SEPTEMBER IS DEDICATED TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS

## FROM A SERMON ON THE BEATITUDES BY SAINT LEO THE GREAT, POPE

(Sermo 95, 6-8: PL 54, 464-465)

#### **Christian Wisdom**

The Lord then goes on to say: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. This hunger is not for any bodily food, this thirst is not for any earthly drink: it is a longing to be blessed with righteousness, and by penetrating the secret of all mysteries, to be filled with the Lord himself.



Happy is the soul that longs for the food of righteousness and thirsts for this kind of drink; it would not seek such things if it had not already savored their delight. When the soul hears the voice of the Spirit saying to it through the prophet: Taste and see that the Lord is good, it has already received a portion of God's goodness, and is on fire with love, the love that gives joy of the utmost purity. It counts as nothing all that belongs to time; it is entirely consumed with desire to eat and drink the food of righteousness. The soul lays hold of the true meaning of the first and great commandment: You shall love the Lord God with your whole heart, and your whole mind and your whole strength, for to love God is nothing else than to love righteousness.

Finally, just as concern for one's neighbor is added to love of God, so the virtue of mercy is added to the desire for righteousness, as it is said: Blessed are the merciful, for God will be merciful to them.

Remember, Christian, the surpassing worth of the wisdom that is yours. Bear in mind the kind of school in which you are to learn your skills, the rewards to which you are called. Mercy itself wishes you to be merciful, righteousness itself wishes you to be righteous, so that the Creator may shine forth in his creature, and the image of God to be reflected in the mirror of the human heart as it imitates his qualities. The faith of those who live their faith is a serene faith. What you long for will be given you; what you love will be yours for ever.

Since it is by giving alms that everything is pure for you, you will also receive that blessing which is promised next by the Lord: Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall

see God. Dear friends, great is the happiness of those for whom such a reward is prepared. Who are the clean of heart if not those who strive for those virtues we have mentioned above? What mind can conceive, what words can express the great happiness of seeing God? Yet human nature will achieve this when it has been transformed so that it sees the Godhead no longer in a mirror or obscurely but face to face—the Godhead that no man has been able to see. In the inexpressible joy of this eternal vision, human nature will possess what eye has not seen or ear heard, what man's heart has never conceived.

(Second reading, Office of Readings, 9/7/25) ibreviary.com

#### WISDOM OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Those who have made great progress will constantly press ahead, never for a moment thinking that they have reached the goal. Even children and weak people can love God when everything is going smoothly; only souls that are strong and constant can love in rough times.

#### **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**

St Ann Church Clothing Drive: Fri. Sept 19, drop off 7:30-3pm, in the School parking lot

Religious Ed at St Ann: Classes start Sept 21-22 KOC Shoe Drive: Aug 15-Oct 14

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

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

<u>Christmas Kolalch:</u> Pick up Dec 20-21

Flavors & pricing will be posted in a few weeks.

<u>Christmas Giving Tree:</u> Gift tags will be made available beginning the weekend of Nov 22-23

Gifts will go to the Samaritan Homeless Interim Program (SHIP) shipqo8.com

#### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

31-Aug-25	Collection	Online G	Total
Offertory	\$3,915.00	\$485.00	\$4,400.00
Tot	tal for parish operation \$4,400.00		
Diocesan:			
World Mission Sun. (10/19)		\$5.00	\$5.00
Diocese of Metuchen		\$5.00	

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Weekend of October 11-12

Calling all bakers



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#### SEWER PROJECT UPDATE—As of 8/31

Total Cost of sewer	\$21,953.77
Parishioner contribution	\$6,996
	\$14,957.00

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 website and follow the registration steps for recurrent or one time donations signaritan.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION
or to offer baked goods contact

**Sharon:**908-707-1507 | Ssteinme05@yahoo.com



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. <a href="mailto:stannparish.com/prep-program">stannparish.com/prep-program</a>

—CLASSES BEGIN Sept 21 & 22—

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## 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 <u>BUFFET BREAKFAST</u> (School Auditorium)

### 1:00 PM Festival officially begins with a Eucharistic Procession

<u>Featuring</u> 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,

Everyone is cordially invited! All proceeds to benefit St. Joseph Church



The 5th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated in the United States on Sunday, September 7, 2025. This year's theme is "Blessed are they who have not lost hope." (Sirach 14:2)

#### **Bereavement Ministry**

The Bereavement Ministry strives to bring consolation and peer support to those who grieve the loss of a loved one. Informal small group gatherings are facilitated by caring parishioners. Sharing thoughts, feelings, and emotions in the atmosphere of our faith with others who are also going through a personal loss can often bring some peace and acceptance, when understanding that these experiences are normal. A ten-week session will begin at Holy Trinity Church, Bridgewater on Monday, October 6th from 6:30pm until 8:00pm. No fee, but registration is required. Contact Deacon John Phalen at (908) 526-2394 or bereavement@holytrinitynj.org

#### **Volunteer at Thrift Store and Food Pantry**

Make a difference in your community! Catholic Charities needs volunteers for their thrift store and food pantry in Phillipsburg. Your time can directly help those in need. Contact Maria Hunter at 732-387-1315 or mhunter@ccdom.org to learn more about how you can contribute.

#### NJ Bishops' Statewide Mass and Rally/March for Life

The Mass and NJ March for Life in Trenton will take place on Thursday, September 25, 2025. The Diocese of Metuchen will have a bus trip to this event. The bus departs the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway at 7:15 AM. The Mass begins 9:30 AM at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, 151 N. Warren Street, Trenton. After Mass, everyone will walk a short way to the Rally and March at 125 West State St, Trenton which begins at 11:00 AM. The bus will depart Trenton at 1:15 PM and will arrive back in Piscataway at approximately 2:45 PM. Bus seats are \$20 per person. To register for the bus visit: https://diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity. For more information, please email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543 Text Link

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** sponsored Casino Bus Trip to Windcreek, Bethlehem, PA October 11, 2025, \$45 per person Includes transportation, \$25 casino credit, light bus snack Departing St. Ann's at 10am; Returning to St. Ann's approx. 6pm Purchase tickets by September 29th. Questions or to purchase, email bdp138@yahoo.com

#### Women's Book Study on Eucharistic Miracles

Starting September 7th, join other women in a book study on Dr. Franco Serafini's A Cardiologist Examines Jesus: The Stunning Science Behind Eucharistic Miracles. Meetings are held each Sunday at 2:30pm via Zoom. Contact cdaverso@diometuchen.org or amarshall@diometuchen.org with any questions.

## SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, SEPT. 19, 2025



www.stannclassical.org

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025 DROP-OFF: 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM

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## Domingo 07 de Septiembre 2025

Parroquia San José 16 E. Somerset St, Raritan, NJ De 1 pm a 7 pm Iniciando con Adoración al Santísimo

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#### VIGESIMOTERCER DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO

#### Primera Lectura: Sabirudría 9:13-18b

En esta lectura se reconoce que la gente ha tenido dificultad en entender los deseos de Dios. A veces es difícil entender las cosas que pasan en la tierra. Así que tratar de entender las coas del cielo resultaría imposible. Por eso Dios no mandó sabiduría y al Espíritu Santo para ayudarnos a entenderlo.

#### Segunda lectura: Filemón 9-10, 12-17

Pablo escribe a Filemón en relación a Onésimo, un esclavo que escapó y que se encontró con Pablo. Pablo deseaba que Onésimo pudiera quedarse con él, pero no quiso contradecir a Filemón. Pablo le pide a Filemón recibir a Onésimo como a un hermano, no como a un esclavo . Termina diciendo: "Recíbelo como si se tratara de mí mismo".

#### Evangelio: San Lucas 14:25-33

Jesús advirte que quien quiera seguirlo debe abandonarlo todo primero. Una persona calcula la cantidad de dinero que se necesita para terminar un proyecto antes de iniciarlo. De igual manera, Jesús advierte a esta gente a considerar exactamente lo que se require antes de que se comprometan a seguirlo." ©1998 Bon Venture Services

#### **INSCRIPCIONES PARA EDUCACION RELIGIOSA**

Educación religiosa en ingles para niños el la Parroquia Santa Ana, Raritan. Inscripciones disponibles en la entrada principal de la iglesia y en la pagina web parroquial <u>siraritan.org/catechesis</u>. ;REGISTRA A TUS HIJOS LO ANTES POSIBLE! LAS CLASES COMIENZAN EL 21 Y 22 DE SEPT

REZO DE LAS LAUDES: 6:30 AM A 6:50 AM Lunes a viernes, Parroquia San Jose, Raritan Baja la aplicación gratis: iBreviary

Seminario Bíblico Antropología Cristiana 27 de septiembre y 4 de octubre de 2025 9 am a 12 pm. \$20 por persona

Padre Gustavo Rodriguez. Centro Pastoral St John Neumann, 146 Metlars Ln, Piscataway NJ.

"En la vida, controlarlo todo es inútil; basta con elegir cada día amar libremente", dijo el Papa León XIV durante la audiencia general del 27 de agosto de 2025. Ante las dificultades de la vida, la "verdadera esperanza" no reside en "intentar evitar el dolor", insistió, sino en la certeza de que "solo el amor que se hace gratuito puede restaurar la confianza, incluso cuando todo parece perdido".

#### JUVILEO DE LA ESPERANZA 2025 Encuentro Diocesano de Jóvenes y Jóvenes Adultos Hispanos (Bilingüe)

La oficina de Evangelización Hispana y Array of Hope ofrecerán un encuentro diocesano bilingüe de jóvenes y jóvenes adultos Hispanos entre los 14 y los 30 años el 13 de septiembre de 2025 de 9:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m. en el Centro Pastoral St. John Neumann Piscataway, NJ.

"Vive la Fe, encontrando y teniendo una relación con Dios", el día incluirá música por AOH Music, charlas, presentaciones multimedia, actividades y Adoración. Para más información y registro visita diometuchen.org/JovenesHispanos





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