

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
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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
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Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 21, 2025



HOLY MASS INTENTIONS
 INTENCIONES DE LA SANTA MISA



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

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

Wednesday, December 24, Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

4:00 pm Christmas Remembrances
 Priests remembered today: Priests of the Diocese of Metuchen
6:00 pm *Noche Buena (Vigilia de la Natividad del Señor)
 Oramos por: Los Sacerdotes de la Diocesis de Metuchen

Thursday, December 25, the Nativity of the Lord

9:00 am Christmas Remembrances
 Priests remembered today:
 The Priests of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri
12:00 pm La Natividad del Señor
 Oramos por: Los Sacerdotes del Oratorio de San Felipe Neri

Saturday, December 27, 2025

4:00 pm +Streko Family R/o Irene Sixt
 Priest remembered today: Rev. Justin Akkara, CMI

Sunday, December 28, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:30 am* Pro-populo (for the people)
 Priest remembered today: Rev. Jun Joseph Alquiros
9 am +John & Margaret Salek R/o Irene Sixt
 Priest remembered today: Rev. Leon S. Aniszcyk
12 pm* +Gerardina Linares
 Oramos por: Rev. John P. Alvarado

*En Español, in Spanish

+Denotes deceased

Monday

1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

Thursday

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
 Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Friday

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Saturday

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8



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	

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 12/21



Collections on the 3rd Weekend of each month.
This weekend, Dec 20-21, 2025

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

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Ahaz receives from Isaiah a prophecy that he will be successful in war and is urged to ask for a sign that the prophecy is true. The sign is “The virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.”

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Paul greets the Romans by pointing out that Jesus is the Christ who was promised to them in Scripture. He, Paul, is the apostle favored with the task of spreading the name of Christ to all.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

In a brief, straightforward, simple narrative, Matthew recounts the events leading to Jesus’ birth. He details the appearance of the angel in a dream to Joseph and stresses that “All this happened to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophets.”

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A SALESIAN REFLECTION ON THE SUNDAY GOSPEL 12/21

BY AN OBLATE OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Isn't it sad that Ahaz refused to accept Isaiah's invitation to ask God for a sign that he would fulfill his promise to save Jerusalem from an advancing enemy? But God's love for his people will not be thwarted by a fearful leader. Isaiah gives Ahaz a sign anyway: “The virgin will bear a son and name him Emmanuel.”

Centuries later, Matthew is inspired to recognize the unexpected depth of meaning in Isaiah's prophecy. An angel appears in Joseph's dream and encourages him not to be afraid to take his pregnant wife Mary into his home. Her child has been conceived through the Holy Spirit. And Joseph is to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. Jesus will truly be Emmanuel, God is with us.

Now all is ready for our celebrating the coming of our God among us in Jesus.

Our Advent longing and waiting takes on a heightened expectancy. The feast of Christmas is near.

But our Salesian/Oblate spirituality tells us that there is more for us. “God is with us” is why we live the way we do each day. God has loved us so deeply that he wants us to be living witnesses of his presence and love. Letting Jesus live in us as Emmanuel each day becomes our way of holiness and allows us to share his love with one another and with all we meet.

May our Advent expectancy lead us to be vibrant messengers of the truth: “God is with us” saving his people! Come, Lord, and do not delay! Source: Oblates.org

LOOKING AHEAD

- **Christmas Kolarch:** 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.

A SALESIAN REFLECTION ON CHRISTMAS DAY

BY AN OBLATE OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

The prologue of St. John's Gospel which we just heard is quite a change from the familiar story of Jesus' birth told by St. Luke, yet it is filled with its own beauty. As John tells it, “The Word became flesh, and made his dwelling among us.” He tells us that everything that has been created has been given life through the eternal Son of God, the Word. And now the Word chooses to become physically present in his creation so that he can show us the great love God has for us. God wants us to be his children and share his life - that's why Jesus came!

There's sadness in the story - when Jesus comes, some do not accept him. There is also joy! Those who do accept him are given “a share in his fullness, love following upon love.” We are able to “see his glory, the glory of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.”

As Oblates, the mystery of the incarnation has a special meaning. The Savior wants to become incarnate in each one of us. Jesus wants to live in us so that he can continue his mission - bringing his saving love and compassion to each person whose lives we touch. He comes to us in Eucharist each day to continue his transforming work in us, “giving us a share in his fullness, love following upon love.”

We have good reason to shout with joy and break into song. The Savior has come to dwell in us.

As we make our way to the manger today, let us hold our heart in our hands as a gift for the Word made flesh. He will take it and fill it with the fullness of his love.

Then he will return it to us as his gift and ask us to share his gift of love with everyone around us.

May the Lord bless our efforts today, and every day!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

THE RARITAN ORATORY OF ST. PHILIP NERI

DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 PM	ST. ANN
4:00 PM	ST. JOSEPH (ENGLISH)
5:00 PM	HOLY TRINITY
6:00 PM	ST. JOSEPH (SPANISH)
10:00 PM	HOLY TRINITY



DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY

12:00 AM	ST. ANN
12:00 AM	SHRINE CHAPEL (LATIN)
7:30 AM	ST. ANN
9:00 AM	ST. JOSEPH (ENGLISH)
10:30 AM	HOLY TRINITY
10:30 AM	ST. ANN
10:30 AM	SHRINE CHAPEL (LATIN)
12:00 PM	ST. JOSEPH (SPANISH)
12:00 PM	ST. ANN

No 5:00 PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

JANUARY 1

A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MASS SCHEDULE

VIGIL MASS (DECEMBER 31)

4:00 PM	ST. JOSEPH (ENGLISH)
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JANUARY 1

8:00 AM	ST. ANN
10:30 AM	SHRINE CHAPEL (LATIN)
12:00 PM	ST. JOSEPH (SPANISH)
12:15 PM	HOLY TRINITY



Christmas Giving Tree

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Giving Tree Successfully Ends

SHIP, the Samaritan Homeless Interim Program, received a large delivery of **179** pieces of women's and men's hats, gloves, socks and more. Included in the delivery were **50** gift cards totaling **\$1,250**. The generosity of St. Joseph's Parish during this year's Giving Tree drive is deeply appreciated by SHIP, who will gift the warm clothing and shopping cards to those in need this Christmas Season. Thanks to all who donated items, and especially to those who helped run sort and deliver the gifts.

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

14-Dec-25	Collection	Online G	Total
Offertory	\$3,185.00	\$ 315.00	\$3,500.00
OL of Guadalupe	\$1,009.00		\$1,009.00
Total for parishoperation			\$4,509.00
Diocesan			
Religious Retirement	\$969.00		\$ 969.00

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



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

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Christmas Festival of Lights

Experience our Christmas Festival of Lights at the Blue Army Shrine from dusk until 9:00 pm, between December 12th and January 11th.

"Why did He come?"



FIESTA DE N.S. DE GUADALUPE 12/12/25



Las Misas de La Navidad

miercoles, 24 de diciembre

A las 6:00pm

Y

jueves, 25 de diciembre

A las 12:00pm



La Misa de María, Madre de Dios

jueves, 1 de enero

A las 12:00pm

La Parroquia San José

(16 East Somerset St., Raritan, NJ)

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