

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

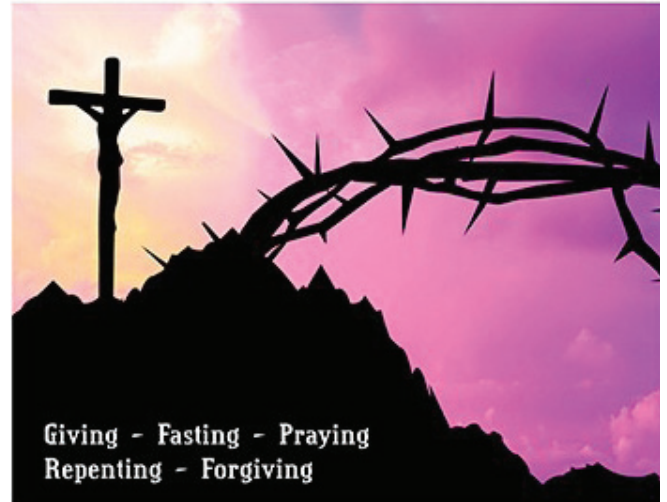
If you are considering becoming Catholic, or desire to complete your sacraments, please contact the Parish Office for more information about RCIA.

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

Third Sunday of Lent, March 8, 2026



HOLY MASS INTENTIONS
INTENCIONES DE LA SANTA MISA



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

Saturday, March 7, 2026

4:00 pm +Mary & Charlie Graig R/o Deb & Tom Horvath
Priest remembered today: Rev. Timothy Eck, II

Sunday, March 8, 2026 3rd Sunday of Lent

7:30 am* Pro-populo (for the people)
Priest remembered today: Rev. Martin Espinoza
9 am +Teresa Perna R/o Dennis & Ida Ciemniecki
Priest remembered today: Rev. Patrick Ekong, CMF
12 pm * En acción de gracias por el cumpleaños de Juan Velasco
Priest remembered today: Rev. Bonfilio Enriquez, SJCP

Saturday, March 14, 2026

4:00 pm +Saturnino Fernandez R/o Tony Fernandez
+Joseph F. Minarovich R/o Family
Priest remembered today: Rev. Mhonchan Ezung

Sunday, March 15, 2026 4th Sunday of Lent

7:30 am* Pro-populo (for the people)
Priest remembered today: Rev. Msgr. William Fadrowski
9 am Intentions of Camille Krachun
Priest remembered today: Rev. George A. Farrell Maria
12 pm * +Ligia Chacón
Priest remembered today: Rev. Eugeniusz Fasuga, CSsR
*En Español, in Spanish +Denotes deceased

SUNDAY MASS READING

*“Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.”*
John 4:42, 15

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

This story from Exodus reveals that the Israelites, after their escape from Egypt, cast all blame for their sufferings on Moses. In this instance, they were dying of thirst. When Moses appealed to the Lord, the Lord directed Moses to strike a rock and water would gush forth.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Paul reminds the Romans that because Christ died for all people, they are acceptable in God’s sight.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Jesus converses with the Samaritan woman at Jacob’s Well. When Jesus indicates that whoever drinks from the water He gives will never be thirsty again, the woman immediately answers, “Give me this water, sir...”. Jesus then reveals that she has had five husbands and tells her that He is the Messiah. The woman believes Jesus and proclaims this news to all the townspeople, who believe

Monday
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday
Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday
Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday
Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday
Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday
Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14



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

2025 The Paschal Candle:
In Memory of The Krachun & Fattori
Families R/o Their loved ones

Pray for the Sick

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| Richard Wisniewski | Tony & Sandy Franchino |
| Robert Paulishak | Arthur & Maryann Gosenski |
| Michael Galida | Mary Grande |
| George Riehman, Jr. | Donna Kelly |
| Jennifer Rose | Roseanne Kielar |
| Robert Valance | Antonia LaCorte |
| Thomas McGrath | Steve & Geri Max |
| Irene Sixt | Jack McElhinney |
| Annmarie Bizub | Allsya Miller |
| Joseph Carter | Francis M. Mishak, Sr. |
| Jane Chiesa | Pinzy & Rachel Petrone |
| Joan Chopay | |
| Elizabeth Anne Dwyer | |

Gospel Reflection

by an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales

Lent is a time for us to encounter Jesus in a very personal way so that we deepen our baptismal consecration and commitment. John tells us that he wrote about the encounter of Jesus with the Samaritan woman so that we “may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief we may have life in his name.”

Notice that, during this encounter, Jesus is drawing the woman beyond earthly realities and concerns to the deeper realities of the eternal. Jesus offers her “living water.” He means water that gives life, but her attention is on earthly water. She asks him, rather sarcastically, if he thinks he’s better than Jacob who gave them this well. Jesus refuses to be sidetracked from his goal - to give her water that will permanently end her thirst. All she can see is the convenience of not having to come to the well every day.

Jesus moves her to a new level by getting her to face the truth of her present situation. But he doesn’t tell her to “come back when you’ve straightened out your life.” The grace he offers is meant to help her to change – here and now. Rather than make a commitment now, she says that she’s waiting for the Messiah to come. Now, Jesus can offer her the opportunity for a personal commitment: “I am he.”

The purpose of the story is to remind us that even committed disciples need to be brought to deeper understanding and conversion.

How great is our thirst during this Lenten season? What is the “food” we are seeking? What is it that Jesus wants us to understand through our Lenten encounters with him? St. Paul reminds us that God has proven his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Our Lenten journey will be more fruitful if we are sincerely open when we encounter Jesus and are willing to be led by grace into a deeper conversion of mind and heart to the ways of the Lord. Then our hope will be based on the love of God poured out into our hearts.

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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
WEDNESDAYS**

ST. JOSEPH—12:00 PM in English

FRIDAYS

ST. ANN— 7:00 PM

Holy Trinity —following 7pm Mass

ST. JOSEPH—7:00 PM in Spanish



2026 LENTEN OBLIGATIONS

- 1) The days of both fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday (March 5) and Good Friday (April 18).
- 2) The other Fridays of Lent (Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4, and 11) are days of abstinence.
- 3) Fasting in the Roman Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal with two smaller meals which together do not equal the size of your full meal. The obligation of fasting applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.
- 4) Abstinence in the Roman Catholic tradition means to abstain from eating meat (beef, chicken, pork, turkey, etc.).

The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.

family ONE DAY RETREAT

March 15, 2026
Noon-6PM

- ✓ Confession and Mass
- ✓ Family Scavenger Hunt
- ✓ Breakout Conferences
 - **Moms and Daughters**-Mary’s Fiat: *The Fruit of Trustful Surrender*, Sr. Maria Kateri de Francisco, SV
 - **Dads and Sons**-St. Joseph, Protector of the Holy Family, Fr. Stephen DeLacy
 - **Kids (5-12)**- Live Like Carlo, Mary Bea Damico

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\$75 per Family
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WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

22-Feb-26	Collection	Online G	Total
Offertory	\$3,251.00	\$ 625.00	\$3,876.00
Ash Wed (Res.)	293	\$10	\$303
Total for parish			\$4,179.00

1-Mar-26	Collection	Online G	Total
Offertory	\$4,255.00	\$ 495.00	\$4,750.00
Ash Wed (Res.)	\$80.00		\$80
Total for parish			\$4,830.00

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



2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal **PAGE 4** **ONE IN CHRIST: Called to Love and Serve :**

This weekend, parishes throughout the Diocese of Metuchen are celebrating Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend. Our goal is for every family to participate. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Together, we are keeping Christ's presence alive in the world today. Thank you for actively participating in this mission by your financial support.

Campaign Summary Report— Parish Goal: **\$25,000**
Amount Received \$2,108.00



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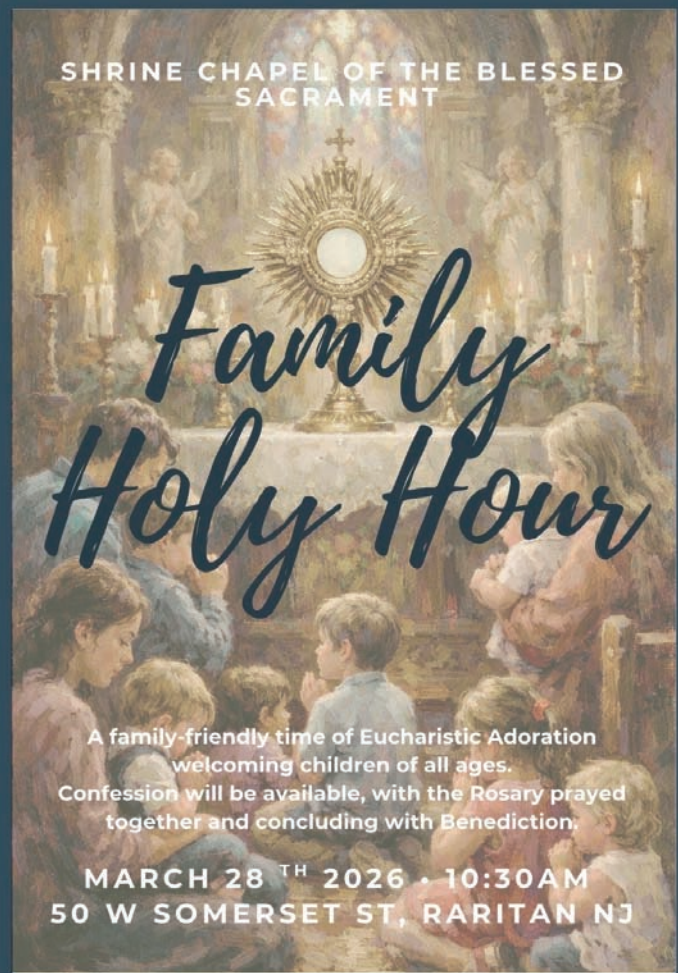
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MARCH 28TH 2026 • 10:30AM
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Order Form



Price: \$18.00 per loaf.
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Orders must be in by: Monday, March 9
Pick up: March 28-29 (Palm Sunday)

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I will pick up my Kolach at (select one):
 St. Joseph's Parish Hall March 28 after the 4 pm Mass or Mar 29 after the 9am Mass
 St. Ann's Parish Hall on March 29

parishoffice@sjraritan.org

St. Joseph Church in Raritan comes together in celebration!

The Solemnity of Saint Joseph



Thursday, March 19, 2026

**7:00 pm
Bilingual Holy Mass**

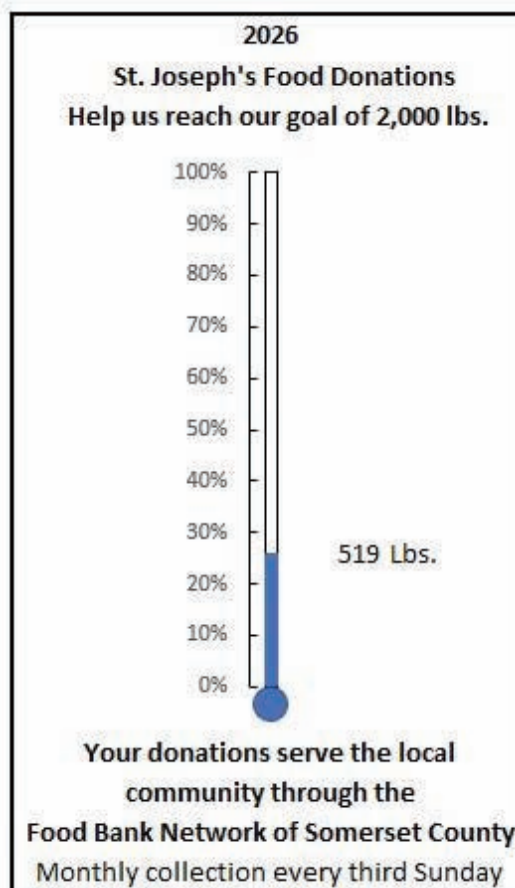
Following the Mass there will be a light reception in the School Auditorium.

Everyone is invited!

Ancient Prayer to St. Joseph (excerpt):

“O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, so that having experienced here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.” Amen



No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through of Christs Passion

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2026 SPRING SEMESTER

The Catechism Lectures



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TIME: 7PM
MONDAY **MARCH 16TH** **APRIL 13TH** **JUNE 15TH**

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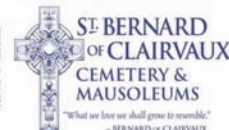
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Hora Santa Familiar

Acompáñanos en una hora de Adoración Eucarística para toda la familia, donde los niños de todas las edades son bienvenidos.

Habrà confesiones, rezaremos el Rosario juntos y concluiremos con la Bendición del Santísimo.

MARZO 28, 2026 • 10:30AM
50 W SOMERSET ST, RARITAN NJ

La Parroquia de San Jose en Raritan se une en la alegre celebracion de

La Solemnidad de San José



Jueves, 19 de marzo de 2026

7:00 pm Santa Misa Bilingue

Después de la Misa tendremos un compartir en el auditorio de la escuela.

¡Todos son bienvenidos!

SACRAMENTO DEL BAUTISMO PARA BEBES

Bautismos en español: 11 AM algunos sábados

Clase pre-Bautismal:

Martes en la noche, programar con anterioridad

¿Quiénes deben recibir la clase? Los padres y los padrinos

¿Quién es elegible para ser padrino?

Católicos practicantes que hayan recibido los Sacramentos de iniciación (Bautismos, Comunión Confirmación). En caso de estar casados, deben haber sido casados válidamente por un sacerdote católico. *El rol del padrino es ayudar a los padres a criar al niño en la fe; por tanto, debe llevar una vida coherente, no contradictoria, a las enseñanzas de nuestra*

Madre

Iglesia.

Numero de padrinos Uno o dos (máximo)

Para mas información por favor escribir un correo a parishoffice@sjraritan.org o llamar al Nora al 908-725-0163 extensión #2 (habla español)

HORARIO DE LA OFICINA: LUN A VIER 9 AM-12 PM

LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO

Primera Lectura: Exodo 17:3-7

Esta historia del éxodo demuestra que los israelitas, después de escapar de Egipto, echan toda la culpa de su sufrimiento a Moisés. En ese instante se morían de sed. Cuando Moisés le rogó al Señor, el Señor indicó a Moisés que golpeará una roca y el agua saldrá a borbotones.

Segunda Lectura: Romanos 5:1-2, 5-8

Pablo le recuerda a los Romanos que debido a que Cristo murió por toda la gente, ellos son aceptables a los ojos de Dios.

Evangelio: San Juan 4:5-42

Jesús conversa con una mujer samaritata en el pozo de Jacobo. Cuando Jesús dice que quien bebe del agua que El da nunca más estará sediento, la mujer inmediatamente responde: "Señor, dame de esa agua...". Jesús entonces le revela que ella ha tenido cinco maridos, y le dice que El es el Mesías. La mujer le cree a Jesús y proclama las nuevas a toda la gente del pueblo, quienes le creen y vienen a ver a Jesús.

es mi hijo amado, a quien he elegido. ¡Escúchenlo!"

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Santo Via Crucis

VIERNES

San Jose—7:00 PM en español



Campaña Annual del Obispo 2026

UNO EN CRISTO: Llamados a Amar y a Servir

Este fin de semana, todas las parroquias de la Diócesis de Metuchen están celebrando el Fin de Semana de la **Campaña Anual del Obispo en las Bancas**. Nuestro objetivo es que todas las familias participen. Cada aporte, sin importar el monto, es importante y muy apreciado. Juntos, estamos manteniendo viva la presencia de Cristo en el mundo de hoy. Gracias por participar activamente con su apoyo financiero en esta misión.

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