

December 5, 2021

“PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD,
MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS.”

LUKE 3:4

“PREPAREN EL CAMINO DEL SEÑOR,
ENDERECEN SUS SENDEROS.”

SAN LUCAS 3:4



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MASS TIMES

Daily: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM, Sat. 8:00 AM
(English); Mon.-Fri. 7:00 PM (Spanish)
Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM (English),
7:00 PM (Spanish)

Sunday: 8:00 AM, (English),
12:00 PM (Spanish),
6:00 PM (Bilingual)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 – 4:30 PM

Other times by appointment.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Infant/Child Baptism: Baptism is our
incorporation into the Body of Christ
and the foundation of our sacramental
life. Contact Ana Valencia at the parish
center to begin the process of
instruction and celebration.

**Children's Penance/Eucharist/
Confirmation:** Preparation for these
sacraments of initiation are handled
within our Faith Formation program.
For questions, contact Ana Valencia.

Adult Initiation: The Rite of Christian
Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the
path for those seeking to learn more
and perhaps ask for full initiation
into the Catholic church.

A related process is available for
those adults who only need to receive
the Sacrament of Confirmation. For
initial questions, contact any clergy
person of the parish.

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Congratulations and blessings on your
engagement. Every couple has unique
gifts and needs, and our clergy will
walk and work with you to meet our
own time-tested standards to get you
to the altar and beyond. Contact
anyone on the pastoral team.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Freely offered to those who are sick,
facing surgery, those with chronic
mental or emotional illness, and those
of advanced age. In the COVID-19 era,
there are certain conditions that
prevent clergy from home visits and
hospitals, but contact the parish if you
would like the sacrament and we can
determine if we can celebrate it safely.

HOLY ORDERS

If you are sensing God's call to
service as a priest or deacon in the
church, contact our pastor and/or
any parish team member you feel
can best serve you.

Similarly, even though there are no
sacraments associated with the
religious life, monastic life, lay
ministry or faith-based humanitarian
service, please contact us if we can
help you in your discernment.

DEVOTIONS

**First Friday Mass in Time of
Pandemic:** Every First Friday of the
Month, we offer a bilingual "Mass in
Time of Pandemic" at 7:00 PM.

*Next Mass in Time of Pandemic:
Friday, Jan. 7 at 7:00 PM*

**First and Last Friday Eucharistic
Adoration:** Every First Friday
morning of the month, Adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament will run from
9:00 AM - Noon. For every Last Friday
of the month, an evening Adoration
is offered from 5-7 PM.

*Next Opportunities: Jan 7 (AM),
Jan. 28 (PM).*

Monthly St. Sharbel Healing Mass:
Every 22nd of the month, a bilingual
healing Mass will be offered, focusing
on the intercession of St. Sharbel, the
hermit of Lebanon, who is the subject
of increasing devotion throughout
the world for his intercessory
popularity with healing.

*Next St. Sharbel Healing Mass:
Mon. Jan. 24 at 7:00 PM. (When the
22nd falls on a weekend, the Mass is
moved to the following Monday.*

Marian Devotion: first Friday
Angelus, 12:00 noon, at the
conclusion of Benediction of the
Blessed Sacrament. *Next Angelus:
Jan. 7 at 12:00 noon.*

HOLY SAVIOR ACADEMY

The Middlebrook Deanery Catholic School
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 5, 2021

MASSSES/PENANCE FOR THE WEEK

ALL MASSES IN THE CHURCH

Monday, December 6, 2021

8:30 AM Felix Reid, Jr., request of Felix and Eileen Reid
6:00 PM Contemplative Prayer
6:30 PM ^s Vespers
7:00 PM ^s Spanish Mass

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

8:30 AM Those who are ill in our parish
6:00 PM Contemplative Prayer
6:30 PM ^s Vespers
7:00 PM ^s Spanish Mass

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

8:30 AM John Bednar
12:00 PM ^B Bilingual Mass
6:00 PM Contemplative Prayer
6:30 PM ^s Vespers
7:00 PM ^s Spanish Mass



Thursday, December 9, 2021

8:30 AM Peace on Earth
6:00 PM Contemplative Prayer
6:30 PM ^s Vespers
7:00 PM ^s Birthday of Luz Helena Escobar, request of Julian Mahecha

Friday, December 10, 2021

8:30 AM Souls in Purgatory
6:00 PM Contemplative Prayer
6:30 PM ^s Vespers
7:00 PM ^s Respect for the Dignity of Human Life

Saturday, December 11, 2021

8:00 AM Rowena Sydor, request of family
4:00 PM Penance
5:00 PM Deceased members of the Betsko and Martino families, request of family
7:00 PM ^s In thanksgiving for Our Lady of Guadalupe

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

11:00 PM Opening Mass

Sunday, December 12, 2021

2:00 AM Closing Mass
8:00 AM Victoria Dudis, request of Dudis family
12:00 PM ^s In thanksgiving for Mary, the Holy Mother of God
6:00 PM ^B Parishioners of St. Joseph

^s = Spanish Mass ^B = Bilingual Mass

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

DECEMBER 6 - 12, 2021

Monday: Is 35:1-10 | Lk 5: 17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11 | Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Immaculate Conception:
Gn 3:9-15, 20 | Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 | Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Is 41:13-20 | Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48: 17-19 | Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48: 1-4, 9-11 | Mt 17: 9a, 10-13

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a | Phil 4:4-7 | Lk 3:10-18

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 PM (English) and 7:00 PM (Spanish)

Sunday: 8:00 AM (English), 12:00 PM (Spanish),
6:00 PM (Bilingual).

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED INDEFINITELY

The Parish Office will continue to remain closed to the public at least until the defeat of the Delta variant. Staff can be reached by phone or email.

NEW: The Church Community Room opens each Tuesday evening 6:30-8:30 PM for pastoral services with one or two staff members present.

LIVE-STREAM MASS AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

The English 8:00 AM and the Spanish 12:00 PM Masses are being live streamed on YouTube. Simply log onto our website. The best way to access the Mass is use the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiyEO3bu2KX2rb7RXiDulmg/live>. Thank you to Julian Mahecha and Luz Helena Escobar for providing this service.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value (Philippians 1:9-10)
During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them, learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

PARISH GIVING

St. Joseph Parish offers *Parish Giving*, an online option for donating to the Sunday collection. It's simple. Go to the St. Joseph Parish website dreamsofstjoseph.org and click on the Parish Giving Logo. For one-time gifts, click on the PayPal logo on the website.

PARISH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION OF OUR HOLY FATHER Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

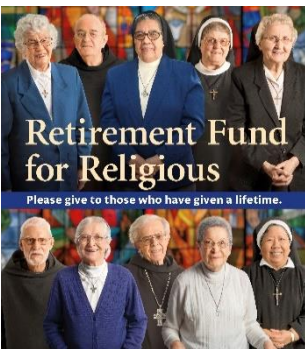
YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH CONTINUES

As the year of St. Joseph continues at the parish, we have these additions:

- 1) Continuing until next May, at the end of the Universal Prayer at each Sunday Mass for the duration of the year, we will pray the prayer to St. Joseph that concludes Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*. Cards are now available.
Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.
- 2) When there is no liturgical event taking precedence, we will pray the Votive Mass for St. Joseph on Fridays for the rest of the Year of St. Joseph.
- 3) Our Contemplative theme for December is "Light and Darkness" and our Action theme is "Next Level Youth Ministry."
- 4) **NEW: Starting December 29, we will begin a weekly process of Consecration to St. Joseph, being developed by our parish Pastoral Council. More details shortly.**

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Give in gratitude. A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes "I will remember the lessons the



sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.

WHAT DO THEY DO EACH NIGHT AT 6PM?

If you are interested in joining our 6PM Contemplative Practice sessions, but have no idea what's involved, parish team members will give the following very short Tuesday tutorials from 5:45 PM to 6PM:

Tuesday, November 16: Centering Prayer

Tuesday, November 23: Lectio Divina

STEWARDSHIP

November 21 Weekend Masses	\$
November 28 weekend Masses	\$
Weekday Masses (2 weeks)	\$
Online Giving (2 weeks)	\$
Total.....	\$

Diocesan Collection

Works of Mercy Campaign	\$ 1,637.00
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BOUND BROOK COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Help Reduce Food Insecurity in our Community

The Bound Brook Presbyterian Church (BBPC) is serving as the interim host for a community food pantry previously operated by the Bound Brook School District at the LaMonte School. This pantry will eventually move to the Methodist Church on Union Avenue, once flooding-associated repairs are completed. During the interim period, the pantry will be held in the PFC gym every Sunday from 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM. You can help by volunteering to work at the market. Ten volunteers are needed from 12:15 PM - 3:15 PM. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0445aaa829a6f58-bound>.

The offering of food and personal care items at the market is primarily supported via the cooperative efforts of the Branchburg Rotary, The Giving Garden and local houses of worship. These items are gleaned from Costco every Saturday and Sunday. Donations are welcome. Suggestions include:

- Cereal and oatmeal granola bars • small bags chips/ pretzels
- pancake mix/syrup • rice (<5 lb. bags) • beans (preferably black) • cookies/crackers • fruit cups • flour/sugar • peanut butter and jelly • Spaghetti O's • ramen noodles • baby food/wipes • toilet paper • towels/napkins • canned tuna/ chicken • coffee/tea • soap • laundry detergent • mayo/ ketchup/mustard • salad dressing • baking items/mixers
- dish soap/ sponges • household cleaning products
- shampoo/ conditioner • toothbrushes/toothpaste • cooking oil/ vinegar • other hygiene products

Donations will be accepted at BBPC, 409 Mountain Avenue, Bound Brook on weekdays from 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM and 2:00-4:00 PM and on Sundays before and after BBPC services. Questions, call BBPC at (732) 356-3575 or contact D'Maris Dempsey at joedm88@msn.com.

2022 COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Beginning 2022, your weekly collection envelopes will be mailed to your home every two months. As such, it is important that the church has your current mailing address on file. If you recently moved, please email MaryEllen.Kirchman@sjcbb.net or Martha.Rovitto@sjcbb.net with your current address.

PARISH PRIORITIES

JESSE TREE

As part of our preparation for Christmas and as a parish family, this year we will again have the annual Jesse Tree. The tree will be in the Narthex of the Church. This year, we will be helping those who were affected by tropical storm Ida. Tree tags contain a gift suggestion (please, new items only). All gifts should be returned back to the Jesse Tree during the weekend of December 18/19 with the Jesse Tree tag taped to the item so it can be distributed to families in need. Please do not wrap the gift, since it will have to be reopened for distribution. Monetary donations are also welcome. If you know of families in need, please notify the parish office. Thanks to all those who participate.



THE ADVENT OF FAMILY FAITH FORMATION MONDAY, DECEMBER 6 AT 7:30 PM

The Family Faith Formation Program presents: "The Advent of Family Faith Formation," a presentation of St. Joseph's NEW faith formation model for families. New Registrations welcome.

- Meet and Greet • Q&A • Hot cocoa and cookies

New Model - Children's Faith Formation will be switching to a Family Faith Formation model this upcoming year, *integrating the whole family into faith formation, not just children*. The new model will be an all-year, continuous model, no longer tied to "the school year." We are looking forward to empowering parents and families, making faith formation more relational, integrating it more with parish life, responding better to continuing pandemic restrictions and ending the notion of faith formation as simply another class to gain information. Classes are expected to start in person January 2022. The theme for our Inaugural 2022 Faith Formation Year: PRAYER. For more information about our program and to register visit: www.dreamsofstjoseph.org > Faith Formation > Children's Faith Formation.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA If you or someone you know would like to hear more about Jesus and His church, we invite you to join us at an Inquiry Session. If you wish to be baptized into the Catholic Faith, you are already baptized and wish to receive the other Sacraments of Initiation, or you come to us from another faith wishing to become a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church, then we invite you to join RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). For more information about sessions in English, please contact Deacon Gary Newton at Deacon.Gary@sjcbb.net or for sessions in Spanish, please contact Deacon Edgar Chaves at Deacon.Edgar@sjcbb.net.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8 - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Masses will be celebrated at 8:30 AM in English, 12:00 noon bilingual, and 7 PM in Spanish

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11 INTO SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

Our celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe will feature two Masses outside of our regular weekend schedule. A Mass at 11 PM on December 11th will open our evening program, followed by *mañanitas* to Our Lady with a mariachi band. We will close the evening part of the celebration with a Mass at 2 AM on December 12th. (Please visit our website at www.dreamsofstjoseph.org to see a detailed list of festivities.)



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 19, 2021

4 PM Christmas Concert

Friday, December 24, 2021 - Christmas Eve

2 PM COVID precautions Mass (English)
Everyone attending this Mass will be required to wear a mask and social distance. Attendance will satisfy the Christmas obligation.

5 PM Christmas Vigil (English)

7 PM Christmas Vigil (Spanish)

12 AM Midnight Mass (bilingual)

Saturday, December 25

Nativity of the Lord

8 AM Christmas Mass (English)

12 PM Christmas Mass (Spanish)

No evening masses.

Sunday, December 26, 2021

4 PM Family Rosary Concert

Friday, December 31 - New Year's Eve

3 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

5 PM Solemnity of Mary Vigil (English)

7 PM Solemnity of Mary Vigil (Spanish)

Saturday, January 1, 2022

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

12 PM bilingual

5 PM Solemnity of Mary Mass (English)

7 PM Solemnity of Mary Mass (Spanish)



