

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 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 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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 28, 2025



HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

INTENCIONES DE LA SANTA MISA



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

LECTURAS PARA LA STA. MISA ESTA SEMANA

Saturday, September 27, 2025

4:00 pm +Maribeth Zagari R/o Jim & Barbara Piccolo
Priest remembered today: Rev. Jose Luis Chung, CMF

Sunday, September 28, 2025, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Priest remembered today: Rev. Msgr. Charles Cicerale

9 am Bobbie Patullo R/o Irene Sixt

Priest remembered today: Rev. Msgr. Raymond Cole

12 pm * +Nohemy Hoyos Mauna

Priest remembered today: Rev. Glenn Comandini, STD

Saturday, October 4, 2025

4:00 pm Intentions of Father Steven Bolton
Priest remembered today: Rev. James Considine

Sunday, October 5, 2025, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Priest remembered today: Rev. Vincent Cornejo

9 am +Javier Rojas Gonzalez R/o Maria Rojas

Priest remembered today: +Rev. Msgr. Michael Corona, PA

12 pm * +Edgar Zamora Matamoros

Priest remembered today: Rev. Roberto Coruña

*En Español, in Spanish

+Denotes deceased

SUNDAY MASS READING 9/28

First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Amos denounces the selfish attitude of those who surround themselves with luxuries with no concern for others. He goes on to warn that because these people lacked interest in the state of their society, they would be the first to be exiled.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Paul tells Timothy to seek integrity, faith and love. Paul urges him to attain everlasting life by maintaining strong faith in Jesus and in God until Jesus returns.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells of a rich man who feasted daily, while a beggar named Lazarus went hungry outside his gates. When both men died, Lazarus was taken to Abraham, but the rich man was in torment. When he begged for mercy, Abraham reminded him that Lazarus had lived in torment, while the rich man lived in selfish luxury. The man then asked if Lazarus could be sent to his brothers to warn them. But Abraham said if they had not heeded Moses or the prophets, they would ignore even the warning of one risen from the dead.

©1998 Bon Venture Services

Monday

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab; Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday

Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday

Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Mt 18:1-5, 10

First Friday

Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16

First Saturday

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24



CANDLE INTENTIONS

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

Blessed Virgin Mary:
Fattori & Sinibaldi Families
R/o Camille & Family

St. Joseph: Michelina & Alvaro Viscido & 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

SUNDAY'S GOSPEL REFLECTION

WRITTEN BY AN OBLATE OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Today's readings remind us that we must continually be open to God's love and persevere in the love we owe God. St. Francis de Sales remarks:

Both the rich and the poor are called to render to God the service due to God. We see in today's Gospel that Lazarus, though suffering, perseveres in loving God faithfully and dies happily. But the rich man clung so strongly to his wealth that he made it his god.

Like the rich man, we can become obsessed with our possessions. As a result, we pray that *God will do our will*, instead of praying that *we do God's will*. That is, we try to use God as a means to our own ends, which is an illusion. God alone is our true end.

Avarice is not the only disordered inclination. There are others such as selfishness, anger, pride or envy. Yet, if we are open to God's love, neither our temperament nor our inclinations can hinder us from persevering in a holy way of life. However, abundant as a water source may be, the water enters a garden in full flow only according to the size of the channel that brings the water into the garden. The Holy Spirit is like a fountain of living water that flows into our hearts so as to spread its grace therein, if we give our consent. It is not grace that fails us, but rather it is we who fail grace. God's enlivening love is never wanting to us if we are willing to receive it.

After his conversion, St. Paul, who was naturally sharp, rude and harsh, became fully open to God's grace. Taking hold of Paul's natural harshness, God's love made him so much more resolute in the good he undertook, and invincible in all kinds of pains and labors. Is not God's love higher than nature? Persevere, and with God's help, you will arrange all your natural inclinations according to reason. Then you will become attentive to the love you owe God, and all your works will produce fruit that proceed from God's Spirit, the wellspring of our spirit.

(Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales)

Oblates.org

"40 DAYS FOR LIFE" IS a POWERFUL, PEACEFUL PRAYER CAMPAIGN THAT COMBINES PRAYER AND FASTING, PRAYER VIGILS, AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH TO HELP SAVE LIVES OF UNBORN CHILDREN IN DANGER OF BEING ABORTED. VISIT WWW.40DAYSFORLIFE.COM.



WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

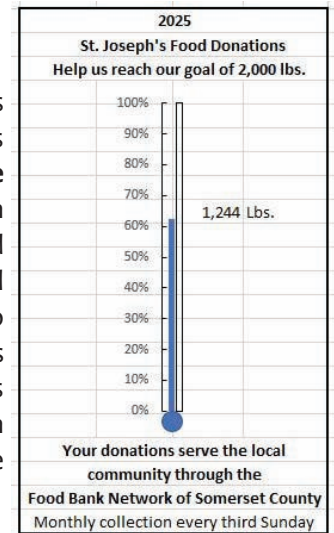
21-Sep-25	Collection	Online G	Total
Offertory	\$3,500.00	\$615.00	\$4,115.00
Total for parish operation			\$4,115.00
Diocesan Collection			
Nat. Shrine residual	\$10.00		\$10.00

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 sjraritan.org **THE HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL RAISED \$24,272.45. MAY GOD BLESS EACH ONE OF YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH.**



Food Pantry Donations Progress

Great response so far this year. The Parish donations total **1,244 lbs.** or **62% of the annual goal**. As we approach the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, additional donations are welcomed to help feed the less fortunate. Please keep this Parish program in mind when shopping - sale items make great donations!



Calling all bakers

BAKERS NEEDED!

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

FOUR DAYS FOR OUR LADY: A ROSARY PILGRIMAGE



October 4-7, 2025

Raritan & Somerville, New Jersey



**DAY
1**

SATURDAY OCT 4TH

8:30 AM - 1st Sat Rosary, Shrine Chapel, 50 W. Somerset St., Raritan, followed by Traditional Latin Mass, Confessions.
11:00 AM - 48th Men's Rosary Rally - Main & Division Streets, Downtown Somerville.



**DAY
2**

SUNDAY OCT 5TH

9:45 AM - Solemn Rosary in Latin, with prayer cards, Shrine Chapel, 50 W. Somerset St., Raritan.
10:30 AM - Rosary Sunday, Sung Traditional Latin Mass, Shrine Chapel.



**DAY
3**

MONDAY OCT 6TH

7:00 PM - Free Lecture - *The Rosary: School of Contemplation and Call to Arms* by **Rev. John A. Perricone**, Church of St. Joseph Parish Hall, 16 E. Somerset St., Raritan. Parking behind Church.



**DAY
4**

TUESDAY OCT 7TH

7:00 PM - Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, Sung Traditional Latin Mass, Choral Music and Gregorian Chant, Blessing of Roses, Shrine Chapel, 50 W. Somerset St., Raritan.

more
information



+908-361-3483

njrosary@protonmail.com



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

during the

EUCCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS

OCTOBER 10-11, 2025 | RARITAN, NJ



The Most Reverend James F. Checchio, Bishop of Metuchen, has instructed the diocese to participate in a week-long **Eucharistic Rosary Congress** from October 4th thru 10th, 2025. [See: RosaryCongressUSA.org] The Shrine Chapel Of The Blessed Sacrament will celebrate with Masses, Eucharistic Adoration, and hourly rosaries prayed on Friday, October 10th and Saturday, October 11th.

SCHEDULE

Friday, October 10th:

- **9:30 am** - Opening Mass (Novus Ordo, English with music)
- **10:15 am** - Adoration begins after Mass
- **11:00 am** - Confessions. Hourly Rosary begins.
- **12:00 pm - 12:10 pm** - Reposition sometime right before daily Mass
- **12:15 pm - 12:45 pm** - Daily Mass (Novus Ordo, English without music)
- **12:45 pm** - Adoration resumes immediately after Mass and **continues overnight** until 8:45 am Benediction the following morning. Rosary prayed at the top of each hour.

Saturday, October 11th:

- **8:45 am** - Benediction and Reposition
- **9:00 am** - Closing Mass (Novus Ordo, English with music)



SCAN TO
SIGN UP FOR
ADORATION



DIOCESE OF
METUCHEN



SHRINE CHAPEL OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT
50 W. SOMERSET ST., RARITAN, NJ
WWW.BLESSEDSACRAMENTSHRINE.COM

Under the Pastoral Care of the Congregation
of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri &
A Pilgrimage Site for the Jubilee Year

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER is the month of the **Holy Rosary** & the US observes **October as Respect Life Month**

- **Mon. Oct. 6, 7-9 pm: School of Contemplation & call to arms Lecture.** St. Joseph Church, Raritan—Parish Hall
- **Tues. Oct. 7: Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, Mass schedule:** 8am-St Ann, 12:15pm-Shrine, 7pm-Shrine(EF, Latin)
- **Oct. 11, 12-1 pm: Public Rosary, front lawn, here at SJ**
- **Religious Ed at St Ann:** Classes started Sept 21-22
- **KOC Shoe Drive:** Aug 15-Oct 14
- **Parish Bake Sale:** October 11-12 after all Masses.
- **Car raffle:** NJ Right to Life car raffle tickets available after all masses beginning September 6/7
- **Christmas Kolalch:** 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



THE ROSARY: SCHOOL OF CONTEMPLATION & CALL TO ARMS LECTURE



Fr. Perricone, nationally recognized priest, theologian, and author from Jersey City, will explore the origins, theological significance, and enduring power of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

Monday, October 6th, 2025

7:00-9:00 pm

Church of St. Joseph Parish Hall, Raritan, NJ

We warmly invite you to attend. No registration is required, and there is no cost to participate. A free will offering may be made at your discretion.

Bereavement Ministry

PAGE 6

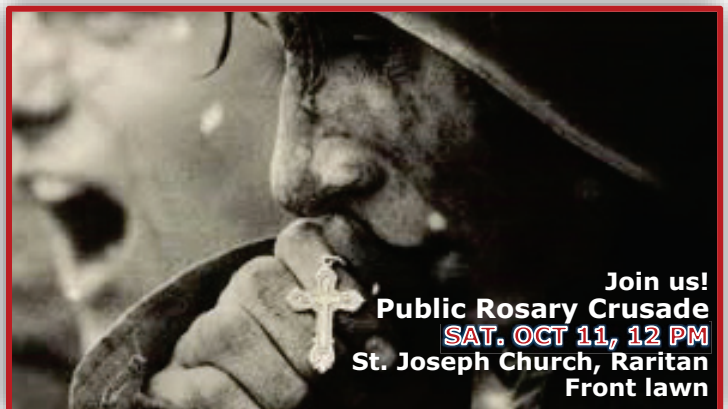
The Bereavement Ministry strives to bring consolation and peer support to those who grieve the loss of a loved one. Informal small group gatherings are facilitated by caring parishioners. Sharing thoughts, feelings, and emotions in the atmosphere of our faith with others who are also going through a 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 bereave

Are you seeking Sacraments or Full Initiation into the Catholic Church?

The Oratorian Parishes offer an OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) program for **TEENS AND ADULTS**. Anyone who would like more information please email Sr. Lorraine at srlorraine@raritanoratory.org

NJ RIGHT TO LIFE RAFFLE

Tickets will be sold after all Masses. The proceeds of which will benefit **New Jersey Right to Life**, the state's oldest and largest pro-life organization, dedicated to protecting all human life from conception to natural death. The prizes this year are: **1st Prize:** 2025 Volco XC40 AWD SUV valued at \$44,595.00 (Volvo's bestselling vehicle loaded with innovative safety features). **2nd Prize:** \$1,000 ShopRite Gift Card. **3rd Prize:** \$750 ShopRite Gift Card. **4th Prize:** \$500 ShopRite Gift Card Please show your support for LIFE by buying a raffle ticket! The cost is \$10.00 per ticket or \$100.00 per book.



Join us!
Public Rosary Crusade
SAT. OCT 11, 12 PM
St. Joseph Church, Raritan
Front lawn

2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Campaign Summary Report—9/19/25

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

Received: \$24,827.95

Feminine Genius Brunch – Saturday, October 11, 2025

Come join us for a Jubilee Celebration of Women and discover God's plan for your ultimate flourishing. Guest speaker, Lisa Cotter's, topic will be "Reveal the Gift". The morning includes fellowship, music, hot brunch, prayer and reflection. This event is for women of all ages and will be held at the **St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway** from **9:30 AM – 12:30 PM**. Cost is \$30 per person.

For more information and/or to register please visit: www.diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity or call 732-562-1543 or email amarshall@diometuchen.org

Save the Dates!

Dignity of Life, Thursday, October 23 at 7 PM

and Bioethics: End of Life Issues, Saturday, October 25 at 10 AM Find guidance on today's real questions in the Catholic perspective Gather with us for a 2-part series centered on end-of-life issues. **The first session** is a presentation on Dignity of Life led by Monsignor John Fell and is a prerequisite to Bioethics: End of Life Issues. The first session will cover a discussion on how "we are stewards, not owners, of the life God has entrusted to us." (ccc2280) **The second session** is led by Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Senior Ethicist of the National Bioethics Center. See Father Tad's full bio by visiting www.ncbcenter.org. This special presentation will answer the questions that surround End of Life Issues, like: "When is it acceptable to discontinue medical procedures?" "What medical treatment is ordinary and what is extraordinary?" You must register on our website

23rd Annual Blue Mass

At **10:30 AM on Wednesday, October 29th**, Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the 23rd Annual Blue Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen. Gathered together with local, county, state, and federal law enforcement officials, we will honor and pray for those law enforcement officials of all faiths who live and work in the Diocese of Metuchen.

In gratitude for their service to our diocesan family, the Diocese of Metuchen's Blue Mass Committee has selected South Brunswick Police Department to be the host agency for the 23rd Annual Blue Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi on October 29, 2025, at 10:30 A.M.

Fall Vendor & Craft Fair November 8

Somerville Columbiettes hosting over 25 vendors from 10a.m. to 2p.m. at St. Ann Classical Academy Cafeteria, 47 Anderson Street, Raritan. Fair will feature a variety of local artisans, unique handmade goods, and seasonal treats. Bring friends and family to support small businesses and help the Columbiettes continue their charity work in your local communities.

BIBLE STUDY ON LUKE (By Ascencion Press)

Join us for an 8 week study beginning **September 24, Wednesdays at 10:00am OR Wednesdays at 7:00pm**

The Gospel of Luke by Ascencion takes you on a journey that begins with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth and culminates in Jesus' ascension into heaven. On the road to Emmaus, a story unique to the Gospel of Luke, Jesus gave us the greatest Bible study of all time, laying out his fulfillment of the Old Testament. This study will show you the Biblical roots for Mary, the Rosary, and the Mass. **Cost is \$28.** St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church, Bridgewater, NJ | Phone: (908) 725-0552 | Fax: (908) 725-4524 office@stbernardbridgewater.org



Knights of Columbus #1432 E. Main St, Somerville, NJ

The **Knights of Columbus Council #1432** cordially invites you, your family members and friends to attend their **54th Annual Charity Ball** in support of the Samaritan Homeless Interim Program (SHIP). SHIP increases the area's capacity to respond to the needs of the poor and working poor in Somerset County and surrounding areas. Visit them at ship908.com

The event, being held on **Friday, October 10, 2025** at the Somerville Elks Lodge #1068, 375 Union Ave., Bridgewater, NJ from 6–10 PM. The Council will be honoring **Thomas Lippai**, member of St. Bernard's Parish, as the **"Knight of the Year"**! Cost is \$70 per person and includes complementary drink. NOTE: cash bar will be available all evening. Enjoy a multi-course buffet dinner, DJ, entertainment and dancing as well as opportunities for door prizes and raffles.

For additional information, contact the event coordinator Bill Marzzacco @ 908-208-9698 or bill51@oponline.net.

Come on out to a fun night and honor Tom and the Knight's!



BRING IN YOUR GENTLY USED SHOES!

SUSTAINABILITY

Discarded shoes can take up to 30-40 years to decompose

DECLUTTER

Clean out your closet and support a good cause!



shoe us the LOVE

Over 600 million people worldwide are in need of a pair of shoes.

Donate your gently worn, used and new shoes here.

Share your impact with #shoes4good

Thank You for making us happy, different, and just a little better.

EMPOWER

Provides jobs in developing nations

GIVE BACK

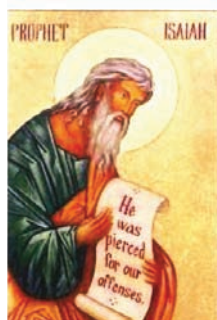
Support a variety of impactful initiatives



Please place footwear into the drop box between August 15-October 14th.



The Prophets Part 1



This course will be taught by

Fr. Glenn J. Comandini, S.T.D.

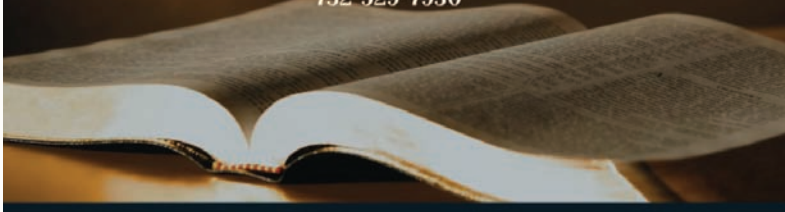
Coordinator of On-Going Faith Formation

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway	Sept 4 Introduction
Thursdays	Sept 11 Amos
September 4 – December 11, 2025	Sept 18 Hosea
10:30 AM – 11:30 PM	Sept 25 Micah
\$20 Per Person For All 14 Classes	Oct 2 Isaiah 1-39
Register Online:	Oct 9 Zephaniah
https://diometuchen.org/faith-formation	Oct 16 Nahum
For questions	Oct 23 Jeremiah
email amarshall@diometuchen.org or	Oct 30 Jeremiah
call (732) 562-1543	Nov 6 Habakkuk
	Nov 13 Ezekiel
	Nov 20 Ezekiel
	Dec 4 Isaiah 40-55
	Dec 11 Haggai

For more information contact

Jill Kerekes

jkerekes@diometuchen.org
732-529-7930



Salvation History for Catechists

From Creation to the Church

Join fellow parish catechists for this 8 session presentation of Salvation History designed to help catechists grow in knowledge and love of Jesus and inspire them to bring this knowledge and love to the children in parish religious education classes. BYOB - Bring Your Own Bible

Saturdays from 10am to 12noon	OR Mondays from 10am to 12noon
October 4, 2025 November 8, 2025 December 6, 2025 St. Joseph Church 200 Carlton Ave. Washington, NJ 07882	January 3, 2026 February 7, 2026 March 7, 2026 May 2, 2026 June 6, 2026 St. Theodore Church 855 Rt. 57 Port Murray, NJ 07865
	October 6, 2025 November 10, 2025 December 15, 2025 January 5, 2026 February 9, 2026 March 9, 2026 May 4, 2026 June 8, 2026 St. Mary Star of the Sea 301 Second Street South Amboy, NJ 08879



MARY: RECEIVER OF THE WORD

Join fellow PCLs and catechists for a morning of Marian Spirituality focused upon Mary as our model of receptivity to the Word.

DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3
TIME: 10:00AM - 12 NOON
DOORS OPEN AT 9:30
COFFEE/LIGHT BREAKFAST

ST JOHN NEUMANN PASTORAL CENTER
146 METLARS LANE, PISCATAWAY



Featuring:
Dr. Stella Marie Jeffrey

Office of Discipleship Formation for Children
 Jill Kerekes, Director
jkerekes@diometuchen.org

ST. ANN'S CLASSICAL ACADEMY, RARITAN, NJ

Educating for Eternity: St. Ann Classical Academy is now enrolling Pre-K–8th Grade students for the 2025–2026 school year! In a world full of noise and shifting values, a classical Catholic education forms students to stand firm in truth, grow in virtue, and live with purpose. At St. Ann, children are nurtured intellectually, physically, socially, and spiritually—prepared to engage the world while keeping their eyes on Heaven. Give your child an education that prepares them not only for this life, but for the life to come. ☎ 908-725-7787 | 🌐 stannclassical.org



POCKETBOOK BINGO – DONATIONS NEEDED!

Help make **St. Ann Classical Academy's** Fall Pocketbook Bingo a success! We are currently seeking donations and sponsors for new designer purses/bags from well-known brands such as Michael Kors, Coach, Kate Spade, Dooney & Bourke, Gucci, YSL, and more. Drop off donations at the school office during summer hours: Mon–Fri, 7:00 AM –12:00 PM. Questions or wish to sponsor a purse/bag? Email hsa@stannparish.com or call (908) 725-7787.

Walking with Moms in Need

Learn more about *Walking with Moms in Need* with these video resources. Our collection of stories, webinars, and special topics videos are great for personal use or can be used in group settings to introduce this exciting initiative to your parish, ministry, or core team. For resources, visit: <https://www.walkingwithmoms.com/videos>

Surviving Divorce October - November 2025

Surviving Divorce – For men and women seeking healing from separation or divorce. This 8-week program, while based on the teachings of the Catholic, is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce. Meetings will be held on 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM beginning **October 1 – November 19, 2025** at the **St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ**. For more information or to register contact Rachelle Hanna at hanna@gmail.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



Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

- June 14, 2025: Youth Minister Meet Up**
- October 4, 2025: Youth Minister Meet Up**
(With Dr. Stella Jeffrey from the Franciscan Institute)
- October 24, 2025: Diocesan Youth Event**
(With Gabriel Castillo "GabiAfterHours on Youtube")
- October 25, 2025: Diocesan Young Adult Event**
(With Gabriel Castillo "GabiAfterHours on Youtube")
- January 31, 2026: Diocesan Youth Day 2026!**
(Details to come)



RACHEL'S VINEYARD: A PLACE OF HEALING AND HOPE

Are you struggling from an abortion? Whether you were pressured into an abortion, were unable to prevent a family member from having one, or you were a part of the abortion decision, this retreat will help you move beyond any guilt, shame, or anger you have. Our weekend retreats are uniquely designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God in a safe, confidential, non-judgmental group environment. This weekend will help you find a new voice and transform the pain of the past into hope. Discover peace and healing.

Come to our Healing Weekend Retreat
November 21-23 2025
Washington, NJ



To register, or for more information, please contact Leah by email at leah@soulfilledbygrace.co.site or text or call (609) 709-3479 and Ana at ana@soulfilledbygrace.co.site or text or call at (908) 319-2950 rachelsvineyard.org. **Sponsored by Lifechoices, Inc.**

**VIGESIMO SEXTO DOMINGO EN
TIEMPO ORDINARIO****Primera Lectura: Amós 6:1a, 4-7**

Amós denuncia la actitud egoísta de aquellos que se rodean de lujos sin consideración por otros. Advierte que ya que ellos no tuvieron interés en la sociedad en la que vivían, serán los primeros en ser exilados.

Segunda Lectura: 1 Timoteo 6:11-16

Pablo le dice a Timoteo que busque integridad, fé y amor. Pablo lo insta a alcanzar vida eterna manteniendo la fé en Jesús y en Dios hasta que Jesús regrese.

Evangelio: San Lucas 16:19-31

Jesús cuenta de un hombre rico que se daba un festín a diario, mientras un pordiosero llamado Lázaro se moría de hambre afuera. Cuando ambos murieron, Lázaro fue llevado a Abraham, y el hombre rico sufrió tormentos. Cuando pidió misericordia, Abraham le recordó que Lázaro había vivido en tormento, mientras el rico vivió en lujo egoísta. El hombre pidió que enviara a Lázaro a sus hermanos para advertirlos. Pero Abraham dijo que si no habían escuchado a Moisés o a los profetas, ellos ignorarían la advertencia de uno que se había levantado de entre los muertos.

©1998 Bon Venture Services

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

Las lecturas de hoy nos recuerdan que continuamente debemos abrirnos a recibir el amor de Dios, y trabajar por ese amor que aún Le debemos. San Francisco de Sales observa lo siguiente:

Ricos y pobres por igual son llamados a cumplir con el servicio que se le debe a Dios. En el Evangelio de hoy vemos como Lázaro, a través del sufrimiento, persevera en su fiel amor a Dios y muere feliz. Mientras que el rico se aferró con tal fuerza a su riqueza que la convirtió en su dios.

Al igual que el rico, nosotros podemos llegar a obsesionarnos con nuestras posesiones. Cuando eso ocurre, oramos para que Dios haga nuestra voluntad, en lugar de orar para nosotros cumplir con la voluntad de Dios. En otras palabras, tratamos de utilizar a Dios como un medio para nuestros fines, lo cual es una ilusión. Dios mismo es nuestro fin verdadero.

La avaricia no es la única inclinación desordenada que podemos llegar a experimentar. Existen otras, que incluyen el egoísmo, la ira, el orgullo o la envidia. Pero si nos abrimos a recibir el amor de Dios, ni nuestro temperamento, ni nuestras inclinaciones, van a entorpecer nuestros continuos esfuerzos por lograr llevar una vida santa. Aun así, no importa cuán abundante sea una fuente de agua, la potencia con que esta agua regará las plantas del jardín es directamente proporcional al tamaño de la canal que la transporta. El Espíritu Santo es como una fuente de agua viva que fluye dentro de nuestros corazones intentando empaparlos con su gracia, siempre y cuando nosotros accedamos a ello. La gracia jamás nos fallará, por el contrario, somos nosotros quienes faltamos a la gracia. El amor vivificante de Dios jamás resulta deficiente, siempre y cuando nosotros tengamos la voluntad de recibirlo.

Después de su conversión San Pablo, quien por naturaleza era astuto, descortés y severo, se abrió completamente a recibir la gracia de Dios. Entonces el amor de Dios, apoderándose de la severidad de Pablo, lo convirtió en un hombre decidido a hacer el bien, e invencible para que pudiera enfrentar toda clase de sufrimientos y trabajos ¿Acaso el amor de Dios no está por encima de la naturaleza? Sean perseverantes, y con la ayuda de Dios podrán reestructurar todas sus inclinaciones de forma racional. Entonces se volverán más atentos al amor que le deben a Dios, y todas sus buenas obras darán los frutos que proceden del Espíritu de Dios, que es el manantial de nuestro propio espíritu.

(Adaptación de los escritos de San Francisco de Sales)
Oblates.org

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.**

CONFERENCIA DE MUJERES CATÓLICAS 2025

*Mujeres en misión*El genio femenino en la
nueva era apostólica

Sábado 18 de octubre de 2025
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Santuario Nacional de
Nuestra Señora de
Czestochowa

Presentadores:

Padre Thomas Viviano
Mary Ann Wiesinger-Puig

Información y registración:

catholicwomensconference.org/espanol


MISA DE LA HERENCIA HISPANA

10 DE
OCTUBRE
DE 2025

OBISPO JAMES F. CHECCHIO
Celebrante Principal

Catedral St Francis of Assisi
32 Elm Avenue, Metuchen NJ 08840

6:20 pm Rosario
6:50 pm Procesión de Estandartes y Advocaciones Marianas
7:00 pm Misa de la Herencia Hispana
8:00 pm Compartir en el basement de la Catedral

Información: Visita diometuchen.org/Hispanicevangelization
Teléfono: 732 - 243 - 4573



PALABRA DE VIDA

28 de septiembre

“La verdad del Evangelio de la vida es el fundamento de quiénes somos como seguidores de Cristo. En su vida terrenal, Jesús nos proporcionó el modelo perfecto de cómo debemos amar a nuestro prójimo y vivir la llamada del Evangelio: ‘En verdad les digo que, cuando lo hicieron con alguno de los más pequeños de estos mis hermanos, me lo hicieron a mí’ (Mt 25,40).”

*Extractos bíblicos de los Leccionarios I, II y III, propiedad de la Comisión Episcopal Litúrgica de la Conferencia Episcopal Mexicana, copyright © 1987, quinta edición de septiembre de 2004. Se utiliza con permiso. Se reservan todos los derechos. **Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB** “Vive el Evangelio de la Vida”

Guía para la Sagrada Comunión

Para que un católico reciba la comunión, se requiere:

- Estar en estado de Gracia, es decir, libre de cualquier pecado mortal no confesado.
- Abstenerse durante al menos una hora antes de la Sagrada Comunión de cualquier alimento o bebida, a excepción de agua y medicinas.
- Saber a Quien se recibe y acercarse al altar con devoción.

“Por la actitud corporal (gestos, vestido) se manifiesta el respeto, la solemnidad, el gozo de ese momento en que Cristo se hace Nuestro huésped”. (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica 1387)

No Católicos: Les damos la bienvenida a unirse a nosotros en la Santa Misa y nos alegramos de que estén aquí. Por favor, siéntase libre de participar cantando, de pie, de rodillas, etc. **Sin embargo, la recepción de la Sagrada Comunión esta reservada únicamente a los católicos en estado de gracia.** En el momento de la Comunión, por favor, siéntase libre de pasar al frente con los brazos cruzados sobre el pecho para una bendición o permanecer en el banco.

(Fuente: “Orientaciones para la recepción de la Comunión”, p836 del “Source & Summit Missal 2025”)

NEED A LAWYER? INJURED?



★ Call For A Free Legal Consultation ★



Marc J. Brenner, ESQ.



Certified By The Supreme
Court of New Jersey
As A Workers Compensation
Law Attorney

973-326-8902

- Personal Injury
- Workers' Compensation
- Social Security Disability

lawmarcbrenner.com • marc@lawmarcbrenner.com

222 RIDGEDALE AVENUE • CEDAR KNOLLS, NJ 07927



WE DELIVER
908-203-8666
MEADOW PLAZA
1067 HWY. 202 N. • BRANCHBURG, NJ

BONGIOVI FUNERAL HOME

416 BELL AVENUE (P.O. BOX #1) • RARITAN, NJ 08869



Anna Louise Bongiovi, CFSP Manager/Owner
N.J. Lic. No. 2817

908-725-1887 Se Habla Español

Over 100 Years of Bongiovi
Family Service to the Community



Act now to
help end hunger.

In the United States,
one in nine people
face hunger.

feedingamerica.org



You sure I'm in the
right car seat?

NHTSA.gov/TheRightSeat



Please Continue
To Pray For



World Peace

ALL THINGS **BASEMENTY!**

WET BASEMENT?

**Quality 1st Basement
Systems**

- WATERPROOFING & FINISHING
- FOUNDATION PROBLEMS
- HUMIDITY & MOLD CONTROL
- NASTY CRAWL SPACES

Contact us for a FREE ESTIMATE!

866-588-8317

BasementRepairNJ.com

NY Lic # 1274423 • NJHIC# 13VH01833300



**ONLY YOU
CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES**

Help your community,
the environment,
& yourself



Patronize your
local businesses

CALL US TODAY!

YOUR AD HERE!



- Connect with a Dedicated and Engaged Audience
- Build Trust and Credibility • Showcase Your Business to Those Who Actively Support Local Businesses
- Benefit From Our Online Presence and Extend Your Reach Beyond the Church Walls

— Reserve Your Space Today! —

Contact our advertising team at **800-883-4343**.

Don't miss this opportunity to become a valued partner in the community.



LAWN DOCTOR

908-526-3030

www.lawndoctor.com

Christopher T. Kotalic - Owner

READY.GOV

Don't be afraid...Be Ready

**ROOFING • CHIMNEYS
MASONRY • GUTTERS**

We Find & Fix Leaks!



Family Owned/Operated • Lic. #13VH0934200, Bonded & Insured • 20+ Yrs.

732-589-9967

\$1100 OFF
Any New Roof Replacement

20% OFF
Any Roof, Chimney, Gutter,
Masonry Repair & SENIORS

Serving All of New Jersey

Your Voice Matters...
VOTE



SCAN FOR MORE DETAILS

BRUCE C. *VanArsdale*
FUNERAL HOME



Member of KOC & AOH

111 North Gaston Avenue • Somerville, NJ 08876 • **908-725-3111**
Bruce VanArsdale, Manager, NJ Lic. No. 3521 • Brittany VanArsdale, Director, NJ Lic. No. 5137
www.brucecvanarsdalefuneralhome.com