

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

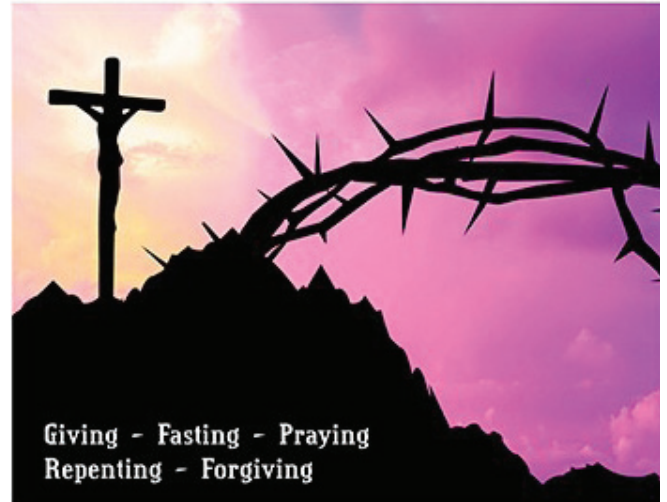
If you are considering becoming Catholic, or desire to complete your sacraments, please contact the Parish Office for more information about RCIA.

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 15, 2026



HOLY MASS INTENTIONS
INTENCIONES DE LA SANTA MISA



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

LECTURAS PARA LA STA. MISA ESTA SEMANA

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

Thursday, March 19, 2026, Solemnity of St. Joseph

7:00 pm +Jeffry Alvarez
 Priest remembered today: The Priests of the Raritan Oratory

Saturday, March 21, 2026

4:00 pm +Gloria Fichot R/o Jim & Barbara Piccolo
 Priest remembered today: Rev. Msgr. John N. Fell

Sunday, March 22, 2026 5th Sunday of Lent

7:30 am* Pro-populo (for the people)
 Priest remembered today: Rev. Frank W. Fellrath
9 am +John Perna R/o Dennis & Ida Ciemniecki
 Priest remembered today: Rev. Luke Fletcher CFR
12 pm * +Josefina Rodríguez /Enrique Artavia
 Priest remembered today: Rev. Michael Fragoso
 *En Español, in Spanish +Denotes deceased

SUNDAY MASS READING

*“I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
 whoever follows me will have the light of life.”*
 John 8:12

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

In seeking a King for the Israelites, Samuel traveled to Jesse of Bethlehem, who had seven sons. Commanded by God to ignore the elder sons, Samuel anointed the youngest, David.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Paul exhorts the Ephesians to live as “children of light” in goodness and truth and to avoid evil deeds “done in darkness.”

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Jesus performs the miracle of giving sight to the man born blind. Because Jesus performed this miracle on the Sabbath, the Pharisees called him a “sinner,” but the blind man said, “He is a prophet.” Jesus later reveals to the blind man that He is the Son of Man.
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Monday

Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;
 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53



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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| Ralph Lombardi | Randy Fisher |
| 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 | |

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!

Each year the parish plans a special activity in recognition of the feast day of our patron saint, **St. Joseph**. If you haven't attended one of these occasions, they are a great way to learn a little more about faith and the life of St. Joseph.

Did you know? A **plenary indulgence** is granted the Christian faithful who devoutly make a visit to their parish church on the feast day of its patron saint.

An indulgence is either plenary or partial, that is, it frees a person from all or from some of the temporal punishment due to sins.

About Indulgences

- The requirements for gaining a plenary indulgence are the performance of the indulgenced work and fulfillment of three conditions: Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the pope's intentions.

- The condition requiring prayer for the pope's intentions is satisfied by reciting once the Our Father and Hail Mary for his intentions; nevertheless all the faithful have the option of reciting any other prayer suited to their own piety and devotion.

- To gain an indulgence attached to a particular day any required visit to a church or oratory may be made from noon of the day proceeding until midnight at the end of the assigned day. A devout visit includes the recitation of the Lord's Prayer & the Creed.

A plenary indulgence may be gained only once on any day.

- No one gaining an indulgence may apply it to other living persons, however, both partial and plenary indulgences can always be applied to the dead as suffrages.

- To be capable of gaining indulgences a person must be baptized, not excommunicated, and in the state of grace at least at the time the prescribed works are completed.

The Church will be open all day, from 8 am until after the evening Mass.

Gospel Reflection by an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales

We just heard another of those wonderful stories found in John's Gospel. Each story is told to teach us something, to get us to look deeper into life. This is a story of light and sight - about not seeing the light, being afraid to see the light, seeing the light, and tragically refusing to see the light.

Jesus, the light of the world, gives sight to the man who has been blind from birth. The waters of the pool of Siloam wash away the muddy earth from his eyes, and he sees - an obvious reference to the waters of Baptism.

It's hard to believe that the Pharisees could be so obstinate in their refusal to believe what the man reported to them. They are blinder than the man ever was. Even the parents are afraid to believe their own son's story, for fear of being put out of the synagogue.

The Gospel points out that Jesus wasn't only interested in the man's bodily sight. He came to give him "saving sight" - the fullness of faith in him as God's Son and Savior of the world. The man's belief in Jesus cost him his place in the synagogue.

The final scene of the story shows us the tragedy that is unfolding. Those who took great pride in their religious sight are not open to the light that Jesus brings. They are the truly blind.

Each of us from time to time shares in the various attitudes displayed in the Gospel story. Sometimes we are like the man born blind and Jesus must give us sight. Sometimes, like the Pharisees, we're reluctant to see his workings in those around us. Like the man's parents, we can be afraid to acknowledge the light of Christ because others may criticize us, or worse, reject us. The Gospel is encouraging us to live faithfully by the light that Jesus gives us.

The conclusion of the Gospel is a warning: there are no privileged people in the community of faith. Jesus is the source of the light by which we all see. If we choose to be our own light, we risk eternal blindness.

May each of us have the courage to examine our own way of seeing and again choose Jesus as our light.

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WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

8-Mar-26	Collection	Online G	Total
Offertory	\$3,679.00	\$ 465.00	\$4,144.00
Ash Wed (Res.)	\$80.00		\$80
Total for parish			\$4,224.00

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



Upcoming 2nd Collections:

3/21-22: Parish Collection to offset cost of snow removal
3/28-29: Diocesan Collection for Diocesan Clergy Retirement

SNOW REMOVAL COLLECTION

This winter, from December through February, we spent **\$18,029.50** on snow removal. We would appreciate it if you would consider contributing to help offset this unforeseen expense. **Next weekend, March 21-22**, we will take a second collection for this purpose.



Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Food Pantry Collection this weekend!

Toiletries and non perishable food

2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal

ONE IN CHRIST: Called to Love and Serve :

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

Campaign Summary Report— Parish Goal: **\$25,000**
Amount Received \$3,775 , Percentage of goal: 15.1%

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat. Mar 21, 11 AM Shroud of Turin Lecture, Auditorium

Mon. Mar 16, 13, 15 Catechism Lecture Series, Parish Hall

Sat. Apr 11, 9-1pm Mercy & Justice Retreat, Auditorium

Pregnancy Aid Drive

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Thank you to all who donated to our annual collection to benefit our local pregnancy aid center. We were able to deliver two, very full, car loads of items, as well as a monetary donation of **\$1,220.45**. Your continued support and generosity toward this worthy cause is greatly appreciated.



Word of Life

“To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ” (*The Gospel of Life* 84).

Chrism Mass Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen On Tuesday, March 31 at 4:00pm,

Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski, Bishop Emeritus of Metuchen, will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At the Mass, all priests make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support. The Bishop will also bless and consecrate the Holy Oils, which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. The Oil of Catechumens is used to anoint infants and adults before their Baptism; the Oil of the Sick is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and Sacred Chrism is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches. All are encouraged to join in-person (or watch via livestream), the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 4:00 PM. To watch the Chrism Mass livestream, visit <https://diometuchen.org/chrism-mass>

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 31

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Financial Aid Management at <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) **by no later than March 31**. Note that to be considered for Tuition Angels assistance at St. Ann Classical Academy you MUST first apply for assistance through FACTS.



2026 SPRING SEMESTER

The Catechism Lectures



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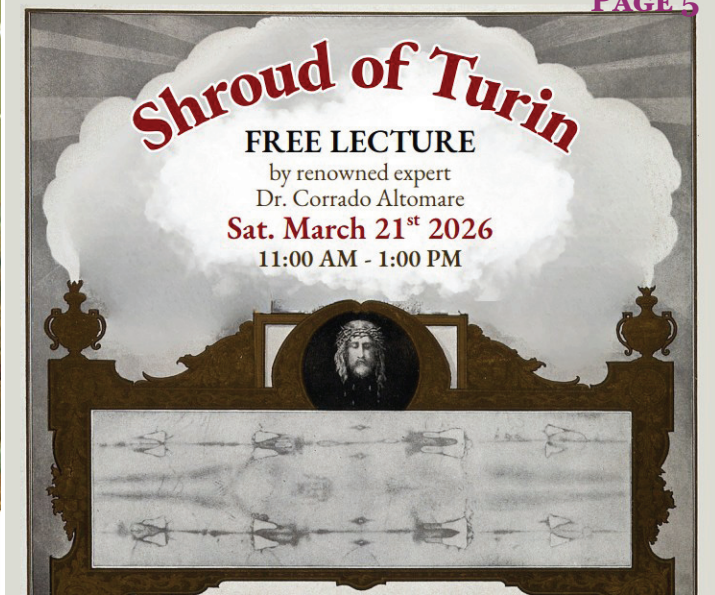
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Dr. Corrado Altomare
Sat. March 21st 2026
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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A program of the Blessed Sacrament Men's Club

MERCY AND JUSTICE: CHURCH AND WORLD

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH, 2026 · 9:00AM-1:00PM
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St. Francis Indulgence

On January 10, 2026, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV declared a special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis on the occasion of the 800th Anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi. This jubilee calls every faithful Christian, following the example of the Saint of Assisi, to "become a model of holiness of life and a constant witness of peace". The Apostolic Penitentiary, in accordance with the will of the Holy Father, granted a **plenary indulgence** on this occasion during the period of **January 10, 2026 to January 10, 2027**.



The indulgence can be obtained under the ordinary conditions (sacramental Confession, Communion, prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father, and complete detachment from all sin) and by making a pilgrimage to any Church associated with St. Francis of Assisi (such as our **Cathedral in Metuchen**) and participating in a liturgical celebration or spending at least a reasonable period of time in prayer



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LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO

Primera Lectura: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Buscando un Rey para los israelitas, Samuel viajó a Belén, en donde Isaí le presentó siete hijos. El Señor le ordenó ignorar a los mayores. Samuel consagró a David, el menor.

Segunda Lectura: Efesios 5:8-14

Pablo exhorta a los efesios a vivir como “iluminados” en la bondad y verdad, y evitar malvados actos “hechos en la oscuridad.”

Evangelio: San Juan 9:1-41

Jesús hace el milagro de conceder la vista a un hombre nacido ciego. Ya que Jesús hizo este milagro en el día de descanso, los fariseos lo llamaron “pecador”, pero el hombre ciego dijo: “es un profeta.” Luego Jesús le revela al hombre ciego que El es El Hijo del Hombre. es mi hijo amado, a quien he elegido. ¡Escúchenlo!”

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Reflexión del Evangelio

Por un Oblato de San Francisco de Sales

Hoy Jesús nos recuerda que El es la luz del mundo; fuente de toda bondad, justicia, y verdad. Todos hemos sido exhortados a vivir en Su Luz. San Francisco de Sales nos comenta lo siguiente:

La mente humana encuentra total satisfacción en el descubrimiento, en poder conocer la verdad de las cosas. Entre más grande sea una verdad, más grande será el deleite. Aún así, nuestra condición humana nos hace diestros en la búsqueda de honores, riquezas y poder. Diariamente la experiencia nos enseña que todos estos amores inútiles nos vuelven propensos a apartarnos de la verdad, en lugar de considerar la verdad del amor de Dios. El amor de Dios nos hace pensar sobre la verdad de un Paraíso colmado de felicidad eterna.

El amor sagrado refresca y fortalece nuestros corazones, cuando aceptamos con fe la verdad que encierran las enseñanzas de Jesús. Cuando la bondad de Dios nos da la luz para poder percatarnos de nuestra ceguera, esto es señal de que ha habido una conversión interna. Es entonces que nos reconocemos como hijos de la Luz. Cuando quitamos todos los obstáculos que nos impiden amar a Dios, adquirimos la capacidad para amarnos los unos a los otros, tal y como EL desea que nos

amemos. Cuando descubrimos una imperfección humana, ya hemos hecho la mitad del trabajo necesario para corregirla; porque habremos recibido el entendimiento que nos permitirá liberarnos de nuestra ceguera. Sin embargo, es importante que tengamos paciencia al afrontar nuestras faltas. Debemos aprender a reconocerlas con calma y sin alboroto. Nada es más favorable para el crecimiento de ese tipo de “maleza”, que nuestra ansiedad por deshacernos de ella. Caminen siempre por la senda de la santidad, y verán como esas imperfecciones se irán debilitando.

Nuestro Salvador nos tuvo en sus manos, y se encargó de guiar nuestra vida aún cuando no quisimos entregarnos a EL de lleno. En este momento, en que lo único que deseamos es cumplir fervorosamente con la voluntad de Dios, ¿no creen que EL desea proteger a esos pequeños corderos que se han apartado del dulce Pastor? Concentrémonos fielmente en nutrir, con reverencia y confianza, el don de la conversión que Dios nos ha otorgado. Hagamos de la gracia de Dios algo efectivo en nuestras vidas, perseverando en nuestras sagradas resoluciones, y en nuestros buenos deseos. Será entonces que podremos vivir en la Luz de Cristo, y generar verdad, justicia, y bondad.

(Adaptación de los escritos de San Francisco de Sales)

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Santo Via Crucis

VIERNES

San Jose—7:00 PM en español



PALABRA DE VIDA

“Celebrar el Evangelio de la vida significa celebrar el Dios de la vida, el Dios que da la vida... En cada niño que nace y en cada hombre que vive y que muere reconocemos la imagen de la gloria de Dios, gloria que celebramos en cada hombre, signo del Dios vivo, icono de Jesucristo” (El Evangelio de la Vida 84).



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!

MINI RETIRO DE CUARESMA

Domingo, 22 de marzo, 1:00 PM
En el Auditorio de la Escuela

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, Comunion Confirmacion). 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

Collecta por la nieve

Queridos feligreses, este invierno hemos gastado **\$18,029.50** en el servicio de remover la nieve y hechar sal. Les pedimos encarecidamente que consideren dar una donacion para cubrir este gasto tan grande con el cual no contabamos. Muchas gracias de antemano por su generosidad. ¡Dios les bendiga!



En cada niño que nace
y en cada hombre que
vive y que muere
reconocemos la imagen
de la *gloria de Dios.*

El Evangelio de la Vida, 84

Campaña Annual del Obispo 2026

UNO EN CRISTO: Llamados a Amar y a Servir

Gracias a todos los que han donado tan generosamente a la Campaña Anual del Obispo 2026. Si aún no ha hecho su promesa de donación, todavía hay tiempo para participar. Envíe su aporte por correo a: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 o realice su donación en línea en <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>

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