

Second Sunday of Advent~ December 6, 2015

Church of Saint Joseph

6 New Street, Mendham, New Jersey 07945 ~ www.stjoesmendham.org

The Celebration of The Eucharist

Mass Intentions ~

Monday, December 7th

6:30 a.m. For the People
9:00 a.m. Larry Garris
7:30 p.m. Joe Condon

Tuesday, December 8th

6:30 a.m. Marilyn Hallowell
9:00 a.m. Concetta Cassata

Wednesday, December 9th

6:30 a.m. Celine Mancini
9:00 a.m. Jean McCarthy

Thursday, December 10th

6:30 a.m. Dr. Martin Samokar
9:00 a.m. Salvatore Foresta

Friday, December 11th

6:30 a.m. Mark Porada
9:00 a.m. Jack Tolpa

Saturday, December 12th

8:00 a.m. Frank Rainaldi
5:00 p.m. Gregory Fullam

Sunday, December 13th

7:30 a.m. Eugene Quaglia
9:00 a.m. Margaret & Vincent
Gilligan
10:30 a.m. Peter Cavalero
12 Noon Maureen Dill Carr

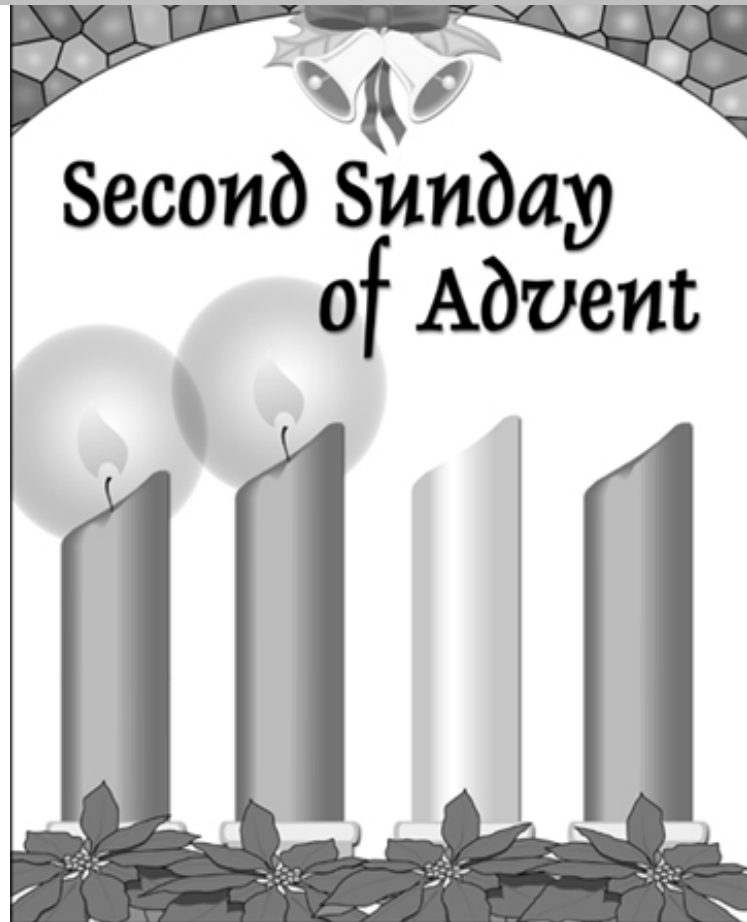
Reconciliation:

Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Baptisms:

First & Third Sundays of the Month

**TRY TO
DISCERN
THE WILL OF GOD**



FOCUS: Are we prepared to carry out the will of God?
Advent is a season of patient waiting, preparation and action. John the Baptist spent time in the desert in preparation for his mission. When called upon to *proclaim a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins*, he was ready to carry out the will of God. Are we ready to do this as well?

Readings for Next Weekend

First Reading:

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Second Reading:

Philippians 4:4-7

Third Reading:

Luke 3:10-18

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Monday ~ Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon
1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

www.stjoesmendham.org

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Parish Mission Statement

*To Enable Parishioners to Live Their
Christian Vocation in the World.*



If you are going into the hospital and would like a priest to visit you there, please call the Parish House at 973~ 543~5950 to inform the priest.



We welcome
**Gary & Patricia Stegeland
And the Walsh Family**
who recently joined our parish.



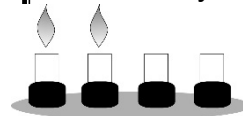
Sunday Offering

November 22, 2015: \$ 10,451

November 29, 2015: \$ 10,629

Thank you for your generous spirit!

Fr. Joe



Aging religious need your help. In the United States today, there are more than 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. These religious worked tirelessly in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies, usually for little to no pay. As a result, many religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

We will have a **Blessing for Expectant Parents** at all Masses next weekend.



Spiritual Enrichment

Bible Study with Father David meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the East Room. If you have questions, please call Fr. David.

The Men's Discussion Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month, from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the East Room. This forum provides presentations and open discussions on a variety of topics to promote a deeper understanding of our

Catholic faith. Please call Bob Manthey at 973-543-2129 for details.

Next meeting date: December 19

Worship



The Rosary is prayed weekdays at 8:30 a.m. in the chapel.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Friday, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass (9:30 – 10:30 a.m.) and every first Saturday, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass (8:30 ~ 9:30 a.m.). Saturday's Holy Hour is devoted to Mary, Mother of all the living. We offer our prayers for all those who are suffering and hurting, especially those affected by abuse and abortion. Please consider devoting some time in quiet prayer with our Lord – it's good for the soul! For more information, please contact Fr. David at the Parish House.

Every Monday following 9:00 a.m. Mass, the **Divine Mercy Chaplet and Novena** is prayed for all those who are suffering from cancer and other serious illnesses. Please join us in the chapel. For information, call Father David at the Parish House.



Ministry to Life

Prayer vigils for abortion victims, their parents and doctors are held every Wednesday at Planned Parenthood, 196 Speedwell Ave., Morristown, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Also on Fridays, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Garden State Gynecology, 25 Lyndsley Drive in Morris Township (behind the Westin/Governor Morris hotel). This is a new clinic with ample parking. For more information, please call Colleen Dolan at 973-543-7037.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick



Not a Sacrament for the dying only! Please call the Parish House to inform one of our priests that a family member needs the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick before the person becomes gravely ill. This sacrament may be repeated. It is also appropriate to receive this sacrament prior to

surgery. "If circumstances suggest it, the celebration of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick can be preceded by the Sacrament of Penance." (1140, *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*)



St. Joseph School News

sjsmendham.org

SJS students continue to prepare for Christmas when they gather together tomorrow morning, Monday, December 7, at 7:30 a.m. in the church for **the lighting of the Advent Wreath**.

Also on Monday, students in **Grades 6-8** will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Please join us on Tuesday, December 8, at the 9:00 a.m. Liturgy when the **6th grade** leads us in the celebration of the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**.

The **8th grade** class will be visiting the Sisters of Christian Charity at Mallinckrodt Convent, on Wednesday. During their visit, they will share lunch, conversation, gifts and sing Christmas carols.

On Thursday, December 10, at 1:00 p.m., the **school band** will perform a Christmas concert for parents and students in Kindergarten through 4th grade.

To finish this busy week, **Grade 3** will be attending the 9:00 a.m. Liturgy and Fr. David will be leading the **8th grade** class in their annual retreat.

Please visit us at sjsmendham.org for all of the latest news and events happening at St. Joseph School.

St. Joseph School has some openings for students in the lower grades. We were designated a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 2012, are AdvancED Accredited and a STEM school. For more information, please call 973-543-7474, ext. 7.

St. Joseph School Where Faith, Family and Education Come Together.



Religious Education

www.stjoesmendham.org

To report an absence, please call the Attendance Hot Line PRIOR to class: (973) 543-5950, ext. 19.

Dismissal ~ Please use the back of the school cafeteria door for pick up, entering the campus from New Street only. Remember to display your family last name on your car's windshield.

Sunday, December 6
Hope Group at 8:45 a.m.

Sunday, December 13
Faith Group at 8:45 a.m.

Sunday, December 20
Hope Group at 8:45 a.m.

Monday, December 21
Love Group at 4:00 p.m.
TLC Group at 7:00 p.m.



Confirmation ~ Year 1 & Year II

(Grades 9 & 10)

Sunday, December 6

12 Noon Teen Mass

Confirmation classes will be held later that day at 5:00 p.m.



TEEN NEWS

High School Youth Ministry

Search Peer Retreat ~ All 10th, 11th and 12th graders are invited to participate in our peer-led Search retreat the weekend of December 11-13, at Johnsonburg Retreat Center in Allamuchy. All activities will be run by a leadership team of high school students now in formation. The retreat is a great opportunity to grow in faith and in friendships. Forms with more information can be found on the parish website under "Youth Ministry." Contact Mark Tosso with any questions: tosso@stjoesmendham.org or 973-543-5950 ext. 17.

Appalachia Mission sign-ups begin December 1 ~ Our annual **Appalachia Service Trip** to serve

the working poor in Kentucky will be June 26 through July 2, 2016. If you would like to attend, you must be 16 years of age by the end of summer or be a rising junior or senior. **Applications will be available starting December 1 and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The trip fills up quickly.** For trip packets and more information, please visit St. Joseph's website at www.stjoesmendham.org under "Youth Ministry" or contact Monica Micera at 908-963-4546, monicamicera@aol.com or Mark Tosso at 973-543-5950, tosso@stjoesmendham.org. **Adults interested in joining our 2016 Appalachia trip as a chaperone, please contact Monica Micera or Mark Tosso.**

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Diocese of Paterson

Birth Parents Must Take Action to Preserve Their Privacy ~ For well over a century, the Catholic Church in New Jersey has provided adoption services. Throughout all those years, the Church promised to honor the privacy of birth parents and adoptees. That promise of privacy also was assured by law and affirmed by the State Superior Court. Those promises can no longer be kept. On May 27, 2014, a new law took effect that will allow adoptees and certain relatives to request and obtain the names of their biological parents beginning **January 1, 2017**. Any birth parents who wish to preserve their privacy must submit a **Redaction Request Form** to the New Jersey Department of Health no later than **December 31, 2016**. By filing this form, birth parents will be able to keep their names off any documents provided by the State to adoptees or anyone else. The State made the **Redaction Request Form** public on August 3, 2015. The form can be downloaded at <http://nj.gov/health/forms/reg-36c.pdf>. If you know a person who placed a child in adoption, please tell them that if they do not file a **Redaction Request Form**, their name and other information could be given to the adoptee. Anyone needing assistance can call a HELPLINE at **609-989-4809**.

Parishioners, please note: On our Diocesan website, www.patersondiocese.org, there is the Advance Directive for End of Life Issues available

for printing. This directive has been approved by the Bishops of New Jersey.



Human Concerns

The Human Concerns Ministry and the Youth Group would like to thank everybody who participated in our **annual Thanksgiving Food Drive**. Your generous donations of 129 turkeys, 2 hams, and bags and bags of non-perishable food items filled the Father English Center truck. Please keep the list of suggested food items handy as you shop throughout the year. Now more than ever food pantry donations are always needed and appreciated. *Kevin & Emily Wood*

Please note: Due to ongoing construction in the Christopher House, **St. Joseph Church will not be collecting clothing donations until further notice.** We will continue to collect nonperishable food items. If you have other items to donate to the Father English Center, please call Adi Conover at 973~543~0248.

Please continue to help stock the shelves at Bob and Carol's Food Pantry at the Father English Center in Paterson. The pantry is in serious need of the following items: rice, canned soups, canned beans, pasta, and pasta sauces. Place your donations in the bin at the west entrance. If you have any questions regarding this request, please call Emily Wood, 973-543-3445. Thank you!

The Christmas Giving Tree ~ "A favor... Walk together... Take care...." ~ We are in our second week of sharing to make the Christmas celebration for our brothers and sisters a bit brighter. And, your participation thus far has been GREAT! Tags are always being replenished; if you have not yet taken one, please stop by the narthex or west entrance today on your way out of church, or come in during the week. Need more info? Look for the green sheets in the narthex, chapel and west entrance, or call Ursula at 973-543-0858. The last weekend for the **Giving Tree** is next Saturday, December 12, and Sunday, December 13 - All gifts/gift cards, unwrapped with tag attached, are due on or before Monday, December 14!

"I want to ask a favor. I want to ask you to walk together and take care of one another."

Pope Francis

Groceries for Christmas Dinner ~ If you, or a family you know in the Mendhams, are going through difficult financial times, we would like to make the holiday a bit brighter by being a partner for *Christmas Dinner* preparation. Please contact Father Joe at 973-543-5950 by December 12. He will forward the request and information to Kathy, a member of Human Concerns ministry, to follow-up on shopping details so you/family can prepare a favorite Christmas dinner. **All information is held in strictest confidence.** Also, if you would like to support "Groceries" with a donation, please make it payable to St. Joseph's in a sealed envelope marked *Groceries for Christmas Dinner*, place it in the collection baskets, or drop at/mail to the Parish House, 6 New Street. Thank you, and Blessings for a very Happy and Merry Christmas! *"A favor.... Walk together... Take care of one another."* (Pope Francis)

Community News

St. Paul Inside the Walls ~ In our next *Speaking of Faith* interview, Fr. Paul elicits from Joseph Spada, CFP, some of those places where faith intersects with life. Mr. Spada, Senior Principal and Member of the Board of Directors at Summit Financial Resources, Inc. and nationally-recognized specialist and speaker, will discuss his own conversion and the role his faith plays in daily life as a husband, father, and business professional. You might be familiar with him if you've seen him quoted in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Barron's*, *Worth*, *InvestmentNews*, *Financial Planning*, *Consumer Reports Money Adviser*, or watched him on Bloomberg TV or CNBC.

Please join us on Wednesday, December 9, from 7:30-9:00 p.m. for another fascinating conversation in this series. You can register for this and any of our upcoming programs at www.insidethewalls.org. A freewill offering will be taken. We hope to share this evening with you.

Experiencing God's Mercy After Divorce ~ Join us at Assumption Parish in Morristown on December 9 at 7:00 p.m. for a presentation on Experiencing God's Mercy After Divorce. Hosted by Msgr. John

E. Hart, the evening will include a talk about the changes in the annulment process and we will hear from Vince and Monica Frese of divorcedcatholic.com on how they experienced God's abundant mercy through the difficult period of their individual divorces and afterward. The event is free, but we ask that you register at www.assumptionparish.org, or email assumption@assumptionparish.org, or call the parish office at 973-539-2141 to let us know you are coming. We look forward to seeing you there.

At *Eva's Village* we are currently seeking new, unopened toys for boys and girls ages 0-2. These toys will brighten the day of our little ones in our care. If you are interested please contact Mary Dombrosky by phone at (973) 523-6220 or by email at Mary.Dombrosky@evasvillage.org.

Mendham Area Senior Transportation transports senior and disabled residents in Mendham Borough and Mendham Township to medical appointments and food shopping. Call **973-543-2666** to register.

Holly Manor Nursing Home is in need of donations for Bingo prizes for their residents such as old jewelry, scarves, picture frames, mugs, puzzles, books, socks, gloves, hats, sun glasses, playing cards, etc. (no candles please). Drop off donations at Holly Manor, 85 Cold Hill Road, or call Kathleen Lillieholm, Director of Recreation, at 973-543-2500.

The Amazing Taste of Helping Others! Eva's Cookies & Brownies gourmet treats are freshly baked by trained chefs at The Culinary School at Eva's Village, using the finest ingredients and an extra helping of compassion. All profits from this unique social enterprise support the anti-poverty programs at Eva's Village. Makes a great Christmas Gift and can be easily ordered online at www.evascookies.org. Cookie varieties include oatmeal raisin, chocolate chip, peanut butter toffee, oatmeal brownies, chocolate brownies and more!

Free Blood Pressure Screening! The Visiting Nurse Association of Morristown holds blood pressure clinics in the Community Room at Mendham Area Senior Housing every first and third Thursday of the month from 9:30-10:30 am. These clinics are free and open to **all** residents of Mendham Borough and Mendham Township.

Seton Hall Preparatory School will be hosting its FINAL entrance/scholarship examinations for current 8th graders on Saturday, December 19, 2015 at 9:00 AM. Scholarships and financial aid are still available! Tours of the campus will be offered to all families who may have not been able to attend our fall Open House. For more information, please contact Michael T. Zinsmeister, Director of Admission, at (973)325-6632 or visit www.shp.org.



If you are new and would like to join our parish family, please fill out the form below.

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Family Name: _____		Date: _____	
Address: _____		City: _____	Zip: _____
Telephone (H) _____		(Cell): _____	
E-Mail: _____		Would you like to join our Parish E-mail List?: _____	
Husband: _____		Religion: _____	
Wife: _____		Religion: _____	
List Only Those Living With You:			
Children	Date of Birth	Religion	School & Grade
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Children Eligible for CCD: _____ Others living with you? _____ How Related? _____			