

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.sjararitan.org
Fr. Kevin Email.....padrekevin2024@gmail.com

Second Sunday of Advent, December 7, 2025



**HOLY MASS INTENTIONS
INTENCIONES DE LA SANTA MISA**



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

LECTURAS PARA LA STA. MISA ESTA SEMANA

First Saturday, December 6, 2025

4:00 pm +Sal & Jean Calabro R/o Loving daughters
+Joseph Morosaff R/o Jim & Barb Piccolo
Priest remembered today: Rev. James Walling, CPM

Sunday, December 7, Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 am* Pro-populo (for the people)
Priest remembered today: Rev. Thomas J. Walsh
9 am Intentions of Ryan Bolton
Priest remembered today: Rev. Msgr. Pafnouti Wassef
12 pm* +Thomas Sanjuan Galicia
Priest remembered today: Rev. Dennis R. Weezorak

Monday, December 8, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

7:00 am +Nora Vasquez R/o Nora Martin
7:00 pm Pro-Populo (Spanish)

Saturday, December 13, 2025

4:00 pm +Riehman Family Members R/o Tom & Maria Riehman
Priest remembered today: Rev. David Wejnerowski

Sunday, December 14, Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 am* Pro-populo (for the people)
Priest remembered today: Rev. John J. Werner
9 am Intentions of Margaret Adams
Priest remembered today: Rev. Andrzej Wieliczko
12 pm* +Marina Osorio y +Gerardina Linares
Priest remembered today: Rev. Wladyslaw Wiktorek

*En Español, in Spanish +Denotes deceased

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 12/7

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10
In this beautiful passage, a messianic prophecy, Isaiah exults in the coming of the Lord, who will bring justice and peace for all.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9
Paul reveals to us the necessity of living in peace and harmony. His words "Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the Glory of God" are as needed today as they were in Paul's own time.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12
John the Baptizer prepares the way for Jesus. Clothed in a garment of camel's hair, he baptizes the people in the Jordan River, but warns the Pharisees in ringing tones that they must give evidence that they mean to reform.
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Monday
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday
Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday
Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday
Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
Friday
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings
from the Common of the Blessed Virgin
Mary
Saturday
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13



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

Richard Wisniewski	Elizabeth Anne Dwyer
Robert Paulishak	Randy Fisher
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	

A SALESIAN REFLECTION ON THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

BY AN OBLATE OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

We have just heard Isaiah announce to us that God will raise up a Messiah from the remnants of Jesse's clan. The Spirit of God will give him all the gifts he needs to accomplish his mission. Justice and faithfulness will characterize his way of living. His concern will be for what is in peoples' hearts, not for what they say or do. He will stand as a signal for all to see and follow.

John the Baptist enters history to prepare the way for the Messiah. We hear his familiar cry: "Reform your lives! The kingdom of God is at hand." John's baptism was to be a sign of life-long willingness to reform - to change whatever is needed in order to be open to the many ways the Lord will come.

John's anger at the Pharisees who approached him to be baptized gives us reason to look into our own hearts. What evidence do we give each day that we are trying to repent - to change? We can't afford to tell ourselves: I've been a faithful member of a faith community. I've spent years in ministry. That's sign enough. Is it? The important question is: Am I open to changing any aspect of my life that may still get in the way of Jesus' living in me more fully?

St. Paul offers us a place to look - the way we live in community. He tells us: "Welcome one another just as Christ has welcomed you for the glory of God." We know how Christ has welcomed us with all our imperfections, and he has called us his brothers and sisters. Paul tells us that, when we are open to welcoming one another in that way, the God of steadfastness and encouragement will help us to live in harmony with one another, so that together we may glorify God our Father with one voice.

The Baptist reminds us that "every tree that is not fruitful will be cut down and thrown into the fire." The fruitfulness of our lives depends on our continuing willingness to change attitudes and behaviors that do not reflect fully the love of God.

As we continue our Advent preparation, may each of us be open to the grace of continual repentance so that the Lord can come and live in us more fully.

God be praised!

Source: Oblates.org

EMULATING THE OBEDIENCE OF OUR LADY

THREE WAYS WE CAN LIVE OUT THE ADVENT SEASON
LIKE OUR BLESSED MOTHER:



1. **Practice patience in waiting.** Much of Advent involves the concept of waiting, which can be quite challenging for those of us living on instant coffee and rapid-fire texting. During Advent, we can dedicate ourselves to being more patient with ourselves and other people. Whether it's allowing a car to pull in front of us in the drive-thru lane or permitting someone to go ahead of us in the grocery line, practicing patience will help us to become more like Our Lady and, in turn, her Son.
2. **Perform works of mercy with a generous heart.** Mary notably went in haste to Elizabeth, her cousin, to assist her during her own pregnancy. This was a tremendously selfless act of mercy for her beloved kin. We can make our Advent memorable by collecting canned goods for our neighbors; babysitting for an overwhelmed mother; or purchasing diapers for a local pregnancy resource center. These concrete signs of love help to connect us with Our Lady, who demonstrated mercy in action.
3. **Open our hearts to deeper prayer.** Mary was a woman of profound prayer, communicating with her Lord on a continual basis. Meditating on the psalms can be a powerful way to connect with God in an intimate way. We do not simply read these passages of the Bible — we savor them, seeing in them the endless love which the Father holds for us. It can be all too easy to waste the precious days of Advent, especially in a world that seems to want to start celebrating Christmas on Nov. 1 or earlier. But, by savoring each day of Advent as Our Lady would, we will grow spiritually richer and better able to take on the challenges of waiting in our own lives.

Blessed Advent!

Source: marian.org

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Monday, December 8

Monday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the patronal feast day of the United States and a holy day of obligation

Local Mass Schedule:

- 7:00 am St. Joseph
- 8:00 am St. Ann
- 12:15 pm Shrine Chapel
- 12:15 pm Holy Trinity
- 4:45 pm Holy Trinity
- 7:00 pm St. Ann
- 7:00 pm Shrine Chapel - *Latin*
- 7:30 pm St. Joseph - *Spanish*



When discussing the **Immaculate Conception**, an implicit reference may be found in the angel's greeting to Mary. The angel Gabriel said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you" (Luke 1:28). The phrase "full of grace" is a translation of the Greek word *kecharitomene*. It therefore expresses a characteristic quality of Mary.

The grace given to Mary is at once permanent and of a unique kind. *Kecharitomene* is a perfect passive participle of *charitoo*, meaning "to fill or endow with grace." Since this term is in the perfect tense, it indicates that Mary was graced in the past but with continuing effects in the present. So, the grace Mary enjoyed was not a result of the angel's visit. In fact, Catholics hold, it extended over the whole of her life, from conception onward. She was in a state of sanctifying grace from the first

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Announcement of Elected Administrator for the Diocese of Metuchen

30-Nov-25	Collection	Online G	Total
Offertory	\$4,279.00	\$ 635.00	\$4,914.00
Total for parishoperation			\$4,914.00
Diocesan (Residual)			
Works of Mercy	\$65.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 70.00
Military	\$20.00		\$ 20.00

September 24, 2025, Pope Leo named Bishop Checchio as Coadjutor Archbishop of New Orleans. When he was formally installed at St. Louis Cathedral in Louisiana Tuesday, November 18, the Diocese of Metuchen became a *Sede Vacante* (Vacant See).



Canon 421 of the Code of Canon Law states that within eight days of becoming a Vacant See, the College of Consultors elects a priest to serve as Administrator.

Fulfilling the role task given to them by Canon Law, on November 20 the College of Consultors of the Diocese of Metuchen elected **Very Rev. Jonathan S. Toborowsky** to serve as Diocesan Administrator, until such time as Pope Leo XIV names a new Bishop of Metuchen.

Rev Toborowsky, a priest of the Diocese of Metuchen, was ordained to the Priesthood in 1998. A native of Port Reading, NJ, he has served parishes of St. James in Basking Ridge, St. Mary in Alpha, St. Thomas in Old Bridge, St. Lawrence in Laurence Harbor, and Immaculate Conception in Annandale, and served as Vicar General since 2022. Father Toborowsky asks the faithful for their prayers as he assumes this new role, as we all continue praying for the Holy Spirit's guidance in the Holy Father's selection of our new bishop.

23-Nov-25	Collection	Online G	Total
Offertory	\$4,351.00	\$ 685.00	\$5,036.00
Total for parishoperation			\$5,036.00
Diocesan			
Works of Mercy	\$ 1,095.00		\$ 1,095.00

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



2n Collection on Dec 13-14—Retirement Fund for the Religious. For retired Religious Sisters and Brothers in the US.

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

Christmas Giving Tree

St. Joseph Church, Raritan

To benefit The Samaritan Homeless Interim Program (SHIP) ship908.com

PLEASE BRING YOUR GIFT WITH THE TAG ATTACHED BY DECEMBER 8TH.

Advent Lessons & Carols

Featuring the combined choirs & instrumentalists of St. Ann, St. Joseph & Holy Trinity Parishes, The Shrine Chapel & The Raritan Oratory

Sunday, Dec. 14 at 3:00 PM

The Church of St. Joseph
16 E Somerset St. Raritan

Followed by a light reception in the Parish Hall

Free will offering

Presented by:

The Raritan Oratory of St. Philip Neri

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- When:** December 5-7, 2025
- Where:** Villa Walsh, 455 Western Ave., Morristown, NJ
- Contact:** Sr. Helen Sanchez, MPF
- Email:** hsanchez444@hotmail.com

Confidential Reporting for Ethics Violations

Navex EthicsPoint provides a confidential method for employees, volunteers and parishioners to report suspected financial malfeasance and other violations of ethical conduct in any of the parishes, schools, cemeteries and diocesan institutions in the Diocese of Metuchen. To make a report: <https://diometuchen.ethicspoint.com> or 844-796-1296

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

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LOOKING AHEAD

- **Mexican Food Sale:** 12/7, 1:30 PM, School Auditorium
- **SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:** Monday, December 8th.
- **Christmas Giving Tree:** Bring your gift by Dec. 8th. Gifts will go to the Samaritan Homeless Interim Program (SHIP) ship908.com
- **Breakfast with Santa:** Dec 12, 9 am—12 pm, St. Ann Classical Academy Cafeteria
- **Dec 13-14, 2nd Col:** Retirement Fund for the Religious
- **Lessons & Carols:** Dec 14, 3 pm, St. Joseph Church
- **Christmas Kolarch:** Order Pick up Dec 20-21
- **Food Pantry Collection:** Dec 20-21

NJ Right to Life Raffle winners: Volvo Ticket# 13516 Middlesex| ShopRite Card \$1k #13455 Lewes, DE| SR \$750 #14289 Middlesex| SR \$500 #139403 Bergen.

Nativity Set Winner: Liliana Rojas. \$950.00 were raised

2026 CALENDARS

A big thank you to Bongiovi Funeral Home for the generous donation of the 2026 calendars. We greatly appreciate this gift.

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SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Primera Lectura: Isaías 11:1-10

En este bello pasaje de profesía mesiánica, Isaías se deleita con la venida del Señor, quien traerá justicia y paz para todos.

Segunda Lectura: Romanos 15:4-9

San Pablo nos revela la necesidad de vivir en paz y armonía. Sus palabras; “Recíbanse los unos a los otros, como también Cristo los recibió a ustedes, para gloria de Dios.”, son tan necesarias hoy como en los tiempos de San Pablo.

Evangelio: San Mateo 3:1-12

Juan el Butista prepara el camino para Cristo. Vestido en un traje de pelo de camello, bautiza a la gente en el Río Jordán, pero advierte a los fariseos muy claramente que ellos deben dar evidencia de que desean reformarse. qué hora va a venir su Señor.”

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Ganador del Pesebre: Liliana Rojas

Venta de Comida Mexican



Domingo, 7 de diciembre 2025

1:30pm (en el auditorio de la escuela)

(Antes de la Presentación de La Aparición de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe)



El Menú

Tostadas de Camaron: 3 X \$12, Tamales verdes y de rajas: 3 x \$10, Tacos Dorados: 4 x \$10, Costillas en salsa verde (con arroz y frijoles): \$15, Chifrijos (costarricense): \$15, Champurrado: \$3.00, Agua de Jamaica: \$4.00

UNA REFLEXIÓN SALESIANA SOBRE EL EVANGELIO DOMINICAL

POR UN OBLATO DE SAN FRANCISCO DE SALES

En el Evangelio de hoy escuchamos como nos exhorta Juan Bautista: “arrepíentanse, preparen la senda del Señor, y enderecen sus caminos”. San Francisco de Sales hace los siguientes comentarios con respecto a este pasaje:

“Enderecen los caminos del Señor”. Los caminos que serpentean y dan demasiadas vueltas solo terminan por fatigar y despistar a los viajeros. Nuestra vida está llena de sendas tortuosas que debemos encauzar en preparación para la llegada de Nuestro Señor. Primero debemos corregir la ambigüedad de nuestras intenciones y tener solo una: complacer a Dios, demostrando un cambio de corazón. Así como el marinero que mantiene siempre sus ojos fijos en la aguja de la brújula mientras maneja el barco, nosotros también debemos mantener nuestros ojos abiertos a la penitencia, ósea, a experimentar un cambio de corazón.

Cuando accedemos a un cambio de corazón, retornamos a la imagen y semejanza de Dios en nosotros. Por medio del arrepentimiento experimentamos la amargura y el dolor que genera el haber ofendido la bondad de Dios. Ya no seremos esclavos de nuestras emociones. Nuestras inclinaciones, sentimientos, y emociones ahora se inclinarán ante el amor a Dios y al prójimo. Claramente vemos que arrepentimos de nuestras grandes culpas es un acto totalmente razonable, cuando consideramos atentamente los beneficios de llevar una vida virtuosa. Todos los actos de arrepentimiento son llevados a cabo por el bien de la belleza, el honor, la dignidad, y la felicidad, por nuestro propio bienestar. Un cambio de corazón nos motiva a tener una mejor disposición.

Perfeccionar la penitencia significa alcanzar un amor sagrado por Dios, que se desborda en un amor por el prójimo. El amor por Dios y nuestro amor propio viven en constante pugna dentro de nuestro corazón, lo cual nos ocasiona grandes penurias. El verdadero amor propio está al servicio de Dios. Cuando el amor divino reina en nuestros corazones domina todos los otros amores. Entonces organiza todas nuestras emociones y deseos naturales dentro del plan y el servicio Divino. Caminemos entonces ante Dios como lo hiciera Juan Bautista. Convirtámonos en una voz que proclama que debemos preparar el camino y enderezar la senda para el Señor, para que al recibirlo en esta vida podamos disfrutar de Él en la siguiente.

(Adaptación de los escritos de San Francisco de Sales)
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La Parroquia San José
16 East Somerset Street, Raritan, New Jersey



La Parroquia San José- Raritan

Te Invita

La Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe



domingo, 7 de diciembre

La obra de la Aparición de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

A las 1:30pm en el Auditorio de la Escuela

(con comida a la venta)



viernes, 12 de diciembre

El Santo Rosario: a las 6:30pm

La Santa Misa: a las 7:00pm

*Con una Gran Fiesta después La Misa
(en el auditorio de la escuela)*

La Parroquia San Jose: 16 East Somerset St., Raritan, N.J.

¡Todos Están Muy Invitados!

DESCUBRE TU VOCACION

(Evento en INGLÉS para mujeres de 15 a 25 años)

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Concierto de Adviento

Presentando una combinacion de los coros de las parroquias Sta. Ana, San Jose, Santisima Trinidad, El Santuario del Santísimo Sacramento y el Oratorio.

Domingo, 14 de diciembre, a las 3:00 PM

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¿Cuándo? El primer y penúltimo lunes de cada mes. 6:00 PM

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Quienes Pueden Participar?
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