

Church of Saint Joseph

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

The Celebration of The Eucharist

Mass Intentions ~

Monday, December 5th
9:00 a.m. For the People

Tuesday, December 6th
9:00 a.m. Louis P. Moglia, Jr.

Wednesday, December 7th
9:00 a.m. Ann M. Peterson
7:30 p.m. Hope Galdi

Thursday, December 8th
9:00 a.m. William McGaul

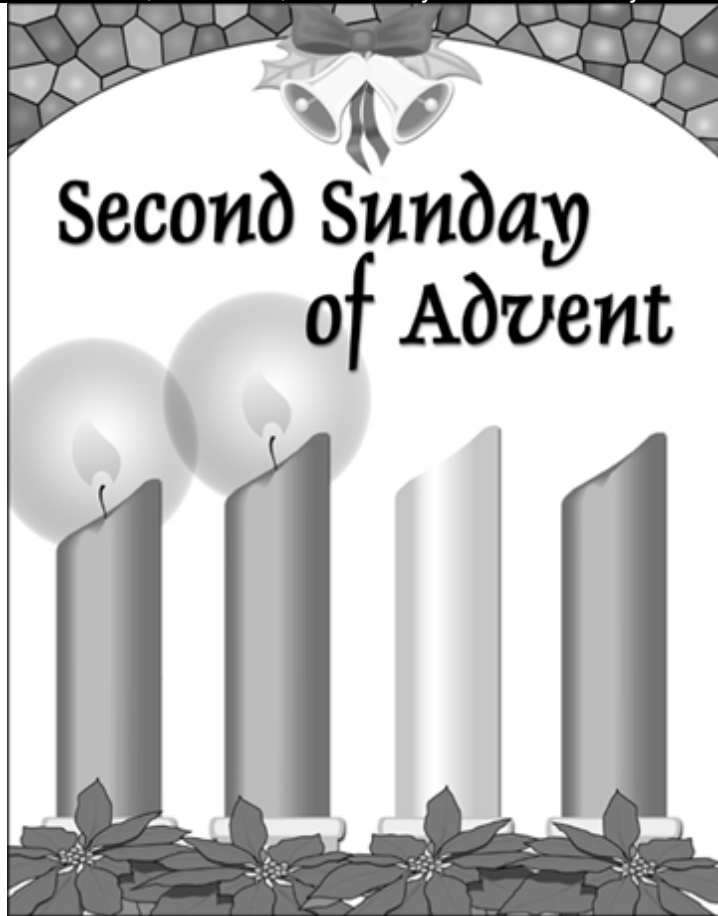
Friday, December 9th
9:00 a.m. Ruth Hennessey

Saturday, December 10th
8:00 a.m. David Charles Palmer, Jr.
5:00 p.m. Zachary Lopian

Sunday, December 11th
7:30 a.m. Peter Cavaleiro
9:30 a.m. Lottie & Vincent
Kolakowski
11:30 a.m. William McGaul

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

Baptisms:
First & Third Sundays of the Month



FOCUS: We are called to prepare the way for Jesus. John the Baptist was called by God to prepare the way for Jesus. He did this by proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Similarly, each one of us is called by God to prepare the way for Jesus. We do this whenever we assist someone in need, visit someone who is sick or lend a listening ear.

Readings for Next Weekend

First Reading:
Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Second Reading:
James 5:7-10

Third Reading:
Matthew 11:2-11

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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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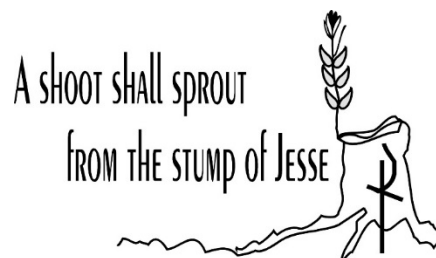
Brian O'Dowd Education Council

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.



Sunday Offering

November 20, 2016: \$ 10,408

November 27, 2016: \$ 8,851

Thank you for your generous spirit!

Fr. Joe



Aging Religious Need Your Help ~ Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others – educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for the Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously to today's collection.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

❖ **The Bethany Ministry** assists both families and the priest for funeral Masses. The team members meet with the family to select readings and music for the funeral Mass, prepare the service program and assist the priest at the service itself. Team members may function as a reader, Eucharistic Minister, usher, or set up for the funeral Mass. We need to build our membership as it takes anywhere from two to five members at a Mass depending on its size. Eucharistic Ministerial experience is a plus, but not mandatory. All are welcome. **Think on it; pray on it.** Please call Debby Fullam (973-714-0660), Kevin Wood (973-543-3445) or Corrine Vollmuth (973-543-4468) to learn more about this rewarding ministry.

❖ **Hospitality ~** Coffee and donuts are served in the gym on CCD Sundays, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. If you can help set up, clean up and/or pick up the donuts in Chester on any of these CCD Sundays, please contact Eileen at

egehsmann@msn.com. **Upcoming Parish Coffee Sundays:** December 11 & 18.

For the safety of your children ~ We ask that parents accompany young children when they use the bathroom during Mass.

We would love to share but....The tables and chairs by the gym and on the campus are not to be removed from the premises without the prior consent of the Parish House. Thank you!

Good Deed Friday ~ We'd like to hear about your good deeds and we will post them on the Saint Joseph Facebook page every Friday. You are free to be anonymous, as a good deed is its own reward! Email your good deed to dquaglia@stjoesmendham.org.

† **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. Stephen 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 the Parish House.

† **Spiritual Enrichment**

Bible Study with Father Stephen meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Christopher House. If you are not yet a part of Bible Study and are interested, please come!

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 or text Bob Manthey at 973-441-0447** for details. **Upcoming Dates: Dec. 3 & 17.**

† **Music Ministry** 

Support our Music Ministry in their effort to purchase choir robes for the Adult Choir! A beautiful CD of last year's Christmas music is on sale today for \$25 in the narthex. Enjoy the wonderful hymns of the season as you get ready for Christmas! Thank you for your dedication and support of our music fundraiser!

Come Join the Adult Choir for the Christmas Season! This choir sings at the 10:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve, with Prelude Music starting at 9:30 p.m. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings (and some Tuesdays) at 7:30 p.m. during the month of December in the church. Come find the Christmas spirit through the gift of music!

All children in the parish in **Grades 2-8** are invited to join the **Children's Christmas Choir**. This choir sings at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. Rehearsals will be held on the following Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m.- 5:15 p.m. in the church: Dec.7, Dec.14 and Dec.21. The children in St. Joseph School do not need to attend, as they will rehearse during school hours.

For further information, contact Mary Pat Davies at 973-543-7474, x 314 or mdavies@sjsmendham.org. Thank you for your support of Music Ministry!

 **Ministry to Life**
On Behalf of the Babies,
Thanks for Supporting Life!

Prayer vigils for abortion victims, their parents and doctors are held every Wednesday and Friday at Planned Parenthood, 196 Speedwell Ave., Morristown, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Also on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., at Garden State Gynecology, 25 Lyndsley Drive in Morris Township (behind the Westin/Governor Morris hotel). For more information, please call Colleen Dolan at 973-543-7037.



The Sacrament of The 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

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

SJS students continue to prepare for Christmas when they gather together tomorrow morning at 7:30 a.m. in the church for the lighting of the **Advent Wreath**. Also on Monday, students in **Grades 6-8** will receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

Grade 3 will attend the 9:00 a.m. liturgy on Wednesday.

Please join us on Thursday, December 8, at the 9:00 a.m. liturgy when the **3rd grade** leads us in the celebration of the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**.

Also on Thursday after school, students from **Grades 6, 7 and 8** will visit **Holly Manor** where they will make Christmas crafts and enjoy holiday conversation with some of the residents.

Please visit us at www.stjosephschoolmendham.org to see all that is happening.



Religious Education

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

Parents, please be sure that you work with your child to complete the missed chapters at home.

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.

DECEMBER CLASS SCHEDULE:

FAITH Group (1 ~ 6)

Sunday, 9:45 a.m. ~ December 4 & 18

HOPE Group (K ~ 6)

Sunday, 9:45 a.m. ~ December 11

LOVE Group (2 ~ 6)

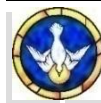
Monday, 4:00 p.m. ~ December 12

TLC Group (7~8)

Monday, 7:00 p.m. ~ December 12

Sacramental Program

Our 2nd grade **GIFT BEARER PROGRAM** begins this weekend, the first weekend of Advent and continues until May 2017. We had a sign-up sheet at our October parent meeting. If you have not signed up yet, please contact the Religious Education Assistant, Mary Maximos, at 973-543-5950, ext. 14 or email her at religioused@stjoesmendham.org. **All 2nd grade families in the CCD program and at St. Joseph's School are asked to participate.**



Confirmation ~ Year 1 & Year II

(Grades 9 & 10)

Sunday, December 11

11:30 Teen Mass

*Confirmation classes will be held
later today 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 25 through July 1, 2017. 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 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 2017 Appalachia trip as a chaperone, please contact Monica Micera or Mark Tosso.**

Mass & Bagels ~ Start the week off right with 6:30 a.m. Mass in the chapel and then enjoy fresh, hot bagels in the East Room before heading off to school. Our next Mass and Bagels will be on **Monday, December 12, at 6:30 a.m.**

If you'd like to be added to our email list, please contact Mark Tosso at tosso@stjoesmendham.org.

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Knights of Columbus

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Knights "Keep Christ in Christmas" Magnet Sale

The Knights will be selling the magnets after all Masses this weekend and next. Proceeds from the sale will enable the Knights to sponsor a bus for the March for Life Rally in Washington, D.C. on January 27, 2017.

Become a Knight ~ If you would like to be a member of the Saint Joseph Knights of Columbus, please contact Tom Quaglia at 908-347-9660 or tquaglia@ptc.com.

Please visit us on our website:
<http://www.stjoesmendhamknights.org>



Diocese of Paterson

New Jersey's Adoption Law has changed.

Beginning January 1, 2017, adoptees and certain relatives will be able to obtain a copy of their original birth certificate without a court order. The birth certificate will include the names of the birth parents who placed children for adoption unless a birth parent requests their name be omitted. 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. The **Redaction Request Form** can be obtained by calling 866-649-8726, ext. 582, or downloading it at <http://nj.gov/health/forms/req-36c.pdf>.

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 112 turkeys, 6 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.

The Christmas Giving Tree ~ "Spread Love..." We are in the second week of sharing to make the Christmas celebration for our sisters and brothers 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, 12/10, and Sunday, 12/11**. All gifts/gift cards, unwrapped with tag attached, are due in the narthex on or before **Monday, December 12**. Thank you!

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 Emily, a member of the 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 at Mass or drop at/mail to the Parish House at 6 New Street. Thank You, and Blessings for a very Happy and Merry Christmas!

"Spread Love Everywhere You Go"
~ St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

Please note: St. Joseph Church **no longer collects clothing donations.** 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!

Community News

The Shrine of St. Joseph in Sterling invites everyone to a wonderful Christmas event on Saturday, December 10, from 10:00 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m. This amazing "Christmas Nativity Spectacular" is open to all with a free-will donation. **A Live Nativity will process at 3:00 p.m.** across the Shrine grounds. The awesome Phantom Trombone Choir will lead everyone in Christmas Carols. All proceeds

will be donated to the Shrine of St. Joseph. Call 908-647-0208 or visit our web site, www.stshrine.org for more information.

Eva's Cookies & Brownies is back for the holiday season with all new recipes! Every gift box sold supports Eva's Village ~ 2 Dozen, delicious gourmet cookies in four flavors: Chocolate Chunk, Oatmeal Raisin, Cranberry Walnut, Almond Toffee. Order online: www.evascookiesandbrownies.com. Thank you for your support of Eva's mission and have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!

St. Paul Abbey, Rt 206, Newton has thousands of Christmas trees ready to choose 'n' cut, 7 days a week through December 23, from 9:00 – 4:00 p.m. The Abbey Gift Shop has many items that make ideal Christmas gifts also!

Assumption College for Sisters, Denville, is offering Theology and Philosophy courses for credit or audit for the spring semester (January 9, 2017-May 9, 2017). For registration call 973-957-0188, ext. 106, or e-mail academicdean@acs350.org, by December 18.

VNA of Somerset Hills Annual Cookie Walk ~ Purchase homemade cookies, baked goods, boutique gifts, and hand-crafted boxwood Christmas trees. This fun annual holiday tradition is sponsored by the Friends of the VNA of Somerset Hills and benefits the Adult Day Center. *For a complete list of upcoming events, including our support groups and senior wellness clinics, go to visitingnurse.org.*

✧ 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

Children Eligible for CCD: _____ Others living with you? _____ How Related? _____

