

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 Martin Parish 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
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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 19, 2026



HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

INTENCIONES DE LA SANTA MISA



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

LECTURAS PARA LA STA. MISA ESTA SEMANA

Saturday, July 25

4:00 pm Pro-populo (for the people)

Priest remembered today: Rev. Paul Michalowski

Sunday, July 26, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am* +Wilmar Andres Sanabria, + Juan Manuel Villamarin

+Anita Quesada Ulate

Priest remembered today: Rev.

9 am +Nicanor Tiongson R/o Antonio Tiongson

Priest remembered today: Rev. Vicente Montiel, CMF

12 pm* +Wilmar Andres Sanabria, + Juan Manuel Villamarin

Priest remembered today: Rev. Msgr. James P. Moran

Saturday, August 1

4:00 pm Pro-populo (for the people)

Priest remembered today: Rev. John J. Morley

Sunday, Aug 2, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am* +Walter Mena /+Eduardo Matarrita

Priest remembered today: Rev. Kenneth R. Murphy

9 am +Forgotten souls in purgatory R/o Isabel Silva

Priest remembered today: Rev. Thomas Naduvildathu, SDV

12 pm* +Walter Mena /+Eduardo Matarrita

Priest remembered today: Rev. Raymond L. Nacarino

**En Español, in Spanish*

+Denotes deceased

SUNDAY MASS READING

**"Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
for you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom"**

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Solomon, realizing that he will succeed his father David as King of Israel and Judah, begs the Lord to give him wisdom and understanding in order to rule his people well. The Lord grants his request saying, "...there will come no one to equal you."

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

As heirs of God and heirs with Christ, we suffer in order to be glorified with Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus speaks again about the "reign of God," telling the parables of the buried treasure and the merchant's search for pearls. In each parable, Jesus emphasizes that the "reign of God" is more precious and valuable than any treasure.

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Monday

Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday

Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

Jer 15:10, 16-21; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday

Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53

Friday

Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58

First Saturday

Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12



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 Minarovich Family

R/o Family

Pray for the Sick

Ralph Lombardi

Richard Wisniewski

Robert Paulishak

George Riehman, Jr.

Jennifer Rose

Robert Valance

Thomas McGrath

Irene Sixt

Annmarie Bizub

Joseph Carter

Jane Chiesa

Joan Chopay

Elizabeth Anne Dwyer

Randy Fisher

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Antonia LaCorte

Steve & Geri Max

Jack McElhinney

Allsya Miller

Francis M. Mishak, Sr.

JULY IS DEDICATED TO THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST

A SALESIAN REFLECTION ON THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

BY AN OBLATE OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Today's first reading gives us the origin of Solomon's great wisdom: it comes from God as a gift in answer to Solomon's humble prayer. God is pleased that his prayer is selfless - and he gives him far more than he requested.

This seems to be God's habit with the humble.

In the Gospel, Jesus is encouraging us to ask for this gift of wisdom so that we will be able to discern what is important when it comes to choosing how we will live as a member of the kingdom. Like the man who finds a treasure or the merchant who finds a valuable pearl, we must be willing to surrender all to be a part of the reign of God.

Our willingness to surrender our all will be based on the depth of our belief that "God makes all things work together for the good of those who love him." God has called us to become the image of Jesus and has already made this possible through His Son's sacrificial death for us. Our final destiny is glorious because God has already made it so for us. Even now we have some taste of that glory in the midst of the trials and sufferings that are also a part of our calling.

As the Gospel reminds us, the reign of God is in process. The dragnet collects all kinds of things. We want to be found among the "worthwhile things" and not among the "useless" which will be thrown away.

Those who are learning as the reign of God unfolds must ask for the gift of wisdom, as Solomon did. Then we will have the insight needed to keep surrendering all as we continue toward the glory that God has prepared for us who are open to being transformed in the image of His Son.

Let us seek the gift of an understanding heart and use it well in all we say and do.

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WORD OF LIFE

"Assisted suicide proponents are pursuing an aggressive nationwide campaign to advance their agenda through legislation, ballot measures, litigation, and public advertising, targeting states they see as most susceptible to their message. Some polls indicate that the public is receptive to the general concept of assisted suicide. But the same polls show that when the public learns about the dangers of assisted suicide, especially for those who are poor, elderly, disabled, or without access to good medical care, their views shift against the practice."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Top Reasons to Oppose Assisted Suicide"

LEARN MORE HERE:

<https://www.respectlife.org/reasons-against-assisted-suicide>



"Cast yourself into the arms of God and be very sure that if He wants anything of you, He will fit you for the work and give you strength."

~Saint Philip Neri

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE:

August 2, 9am; Aug 9, 9am;

Aug 22, 4pm. Email Nora at

parishoffice@sjraritan.org or call the office x2

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

19-Jul-26	Collection	Online G	Total
Offertory	\$ 3,753.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 4,113.00
Diocesan & non-Diocesan Collections			
Disaster relief (earthquakes)	\$ 909.00		\$909.00

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 <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/sjraritan>



Upcoming 2nd Diocesan/non Diocesan Collections:

- Aug 15-16: Mission Co-operative to benefit the Institute of the Incarnate Word iveamerica.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sun.** Aug 16 Visit from IVE Missionary Fr. Jesus Mendez for the Annual Mission Cooperative Appeal. He will speak at every Mass

FAITH FORMATION

St. Ann Faith Formation Program is open to all registered parishioners for children in Grades one through eight. Families wishing to register for Children's Faith Formation classes must be registered parishioners of St. Ann Church or St. Joseph's Church. If you need assistance with parish registration, you may contact the Parish Office at 908- 725-1008. Registration forms are in the church vestibule.

"Magnificent Humanity: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence"

Thursdays, Sept. 10 – Dec. 10, 2026, 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway

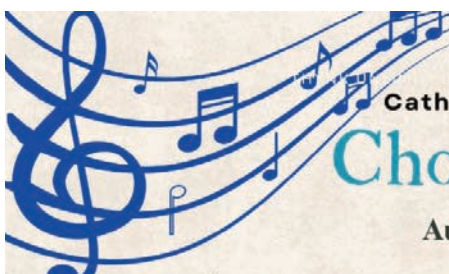
This fall, Fr. Glenn Comandini will walk adult faith formation students through Pope Leo's first encyclical -- which examines how digitalization, AI and robotics challenge humanity. The Holy Father proposes a path which safeguards human dignity and the common good.

Registration will open soon!

St. Ann Day of Giving – July 26 On July 26, St. Ann Classical Academy will celebrate its annual St. Ann Day of Giving and launch the 2026–2027 Tuition Angels Campaign. Last year, more than \$30,000 was raised through Tuition Angels, helping nine students receive a Catholic classical education at St. Ann who otherwise would not have been able to attend. We are grateful to the generous donors who partnered with us this past year through their financial gifts, putting a St. Ann education within reach for these students. As we look ahead to this upcoming day, we invite you to prayerfully consider supporting this important mission. To learn more or make a gift, visit stannclassical.org/tuitionangels. Thank you for your consideration and your support. May God bless you.

PRAYER 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.



Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi

Choir Camp 2026

August 10 - 14 & August 16

Our 4th Annual Summer Choir Camp is for all high school & rising 3rd - 8th grade students. Students from any parish within or outside of the Diocese are welcome to attend!

Students will participate in music theory classes, work on composer projects and sing for the Cathedrals daily 12:10 p.m. Mass.

There will be fun outdoor activities, games & snacks.

Times: Mon-Thurs 9am – 2:30pm; Friday 9am – 1:30pm
Tuition: \$250 per chorister
Food: All chorister are required to bring a bag lunch (including drink) Monday through Thursday.



Use the QR code to register or go to our website for more information.

FAMILY PICNIC





Saturday August 22nd, 2026
Noon – 6 PM
Rain or Shine
Eagles Aerie
350 Woodside Lane, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

The Ancient Order of Hibernians and Knights of Columbus

invite all Catholic families to a picnic to be held on **Saturday, August 22nd**, from **12 noon to 6 PM** at the **Eagles Aerie Bridgewater picnic grounds 360 Woodside Lane, Bridgewater NJ 08807.**

If interested, please contact Neil Mahoney at neilmahoneynyc@yahoo.com or call/text him at **908-672-3686.**



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with Prizes

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Ticket price includes hamburgers, wine, veggie burgers, hot dogs, sausage with peppers and onions, baked beans, potato salad, corn-on-the cob, watermelon, Irish and domestic beer, soda and water.

Cost:

1 adult \$35/40 after August 8th
 1 child 4-17 \$7/\$10 after August 8th

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**Domingo,
16 de agosto**

después de la
Sta. Misa de 12pm



Parroquia San Jose

16 E Somerset St.
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EVENTO GRATIS



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Horario

1:35 – 2:00 p.m.

Primera plática –
“¿Por qué nuestro corazón
no encuentra paz?”

- Las inquietudes del mundo.
- Ansiedad y desesperanza.
- ¿Dónde buscamos la felicidad?

2:00 – 2:25 p.m.

**Receso/Dinamica en grupos
pequeño o descanso**

- Preguntas para reflexionar.
- Compartir experiencias.

2:25 – 3:25 p.m.

Segunda plática –
“Un misionero en Egipto:
la paz de un corazón
entregado a Dios.”

- Testimonio.
- Espiritualidad mariana.
- La misión.
- San Ignacio y alimentar el alma.

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LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO

DÉCIMOSÉPTIMO DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Primera Lectura: 1 Reyes 3:5, 7-12

Salomón, dándose cuenta de que sucedería a su padre David como Rey de Israel y Judea, ruega al Señor que le de sabiduría y entendimiento para regir bien a su pueblo. El Señor le concede su deseo diciendo: “... yo te concedo sabiduría e inteligencia como nadie las ha tenido...”

Segunda Lectura: Romanos 8:28-30

Como herederos de Dios y de Cristo, sufrimos para poder ser glorificados con Cristo.

Evangelio: San Mateo 13:44-52

Jesús habla nuevamente del “reino de Dios”, diciendo parábolas del tesoro enterrado y del mercader que buscaba perlas. En cada parábola, Jesús enfatiza que el “reino de Dios” es más precioso y valioso que cualquier tesoro.

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Santa Misa



Virgen de los Ángeles, Patrona de Costa Rica
Domingo, 2 de agosto de 2026
3:00 pm

Parroquia San José de Raritan, NJ
Todos están invitados

Parroquia Santa Ana, Raritan
 45 Anderson St. Raritan, NJ

EDUCACION RELIGIOSA

INSCRIPCIONES ABIERTAS

- A. Programa Sacramental**
 Grados 1, 2, 7 y 8
 Clases los domingos de 9 a 10:15 am
- B. Programa de perseverancia**
 Grados 3, 4, 5, 6
 Clases los lunes de 6 a 7:15 pm

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antes del
10 de Agosto

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INFORMACIÓN Y REGISTRO:

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O escanea el
 código QR



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CURSO INTRODUCCIÓN A LAS SAGRADAS ESCRITURAS

Del 20 de Agosto al
 1 de Octubre de 2026

Los jueves de 7:00 pm a 9:00 pm,
 Costo: \$35 por persona
 Centro Pastoral St John Neumann
 146 Metlars Ln, Piscataway



Para registrarte
 Escanea el Código QR
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