

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

Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, December 14, 2025



HOLY MASS INTENTIONS INTENCIONES DE LA SANTA MISA



READINGS FOR THE WEEK LECTURAS PARA LA STA. MISA ESTA SEMANA

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

Saturday, December 20, 2025

4:00 pm +Fernand Piccolo & +Dolores Jackson

R/o Jim & Barb Piccolo

Priest remembered today: Rev. Sean G. Winters

Sunday, December 21, Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Priest remembered today: Rev. Gregory Zannetti

9 am +Bill Sixt R/o Irene Sixt

+Raymond & Bernice Fatto R/o Diane & Ralph Lombardi

Priest remembered today: Rev. Czeslaw Zalubski

12 pm* +Dagoberto Gonzalez

Priest remembered today: Rev. Edgardo D. Abano

*En Español, in Spanish

+Denotes deceased

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 12/14

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Isaiah tells us that when Christ comes, the weak will be made strong, the deaf will hear, the blind will see, and, above all, "sorrow and mourning will flee."

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

As the farmer waits patiently through winter and spring for the "yield of the soil" so, too, must we wait patiently for the coming of the Messiah.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

While in prison, John sends a messenger to Jesus to ask, "Are you He who is to come or do we look for another?" Jesus replies by citing the miracles he has performed for the blind, the deaf, and the crippled. He concludes by identifying John as the messenger He has sent to prepare the way.

Monday

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Thursday

Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

Friday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Saturday

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38



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 Gosenski
Jennifer Rose	Mary Grande
Robert Valance	Donna Kelly
Thomas McGrath	Roseanne Kielar
Irene Sixt	Antonia LaCorte
Annmarie Bizub	Ralph Lombardi
Joseph Carter	Steve & Geri Max
Jane Chiesa	
Joan Chopay	

DECEMBER IS DEDICATED TO THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

A Salesian Reflection on the Sunday Gospel
By an Oblate of St. Francis De Sales

We have just heard Jesus tell John that he is the One whom God is sending to save his people. The evidence can be seen in the fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy: the blind see, the deaf hear, the lame walk, the mute speak. The Israelites of old came back to Jerusalem singing after their exile; so too will those who are entering the kingdom now find joy and gladness when the kingdom is completed when Jesus comes again.

You and I have entered the kingdom through our baptism. We now share the expected joy of Jesus’ coming again to complete the kingdom.

But that time has not come yet; the kingdom is not complete. We have work to do to prepare for that day. St. James reminds us that there will be hardships in our working for the kingdom. He encourages us to be patient, keep our hearts firm. We heard him offer the example of the farmer who is patient, knowing that he must wait for the early and late rains – working and waiting for the seed to sprout.

We need to stay focused on our mission as we work. James reminds us that waiting could lead us to become unfocused and start complaining and grumbling. He tells us that this is a sure sign that we are not preparing for his coming. We can let petty quarrels and little inconveniences sidetrack us from working together patiently. We can forget that we are to bring Jesus’ compassionate mercy to one another as we strive to work together patiently to further the kingdom.

During these final days of Advent preparing, let us resolve to claim back our awareness of the presence of Jesus among us and continue to work patiently for his kingdom. Let us pray that Jesus may work through us during these days so that the blind may see, the deaf hear, the lame walk, and the mute speak. This can happen if you and I are open to letting Jesus work in us and through us. Jesus wants us to experience more deeply the joy and gladness he brings to all who work toward his coming again in glory. Source: Oblates.org

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

TODAY!!!

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
www.raritanoratory.org

Christmas Kolach Pick Up
Next weekend in St. Joseph’s
School Auditorium

Dec 20—after the 4 pm Mass
Dec 21—after the 9 am Mass



The children of our parish will help prepare you to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. Parents and families, friends and parishioners, All are invited!!

Tuesday, December 16 at 6:30pm in St. Ann Church
Religious Education Christmas Pageant

Friday, December 19 at 6pm in the school gym
St. Ann Classical Academy Christmas Concert

Don’t miss these opportunities to celebrate our faith and the gift of our parish children.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS
Wednesday, December 17, 7:00 pm
St. Ann Church

“O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free.”
USCCB, “Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita”

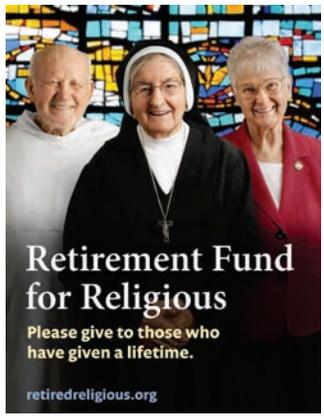
WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

7-Dec-25	Collection	Online G	Total
Offertory	\$3,792.00	\$ 405.00	\$4,197.00
Immaculate Conception	\$683.00		\$683.00
Total for parishoperation			\$4,880.00
Diocesan (Residual)			
Works of Mercy	\$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
2n Collection on Dec 13-14—Retirement Fund for the Religious. For retired Religious Sisters and Brothers in the US.



They gave their lives in service—now they need your help. For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying, and serving those in need. Many now face retirement without sufficient savings. Your support ensures they receive the care and dignity they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Your generosity today is not just a donation—it's a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.



Collections on the 3rd Weekend of each month.
Next weekend, Dec. 20-21, 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. For information on the food bank you may visit somersetfoodbank.org

Please place your donations in the wooden box by the stairs to the Choir Loft

Come Pray a
ROSARY
for
LIFE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026
AT 1:00 PM
MAIN STREET, WOODBRIDGE, NJ

IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

You are asked to park and meet in the St. James Parish parking lot at 12:45 pm, 369 Amboy Ave., Woodbridge, NJ
 There is a 12:10 pm daily Mass at St. James for those who wish to attend.
 For more information, please contact magnese@diometuchen.org

PRAYERS FOR A NEW BISHOP

O Lord, Shepherd of Shepherds, we turn to you seeking your grace, that we in the Diocese of Metuchen may be given a bishop who is a shepherd after your heart and will guide us, your flock, to be a faithful flock and fruitful field in union with you now and for eternity. Amen.

Handel's Messiah — Choral Concert

On Saturday, December 20 at 7:30 PM, The Saint Francis Cathedral Choir and Orchestra will give their annual presentation of George Frederik Handel's timeless oratorio, Messiah. Under the baton of Christopher M. C. Deibert, conductor, the Advent/Christmas portion of this work will be performed in its entirety, along with excerpts from the second and third parts. Don't miss this delightful candlelit concert, set in beautiful Gothic Revival architectural surroundings.



A wine and cheese reception will follow the concert.
Free will offering. St Francis Cathedral
32 Elm Ave, Metuchen, NJ 08840

Christopher Deibert
 Director, Liturgical Music
 732-243-4579 cdeibert@diometuchen.org



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Wed., December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:00 - St. Ann Church
 4:00 - St. Joseph Church
 5:00 - Holy Trinity Church
 6:00 - St. Joseph (Spanish)
 10:00 - Holy Trinity
No Confessions at Holy Trinity

Thurs., December 25 - Christmas Day

12:00 Midnight - St. Ann
 12:00 Midnight - Shrine Chapel (Latin)
 7:30 - St. Ann
 7:30 - St. Joseph (Spanish)
 9:00 - St. Joseph
 10:30 - St. Ann
 10:30 - Holy Trinity
 10:30 - Shrine Chapel (Latin)
 12:00 - St. Ann
 12:00 - St. Joseph (Spanish)
No 5 pm Mass Christmas Day

Dec. 26, 29, & 30

Mass at 8 am only at St. Ann Church
Shrine Chapel Closed
Parish Offices Closed
No Bingo at Holy Trinity on Dec. 26

December 27-28

Regular Weekend Schedule



Wed., December 31

Mass at 8 am at St. Ann Church
Shrine Chapel Closed
Parish Offices Closed
No Confessions at Holy Trinity

Vigil of Mary, Mother of God

4:00 - St. Joseph

Thurs., January 1, 2026 - Mary, Mother of God

8 am St. Ann
 10:30 am Shrine Chapel (Latin)
 12:00 pm St. Joseph (Spanish)
 12:15 pm Holy Trinity
Parish Offices Closed

Fri., January 2, 2026

Regular Schedule Resumes



Knight of Columbus 2026 March for Life

The Knights of Columbus will be having a bus going on **Friday, January 23rd** to Washington, D.C.

The bus will leave from Immaculate Conception Church, Annandale at 7:00 AM with another pick up in Flemington at 7:30 AM in the Harbor Freight RT 206 parking lot.

The cost will be \$75 per adult which will include dinner at the Golden Corral restaurant on the way home.

For additional information call Bill Smith at (908) 797-7359
 or email smithbuilders@hotmail.com

LOOKING AHEAD

- **Dec 13-14, 2nd Collection:** Retirement Fund for the Religious
 - **Lessons & Carols:** Dec 14, 3 pm, St. Joseph Church
 - **Christmas Kolaich:** Order Pick up Dec 20-21
 - **Food Pantry Collection:** Dec 20-21
 - **The Fundamentals of Gregorian Chant for men:** Dec 29, 7 pm—St. Joseph's Parish Hall.
- Scan the QR code to sign up. A program of the Blessed Sacrament Men's Club



TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Primera Lectura: Isaías 35:1-6a, 10

Isaías nos dice que cuando Cristo venga, el débil se volverá fuerte, el sordo oír, el ciego verá, y sobre todo, “desaparecerá el llanto y el dolor”.

Segunda Lectura: Santiago 5:7-10

Así como el campesino espera pacientemente durante el invierno y la primavera para “recoger la preciosa cosecha”, así ustedes también deben esperar pacientemente la venida del Mesías.

Evangelio: San Mateo 11:2-11

Cuando estaba en prisión, Juan el Bautista envió un mensajero a Jesús para preguntarle si El era de veras el que había de venir, o si debía esperar a otro.” Jesús le contestó citando los milagros que había hecho para los ciegos, sordos y cojos. Concluyó identificando a Juan como el mensajero que El ha enviado para preparar el camino.

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“Nuestro Salvador nos enseña que no es suficiente llamarnos cristianos. Debemos vivir de tal forma que los demás puedan reconocer en nosotros, sin lugar a dudas, a personas que aman a Dios con todo su corazón. Al igual que Juan Bautista, los verdaderos siervos de Dios hacen uso de sus palabras y sus obras para guiar a los demás por la senda que conduce a ÉL. Pongamos atención al ejemplo que nos da Juan Bautista. El nos enseña que lograr un verdadero éxito en esta vida consiste en orientar a los demás, no en dirección nuestra, sino en dirección a Cristo. Una vez en Su compañía, los demás, al igual que nosotros, debemos aprender a hacer lo que sea necesario por Su amor y a su servicio, para así poder lograr estabilidad.”

Ver reflexion completa en obrates.org

**Collecta para el fondo de jubilacion de los Religiosos
2da collecta: domingo, 14 de diciembre**

Dieron su vida en el servicio –ahora necesitan ayuda. Durante décadas, mujeres y hombres religiosos se preocuparon por otros, enseñando, rezando y sirviendo a los necesitados. Muchos ahora se enfrentan a su jubilación sin ahorros suficientes. El apoyo de ustedes asegura que ellos reciban el cuidado y dignidad que merecen. Ofrezcámosles ahora la dignidad que han dado tan desinteresadamente a los demás. La generosidad de ustedes hoy no es solo un donativo –es una manera de darles las gracias por el servicio de toda una vida. Les rogamos que donen al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos.



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
En la Parroquia San Jose
16 E Somerset St. Raritan
Después habrá un recepción con comida ligera en el Salon Parroquial
Donacion voluntaria
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**POR FAVOR NO LLEVAR AL CONCIERTO NIÑOS PEQUEÑOS.
EDAD RECOMENDADA: DE 8 AÑOS EN ADELANTE.**

HORARIO DE NAVIDAD

MIÉRCOLES, 24 DE DICIEMBRE, VÍSPERA
6:00 - SANTA MISA

JUEVES, 25 DE DICIEMBRE 25, NAVIDAD
7:30 - SANTA MISA
12:00 - SANTA MISA



Concierto Coral
El Mesias de Handel
Sabado, 20 de diciembre, 7:30 PM,
The Saint Francis Cathedral Choir
32 Elm Ave, Metuchen, NJ 08840
Donacion voluntaria



“Oh, santa Josefina Bakhita, ayuda a todos aquellos que están atrapados en la esclavitud; en nombre de ellos, intercede ante Dios para que sean liberados de las cadenas de su cautiverio. Que los que han sido esclavizados por los hombres, que Dios les conceda la libertad.”
USCCB, “Oración a santa Josefina Bakhita”



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DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE
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7 de diciembre

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