

# 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**  
908 725-0163 • parishoffice@sjraritan.org • www.sjraritan.org  
Fr. Kevin Email..... padrekevin2024@gmail.com

***Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 30, 2026***



## HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

### INTENCIONES DE LA SANTA MISA

#### Saturday, August 29

**4:00 pm** Intentions of Isabel Silva  
in honor of the Holy Face of Jesus  
Priest remembered today: Rev. Matthew R. Paratore

#### Sunday, Aug 30, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**7:30 am\*** +Michael Ippoliti y por la Salud de Benito Rojas  
Priest remembered today: Rev. Geraldo Paderon

**9 am** **Pro-Populo (For the people)**  
Priest remembered today: Rev. Ronald Vega Pastrana

**12 pm\*** +Michael Ippoliti y por la Salud de Benito Rojas  
Priest remembered today: Rev. Alvaro Palacios Arregui, MIC

#### Thursday, Sept. 3

**11 am** Funeral Mass of parishioner Paula Galida

#### First Saturday, Sept. 5

**4:00 pm** **Pro-Populo (For the people)**  
Priest remembered today: Rev. Jason Pavich

#### Sunday, Sept. 6, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**7:30 am\*** (La intención se anunciará en la Misa)  
Priest remembered today: Rev. David J. Pekola

**9 am** For the intentions of Domingo Sagum,  
in thanksgiving for his recovery  
Priest remembered today: Rev. Van Ai (Peter) Phan

**12 pm\*** +Elvin Ivan Colon  
Priest remembered today: Rev. Robert Pinnisi

\*En Español, in Spanish

+Denotes deceased

## SUNDAY MASS READING

#### **First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9**

In this particularly poetic passage, Jeremiah complains that while teaching the Lord's word, he is subjected to insults and derision. He determines to remain silent, but he cannot because the desire to speak the Lord's name is "like a fire burning in my heart."

#### **Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2**

Paul tells the Christians to make sacrifices to avoid the trappings of the times, and to do God's will.

#### **Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27**

Jesus tries to make his disciples realize that by following him, they will endure suffering, degradation, and death. He tells them that they must deny themselves and take up the cross in order to be his disciples.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### LECTURAS PARA LA STA. MISA ESTA SEMANA

#### **Monday**

1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30

#### **Tuesday**

1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37

#### **Wednesday**

1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44

#### **Thursday**

1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11

#### **First Friday**

1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39

#### **First Saturday**

1 Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5



## CANDLE INTENTIONS

#### **Sanctuary:**

For the repose of the soul of Paula Galida

#### **Blessed Virgin Mary:**

#### **St. Joseph:**

#### **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  
Camille Krachun  
Annmarie Bizub  
Joseph Carter  
Jane Chiesa  
Joan Chopay

Elizabeth Anne Dwyer  
Randy Fisher  
Tony & Sandy Franchino  
Arthur & Maryann Gosenski  
Mary Grande  
Donna Kelly  
Roseanne Kielar  
Antonia LaCorte  
Steve & Geri Max  
Jack McElhinney  
Allsya Miller

## A SALESIAN REFLECTION ON THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

BY AN OBLATE OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES



We have just heard a very traumatic exchange between Peter and Jesus. I have always found it hard to listen to - and yet it points out very dramatically that suffering cannot be avoided by anyone who would follow Jesus.

Jesus reminds us that God's ways are not our ways - a reminder that we need to hear frequently. Jesus also encourages us to conform our ways to God's.

Jeremiah puts the struggles of a disciple in very emotional terms. He had accepted the role of prophet, but the words of violence and outrage that God had put in his mouth are not happy words. They have brought him pain and suffering and opposition. He feels that God has tricked him - and he knows that he let himself be tricked. Now, even when he tells himself that he isn't going to speak up anymore, the word of the Lord is like a fire burning in his heart, and he gets very weary trying to hold it in.

He has found that obeying God's call to be a prophet is no longer a matter of choice for him, even if it brings him pain. His pain is real, yet it's easier for him to endure his pain than it is to struggle to resist his summons to speak on God's behalf. His emotional outburst offers us great insight into true discipleship. Faith and fervor and the ensuing suffering are made very clear for us.

St. Paul approaches the suffering and sacrifice of a disciple from another point of view. Paul envisions the struggles as a battle between our inclinations and our inspirations. He pleads with us to see things more clearly (to judge what is God's will) - and to depend on our better insights to guide our behavior. Our struggle to do this every day is part of living as a disciple.

The daily sacrifices involved in conforming our ways to God's are the great means we have of taking up our cross daily and following in Jesus' footsteps.

At the end of today's gospel passage, Jesus reminds us that there is a reward for our willingness to conform our ways to God's. We have a sharing in his Father's glory. Taking the time each day to keep in touch with the desire for God burning in our hearts

can help us to continue our struggle even when we may feel that we have been tricked by the Lord. Whenever we make the choice to lose our life for the sake of God, then we will find the only life that means anything - life with Jesus.

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**BAKE SALE ON**  
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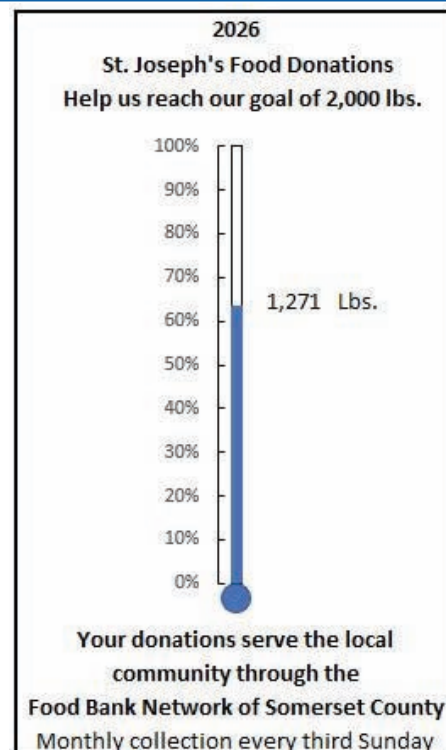
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 OR TO OFFER BAKED GOODS**

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 908-707-1507 | [sssteinme05@yahoo.com](mailto:sssteinme05@yahoo.com)

**Fundraiser to benefit St. Joseph Church**



**NJ RIGHT TO LIFE CAR RAFFLE TICKETS WILL  
 BE ON SALE AFTER MASS THROUGH THE  
 MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**



## † The Faithful Departed † *Paula Galida (Apr. 18, 1953-Aug. 28, 2026)*

**Funeral Mass Thurs., Sept. 3, 2026, 11:00 AM**  
St. Joseph's Church, Raritan, NJ

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

**Please pray for the repose of her soul.**

### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

| 23-Aug-26                                      | Collection  | Online G  | Total              |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|--------------------|
| <b>Offertory</b>                               | \$ 3,586.00 | \$ 720.00 | <b>\$ 4,306.00</b> |
| <b>Diocesan &amp; non-Diocesan Collections</b> |             |           |                    |
| <b>Mission Co-op (Res)</b>                     | \$8.00      | \$ 5.00   | \$13.00            |

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 [sjraritytan.org](http://sjraritytan.org) Next 2nd Diocesan/non Diocesan Collection: Oct 10 World Mission Sunday



### **O.C.I A., the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults IN NEED OF SACRAMENTS OR DESIRING TO BECOME CATHOLIC?**

We will be holding an OCIA inquiry meeting for all **late TEENS AND ADULTS** who are interested in receiving or completing the Sacraments of Initiation. Are you a baptized Catholic that was never catechized to receive Eucharist and Confirmation? Are you baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination and wish to explore the Catholic faith? Are you unbaptized and have an interest to become Catholic? This initial meeting is to familiarize you with the OCIA process and provide you with an opportunity to ask questions and get clarification about your steps forward. Come on **Sunday, August 30, at 9 am** in the basement of St. Ann's Church. and meet with Fr. Tom and Sr. Lorraine who will be there to answer your questions. [srlorraine@raritanoratory.org](mailto:srlorraine@raritanoratory.org)



### **OVERNIGHT ADORATION AT THE SHRINE September 4—5**

**Our Eucharistic Lord should never be left alone.** Thank you for your commitment to keeping Our Lord company while He is exposed. **SIGN UP HERE:** <https://shrinechapeloftheblessed.flocknote.com/signup/268533>

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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- **After Mass in Sept:** NJ Right to life CAR RAFFLE tickets for sale (Volvo SUV)
- **Sun. Sept 13:** Hispanic Heritage Festival
- **Sun. Sept 23, 10am:** Healing Mass (in English)
- **Oct 3-4:** St. Joseph Bake Sale Fundraiser
- **Oct 10-11:** Knights of Columbus Coat Drive

### 2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal (as of 8/21/2026)

#### Summary Information

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Goal:                     | \$25,000.00 |
| Total Pledged & Received: | \$28,725.00 |
| Recurring Gift:           | \$0.00      |
| Recurring Received:       | \$0.00      |
|                           | \$26,075.00 |
| Amount Received:          | \$3,725.00  |
| Over/(Under) Goal:        |             |
| Percent of Goal Pledged:  | 114.90%     |
| Percent of Goal Received: | 104.30%     |
| Average Gift Amount:      | \$308.87    |





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**2026**

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Friday evening session – virtual via Zoom from your home or hotel.

Saturday & Sunday – commute to St. Joseph from your home or hotel.

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**SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, SEPT. 25, 2026**



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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 2026

DROP-OFF: 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM

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Visit [clothingdrive.net](http://clothingdrive.net) for more information. **Questions?** Contact [has@stannparish.com](mailto:has@stannparish.com)

## LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO

## VIGÉSIMOSEGUNDO DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO

**Primera Lectura: Jeremías 20:7-9**

En este pasaje particularmente poético, Jeremías se queja de que al enseñar las palabras de Dios, es sometido a insultos y burla. Está determinado a mantenerse en silencio, pero no puede ya que su deseo de hablar el nombre del Señor “se convierte en un fuego que me devora.”

**Segunda Lectura: Romanos 12:1-2**

Pablo le dice a los cristianos que hagan sacrificios para evitar tentaciones, y también les dice que hagan lo que Dios desea.

**Evangelio: San Mateo 16:21-27**

Jesús trata de que sus discípulos se den cuenta de que al seguirlo, ellos soportarán el sufrimiento, degradación y muerte. Les dice que ellos deben negarse a sí mismos y llevar la cruz para ser sus discípulos.”

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### Reflexión salesiana para el Vigésimosegundo domingo en el Tiempo Ordinario

#### Una reflexión salesiana sobre el Evangelio dominical por un Oblato de San Francisco de Sales

En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús nos reta a perder nuestra vida para poder encontrarla. San Francisco de Sales nos habla de perder nuestra vida para poder encontrarla en Cristo, por medio de un cambio de corazón.

Perder nuestra vida en este sentido significa deshacernos de todos nuestros amores malsanos y egoístas. Esto probablemente nos hará sufrir. Pero no debemos dejar que nuestras imperfecciones nos perturben, porque la santidad consiste en librarnos de ellas. ¿Cómo podemos dejarlas a un lado a menos que nos percatemos de ellas y las superemos? La victoria sobre nuestros defectos consiste en ser conscientes de ellos, y en no consentirlos. Mientras estemos vivos seguiremos siendo susceptibles a la conmoción que produce la ira, y el afecto. Estas emociones del corazón no deben sorprendernos, ya que son inclinaciones naturales y espontáneas. No son estas las emociones que queremos arrancar de raíz. ¡La santidad no consiste en no sentir nada! Lo que si debemos desarraigar, son los actos que se desprenden como consecuencia de

dichas emociones. Un ejemplo son esos rumores que voluntariamente alimentamos en nuestros corazones por varios días, y que lo único que logran es hacer que desperdiciemos nuestra energía.

En la medida en que nuestro adorado Jesús se encuentre presente en sus corazones, todo su ser se alejara de una cultura que con mucha frecuencia los ha engañado. Una vez hayan muerto en lo que respecta a su vida pasada, encontrarán una nueva vida en Cristo. Las estrellas no dejan de brillar en presencia del sol; lo que sucede es que la luz solar es tan brillante que las oculta. Del mismo modo, nosotros ya no estamos solos cuando vivimos en Jesús, ya que nuestra vida está oculta en Cristo con Dios.

La persona que se gane nuestros corazones, nos ha ganado completamente. Aun cuando nuestro corazón es la fuente de nuestras acciones, este necesita nuestras instrucciones para saber cómo proceder. Si ustedes viven a Jesús en sus corazones, no pasara mucho tiempo antes de que comiencen a exteriorizar esta vivencia en todo lo que hacen. Dediquen y consagren su corazón, su alma y su voluntad a Dios, como si los tuvieran en sus manos. Poco a poco, a medida que vayamos cambiando la orientación de nuestro corazón, encontraremos nuestra verdadera existencia en Jesús viviente. Nosotros aprendemos a amar lo que Dios ama. Cuando eso suceda, tal y como hiciera Maria, podremos decir, “¡Todo mi ser proclama la grandeza del Señor!”

(Adaptación de los escritos de San Francisco de Sales)

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**DE LA HERENCIA HISPANA**

*18 de Septiembre*

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