

Church of Saint Joseph

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

The Celebration of The Eucharist

Mass Intentions ~

Monday, December 14th

6:30 a.m. For the People
9:00 a.m. James Cox
7:30 p.m. Advent Penance Service

Tuesday, December 15th

6:30 a.m. Warren Swan
9:00 a.m. Frank Rainaldi

Wednesday, December 16th

6:30 a.m. Zachary Lopian
9:00 a.m. Sabina & Gaetano
Anginoli

Thursday, December 17th

6:30 a.m. Thomas & June Bossie
9:00 a.m. Paul DeBacco

Friday, December 18th

6:30 a.m. Robert Evans
9:00 a.m. Jean McCarthy

Saturday, December 19th

8:00 a.m. Christopher Hickey
5:00 p.m. Lucille Vollmuth

Sunday, December 20th

7:30 a.m. Eugene Quaglia
9:00 a.m. Peter Cavalero
10:30 a.m. Gil Anderson
12 Noon Guido Ferrara

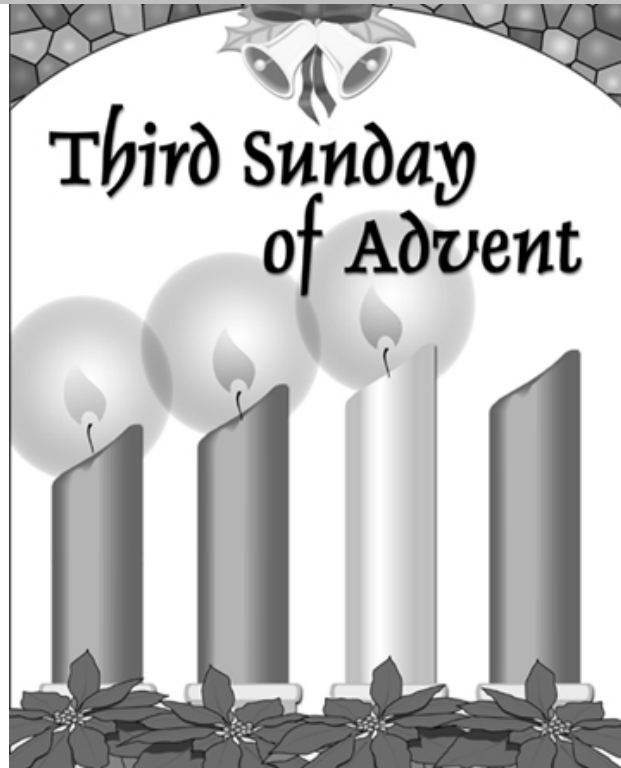
Reconciliation:

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

Baptisms:

First & Third Sundays of the Month

**TRY TO
DISCERN
THE WILL OF GOD**



FOCUS: God's love for us is self-giving and unconditional, surpassing human love. Jesus uses words that are analogous to human relationships to describe God's relationship to us: he calls him "Father" and us "sons and daughters." When Jesus uses such words and images, it is important to remember that God's love surpasses all love found in human relationships. God loves us unconditionally, with total giving of self, and desires nothing more than for us to be in love with him and to love others as a sign of that love.

Readings for Next Weekend

First Reading:
Micah 5:1-4a

Second Reading:
Hebrews 10:5-10

Third Reading:
Luke 1:39-45

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

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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.



Sunday Offering

December 6, 2015: \$ 11,069

Thank you for your generous spirit!

Fr. Joe



Special thanks to Anthony & Sons Bakery in Denville, for donating 100 loaves of bread for our Thanksgiving liturgy.

Religious Give Thanks. "We cannot begin to repay all who contribute," writes a Catholic sister. "So we pray to God, who is never outdone in generosity, to reward you." Heartfelt thanks for your donation to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. May God bless you for your goodness!

Christopher House Repair ~ We Need Your Help! The Christopher House has been undergoing repair since last February when a broken waterline caused extensive damage to the building. While insurance is covering the cost of most of those repairs, the house also needs some additional repairs and improvements to prevent a similar disaster from occurring again and to make it a more usable and accessible meeting space. We are upgrading the heating system and replacing all the galvanized pipe with copper, installing a handicap accessible bathroom and ramps, as well as numerous other structural and cosmetic repairs. The estimated cost to complete this project is seventy thousand dollars. These repairs are not covered by insurance. We need your help to restore the Christopher House. If you would like to make a donation, checks can be

made out to St. Joseph Church, please note "Christopher House Repair" in Memo line. All donations can be mailed, dropped off at the Parish House, or placed in the weekly collection basket. Please indicate on the envelope: Christopher House Renovations; Attention: Lisa Mauriello. Thank you!



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

The annual memorial service for **Baby Mary and Baby Hope** will take place on Sunday, December 27 after the 10:30 Mass. Baby Mary was abandoned at birth on December 24, 1984, in a stream in Mendham Township, and Baby Hope was found beside Route 287 on December 18, 1991. They represent the millions of infants lost legally in our country since 1973. All are invited to join in this remembrance at their graves at the front of the cemetery to commemorate their brief lives and to pray for their parents and all frightened young parents on the feast of the Holy Family.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the Winners of the **Morris County Right to Life Raffle!** **1ST PRIZE**, 2016 Volvo, Dorota Szumski, Middlesex County. **2nd PRIZE**, \$1,000 ShopRite Gift card, Anthony Raimo, Bergen County. **3rd PRIZE**, \$750 Shop RiteGift card, John & Joyce Paciga, Hunterdon County. **4th PRIZE**, \$500 ShopRite Gift card, Marjorie Bryner, Somerset County. Thank you for your support.

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*)



SJS students continue to prepare for Christmas when they gather together tomorrow morning Monday, December 14, at 7:30 a.m. in the church for the **lighting of the Advent Wreath**.

Also on Monday, students in **Grades 3-5** will be receiving the sacrament of reconciliation.

On Tuesday, the **8th grade** class will travel to the Friendship Corner II Pre-school in Paterson to celebrate the Christmas season and deliver the Boxes of Love that SJS students and families have donated and assembled. While at the preschool, the eighth graders will visit classrooms, sing Christmas Carols, make a craft with the children and spread Christmas cheer as Jesus would want us to do.

The **4th grade Christmas Pageant**, Archangel Gabriel's Awesome Adventure, will take place this Wednesday, December 16 in the gym. There is a morning performance at 10:00 – everyone is welcome.

Students will have a 2 hour **delayed opening** on Thursday, December 17.

To end the week, the **2nd grade** will attend the 9:00 a.m. liturgy and after school students in **Pre-k 4 to 5th grade** can get in the spirit with viewing of "The Santa Claus" while their parents get some extra shopping done.

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.



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

2nd GRADE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:

Reminder: Your child is scheduled for **First Reconciliation** on January 9, 2016.

St. Joseph School & the Faith Group ~ 9:30 a.m.
Hope & Love Groups ~ 11:30 a.m.

Snow date: January 23

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.



Sunday, January 10, 2016

12 Noon Teen Mass

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



Family Liturgy will be held during the 10:30 a.m. Mass on the first and third Sundays of the month.

On **Sunday, December 20**, there will be a pull-out program open to children from preschool through 6th grade. We will invite the children to process into the chapel after the opening prayer for a special age-appropriate liturgy and reflection. The children will rejoin the congregation after the homily.

Note: We are looking for teen volunteers (grades 7-12) to help with the pull-out program. Please

contact Mrs. Gray at 908-955-6383 or mgray0415@gmail.com.

On Christmas Eve, December 24, we will present **the Nativity Reenactment** just prior to the 4:00 p.m. liturgy. We are looking for a few 1st and 2nd graders to sign up as Shepherds and Angels. There is a mandatory rehearsal on Saturday morning, December 19. Please contact Annette Tracy at the Parish House, atracy@stjoesmendham.org.



TEEN NEWS

High School Youth Ministry

Appalachia Mission sign-ups began 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 are available 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 or Mark.**

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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 Christmas Giving Tree ~ "A favor... Walk together... Take care...." ~ This is the last weekend for sharing to make the Christmas celebration a bit brighter for our brothers and sisters - children and adults alike! The response from our St. Joseph parishioners has been fantastic. Took a tag and find you don't have time? Please return it to the Tree -we will shop to fulfill the wish!! Monetary donations most welcome! **Also, a reminder that everything be returned to the narthex on or before Monday, December 14.** There is much work to be done before all gifts are sent to Father English, Family Promise, CASA, MASH, International Sisters, Priests at Nazareth, Good Counsel, and Mt. St. Joseph. Imagine their faces on Christmas morning! You have truly been *Walkers and Caretakers!* **There is only one way to express our appreciation for your participation -- to pray for Christmas Blessings for you and your loved ones.**

"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 13. 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)

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!



Pet Concerns

There will be a **Christmas Pet Food Collection** the weekend of December 26 and 27. All donations go to Randolph shelter. Thank you! For more information, call 973-543-7230.

Community News

St. Paul Inside the Walls ~ View and register for any of our upcoming programs at www.insidethewalls.org.

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.



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

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| ***** NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM ***** | | | |
| 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? _____ | | | |