

# Church of Saint Joseph

6 New Street, Mendham, New Jersey 07945 ~ [www.stjoesmendham.org](http://www.stjoesmendham.org)

## The Celebration of The Eucharist

### Mass Intentions ~

Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>  
6:30 a.m. For the People  
9:00 a.m. Jean McCarthy

Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>  
6:30 a.m. Ned Milde  
9:00 a.m. Marguerite Henderson

Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>  
6:30 a.m. Mildred Ackerley  
9:00 a.m. Joseph & Catherine Carter

Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 a.m. Elaine Suhocki  
4:00 p.m. Minnie & Charles Kern  
7:00 p.m. Mary Reynolds  
10:00 p.m. Joseph & Mary Anginoli

Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 a.m. Mary Fran Cleary  
10:00 a.m. Peter Cavalero  
12 noon John & Ruth Saenger

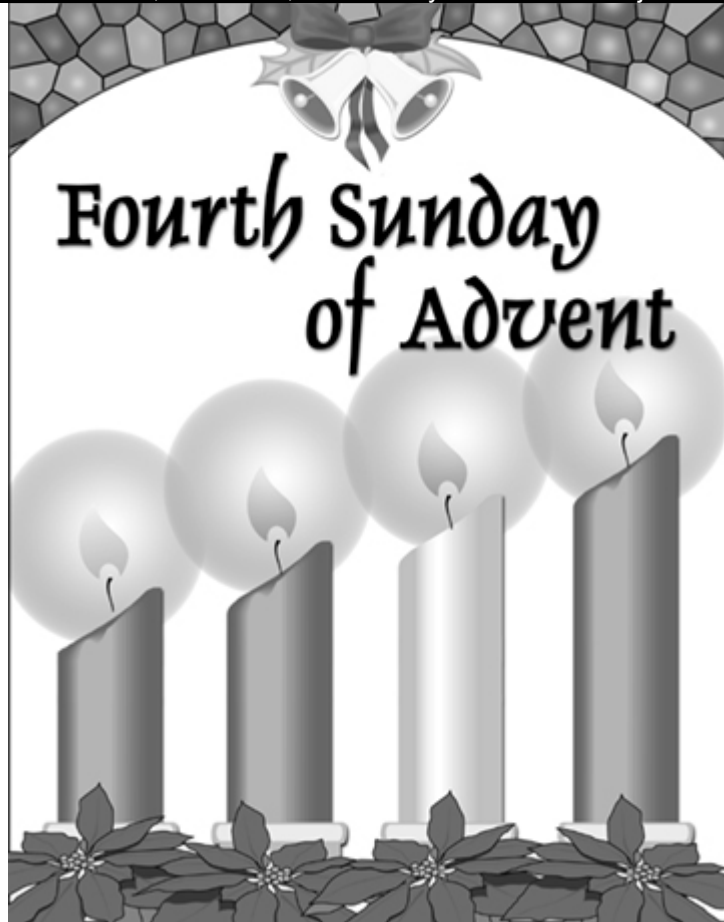
Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 a.m. Thomas Roche  
5:00 p.m. James Francis Farrell

Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 a.m. Eugene Quaglia  
9:00 a.m. Sophie West  
10:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the  
Morris & McAndrews Families  
12 Noon Maureen Carr

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 ways are not our ways.** The readings today demonstrate that conventional wisdom is not true: a mighty Savior comes from a lowly place, death on a cross brings life, and an old woman feels her child leap in her womb as a young pregnant virgin greets her. In the final days of Advent, let us put conventional wisdom aside and be attentive to the mystery and wonder of God's ways.

### Readings for Next Weekend

First Reading:	Second Reading:	Third Reading:
1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28	1 John 3:1-2, 21-24	Luke 2:41-52

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### **Parish House: 973~543~5950**

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

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### **Welcoming/Weddings:**

Fran Plodkowski 973~543~2145

### **Pre~Cana:**

Steve and JoAnn Peck [jpeck62@gmail.com](mailto:jpeck62@gmail.com)  
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### **Family Liturgy:**

Maria Gray 908~955~6383

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Lisa Gillespie	School Principal
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Brian O'Dowd	Education Council

### **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.



**Luke William Adinolfi**

&

**James Andrew Welsh**

have recently joined our  
faith community  
through the waters of Baptism.

**Welcome and God Bless!**



**Sunday Offering**

December 13, 2015: \$ 9,672

Outreach: \$ 488

Retired Religious Collection: \$ 6,845

Thank you for your generous spirit!  
Fr. Joe

*Christmas Blessings*



**The Parish House will be closed on**

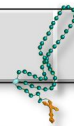
Thursday, December 24,  
and Friday, December 25.



The St. Joseph Knights of Columbus would like to announce that their recent **Wine Tasting Event** was a great success and collected \$700 for use in support of our parish and school needs. The Knights would like to thank everyone who participated and contributed to a fun evening and look forward to seeing you there next year.

**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, replacing all the galvanized pipe with copper and installing a handicap-accessible bathroom and ramps, as well as numerous other structural and cosmetic repairs. The estimated cost to complete this project is \$70,000. 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 payable 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!

## 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 unwanted and abandoned infants 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.

**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

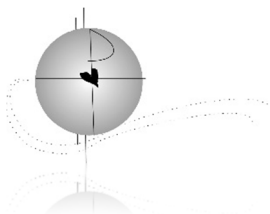


## Spiritual Enrichment

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 dates: January 9 & 23**



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](http://sjsmendham.org)

SJS students continue to prepare for Christmas when they gather together tomorrow morning, Monday, December 21, at 7:30 a.m. in the church for the **lighting of the Advent Wreath**.

Also tomorrow, **several students from the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades** will join our 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher, Mrs. Donnelly, and parishioner Jack Shiels at Holly Manor. These students will assist the residents in getting to the liturgy that is being celebrated by Fr. David. Following the liturgy, the students will spend some time visiting with the residents and spreading 'Christmas Cheer.'

Please join us as the 8<sup>th</sup> grade leads us in our **Advent Liturgy** on Tuesday, December 22, at 9:00 a.m. in the church.



The faculty, staff and students of St. Joseph School wish everyone a **Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with health and happiness.**

SJS will be on **Christmas Break** from Wednesday, December 23, through Sunday, January 3. Classes will resume on Monday, January 4.

Please visit us at [sjsmendham.org](http://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

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

### **2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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, January 10, 2016

**12 Noon Teen Mass**

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



## 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](http://www.stjoesmendham.org) under "Youth Ministry," or contact Monica Micera at 908-963-4546, [monicamicera@aol.com](mailto:monicamicera@aol.com), or Mark Tosso at 973-543-5950, [tosso@stjoesmendham.org](mailto:tosso@stjoesmendham.org). **Adults interested in joining our 2016 Appalachia trip as chaperones, please contact Monica or Mark.**

### SAVE THE DATE ~

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pasta Dinner** to Benefit  
Appalachia Mission Trip: March 9, 2016  
With special guest speakers from Kentucky!

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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](http://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

**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** next weekend. Please help the pets at the Randolph Shelter have a Happy Holiday season by donating food and toys.

Remember to put sweaters on Major for walks and keep Tinkerbelle in a warm inside space.

Considering a pet as a gift this Christmas? There's still time to consider a shelter pet.

Please consider the following shelters:  
Randolph Shelter, Mendham Township  
St. Hubert's Shelter, Madison

Eleventh Hour Rescue, Rockaway Mall  
 Penny Angels Beagle Rescue, Brookside  
 Thank you! Merry Christmas!

## Community News

**The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth** cordially invite you to join them for the Feast of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and the Seton Associate Commitment ceremony and Mass, Saturday January 2, 2016 at Holy Family Chapel, Convent Station at 11:00 a.m. A light lunch will follow. The Heritage Room at the Motherhouse will be open for a display of Mother Seton memorabilia. For more information, call 973-290-5470.

**St. Paul Inside the Walls** ~ View and **register** for any of our upcoming programs at [www.insidethewalls.org](http://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 Lilieholm, Director of Recreation, at 973-543-2500.



**Come Ride With Us!** Mendham Area Senior Transportation transports senior and disabled residents in Mendham Borough and Mendham Township to medical appointments and food shopping. Towns served are Basking Ridge, Bernardsville, Cedar Knolls, Chester, Denville, Harding, Mendham Borough, Mendham Township, Morristown, Morris Plains, Morris Township, Mount Freedom, Parsippany, Randolph, and Whippany. We also transport to the Veterans Hospital in Lyons. Rides to other towns in Morris County will be considered as the schedule permits. Call **973-543-2666** to register and **Come Ride With Us!**

**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.

**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](http://www.evascookies.org). Cookie varieties include oatmeal raisin, chocolate chip, peanut butter toffee, oatmeal brownies, chocolate brownies and more!

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: _____	
<b>List Only Those Living With You:</b>			
Children	Date of Birth	Religion	School & Grade
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Children Eligible for CCD: _____ Others living with you? _____ How Related? _____			