

Church of Saint Joseph

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

The Celebration of The Eucharist

Monday, December 4th
9:00 a.m. Louis & Joan Santos

Tuesday, December 5th
9:00 a.m. Anne Fulling

Wednesday, December 6th
9:00 a.m. For The People

Thursday, December 7th
9:00 a.m. Eliza Hope Thomas
7:30 p.m. James Flynn

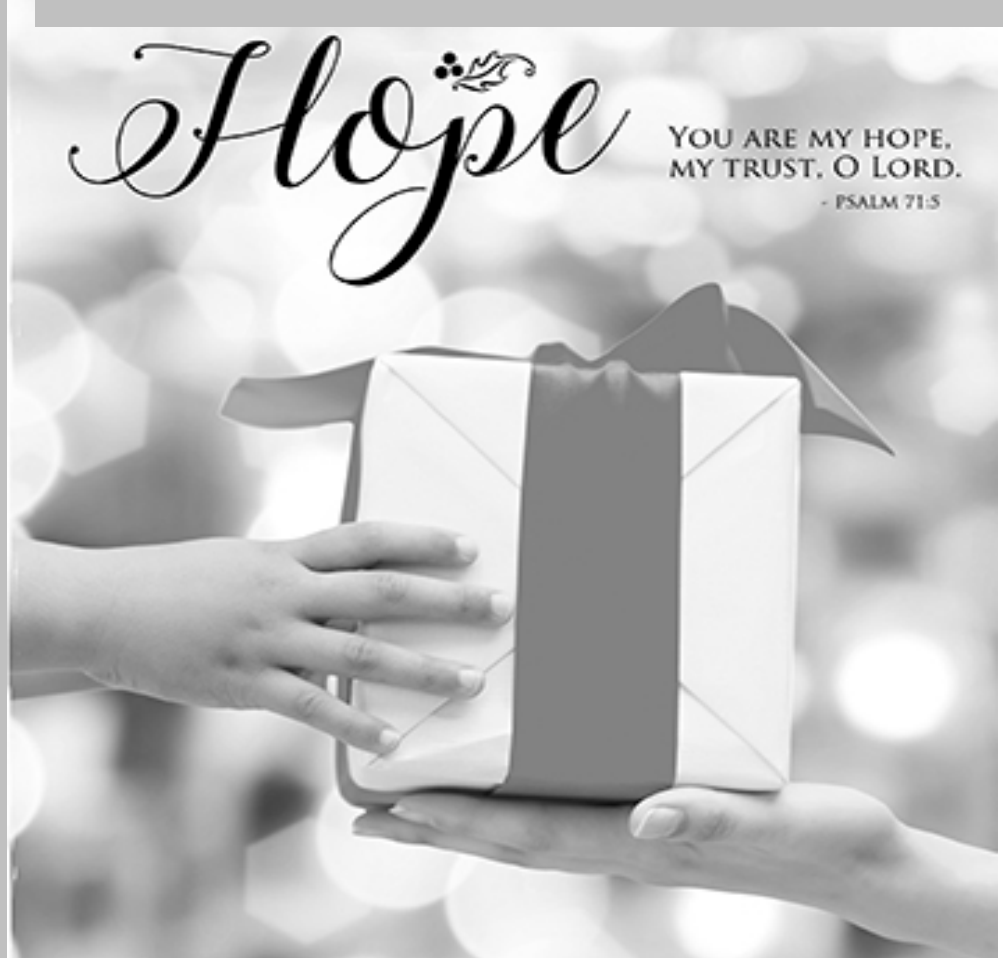
Friday, December 8th School Mass
9:00 a.m. Gloria Balzano

Saturday, December 9th
8:00 a.m. Curmela Ciufalo
5:00 p.m. Lesly Ann Straub

Sunday, December 10th
7:30 a.m. Joseph & Mary Anginoli
9:30 a.m. Peter Cavalero
11:30 a.m. Lottie & Vincent
Kolakowski

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

Baptisms:
First & Third Sundays of the Month



FOCUS: Stay Awake and watch for the Lord. The Ancient spiritual tradition of *Memento mori* is one of calling to mind our own eventual death in order to focus on eternity and live a better life. How easy it is to be lulled into the sleep of the world and to forget that there is a limit to our earthly time. Advent is a time to prepare ourselves for Christ's return in glory. When the Lord comes, will he find us awake?

Readings for Next Weekend

First Reading:
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Second Reading:
2 Peter 3:8-14

Third Reading:
Mark 1:1-8



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

**On Holy Days of Obligation the Parish House
will open at 10:15.**

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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.



Reid Archer Jensen
recently joined our
faith community
through the waters of Baptism.
Please keep Reid, his parents,
and godparents in your prayers.

We also welcome
The Colatarci, Morris and Petersen Families
who recently joined our parish.
Welcome and God Bless!



Sunday Offering:

November 19, 2017: \$ 9,418

November 26, 2017: \$10,116

Fr. English Food Pantry: \$ 3,015

Thank you for your generous spirit! Fr. Joe

Friday, December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation.
There will be a school Mass at 9:00 a.m. in the church.

A **Vigil Mass** will be celebrated on Thursday,
December 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel.

The **Parish House** will open
at 10:15 a.m. on December 8, so the staff can
attend Mass.

St. Joseph School is having a POINTSETTIA SALE this weekend. The proceeds go towards the St. Joseph School library. Please support the sale by purchasing plants for your holiday decorating or gift-giving. The plants are in 6" foil- wrapped pots, and come in **red, white, or pink.** **The price is \$10.00 each.**



Hate Christmas shopping? Consider giving your family a gift that you will remember forever - time together. The former *Young Adult Pilgrimage to Rome* will now be **open to all ages.** Brochures are available at the Church exits. The Pilgrimage dates are **May 21-29, 2018.** Living in Rome for five years, Fr. Stephen acquired a great knowledge of and love for the city and looks forward to sharing it. **Nathaniel Wine, a representative from Corporate Travel, will be present at all masses the weekend of December 16-17 and an informational meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, December**

17 in the gym. Call 313-565-8888, ext. 150 or ext.121 with any questions. Register before December 22 and save \$100!

Help religious communities. Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious** helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

As you plan to celebrate the joy of the Christmas season by giving gifts to your friends and loved ones, there is one gift that you can give to tens of thousands of people. It does not require ten thousand names tags or ten thousand bows. All that's needed is a completed pledge card to the **Bishop's Annual Appeal** or an on-line gift at www.2017appeal.org. Say "Merry Christmas" to so many of your brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Paterson who need some hope and joy in their lives by participating in the Bishop's Annual Appeal today. May God bless you for your generosity!



Fr. Stephen will celebrate **Mass in Italian** for the Third Sunday of Advent on **Saturday, December 16, at 6:30 p.m.** in the chapel. All are welcome! Bring your baby Jesus statues from your Christmas mangers; they will be blessed as part of an Italian tradition.

Experience a "day in the life" of a St. Joseph School student and observe first-hand our warm and inspiring faculty as well as the stimulating program, inclusive of the STEM curriculum, computers, Spanish, arts, and faith formation. Come visit with your child or have your child shadow a grade independently. Call Lori Arends, Principal, at 973-543-7474, ext. 7, to schedule your visit any Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from November 6 through December 15. **National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence; AdvancEd Accredited**

St. Joseph School Grocery Magic Gift Card Fundraising Program ~ Local grocery gift cards in \$100 denominations are available for purchase from the school. For every \$100 card purchased, St. Joseph School receives \$5. Kings, ShopRite, ACME, Weis, and Stop & Shop all participate.

Please contact Peggy Timoney to purchase your gift cards; 973- 543-1101. Thank you for your support.

Box Tops for Education ~ SJS collects box tops for education. All box tops proceeds are used to buy new books for the library. Please help by collecting box tops from participating grocery items. St. Joseph School will have a collection box in the narthex for all box tops. Thank you very much for helping the students at St. Joseph School.

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

✝ 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

God offers peace always, even in the busiest of seasons. All we need to do is listen. **Gift yourself God's presence by joining us for 75 minutes of guided meditation and contemplation.** We will meet in the Christopher House on the following Sundays at 7:30 p.m. ~ **December 3 and 10.** All are welcome.

Evening Bible Study for adults ~ Join Fr. Stephen for a digital Bible Study based on the work of Dr. Scott Hahn, a renowned American biblical scholar. This study presents how the sacraments are firmly

rooted in Scripture and answers common objections from non-Catholics. **No formal commitment** is needed to participate! *All sessions will be held in the school cafeteria, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.* **Next Sessions: Wednesday, December 6 ~ The Sacrificial Offering (Eucharist);** Wednesday, December 20 ~ *Lamb of God (Eucharist).*

 **Morning Bible Study** with Fr. Stephen meets weekly on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Christopher House. Bible Study is open to everyone, so please come if your schedule allows. There is no commitment to this group. You need not be there each week.

The Men's Discussion Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. 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. **Upcoming Meetings:** December 9 & 16.

Music Ministry

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 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. in the church: November 29, December 6, 13 and 20. The children in St. Joseph School do not need to attend, as they will rehearse during school hours.

For more information, contact Mary Pat Davies at 973-543-7474, ext.314 or mdavies@sjsmendham.org.



Ministry to Life

Spiritual Adoption ~ Our baby's fingerprints are being engraved. His eyelids and palms are sensitive to touch and he bends his fingers around an object placed in his palm. He sucks his thumb and fingernails are forming. His eyelids fuse together to

protect the delicate eyes. Connections between nerves and muscles has tripled since last week.



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.*

Advent begins today and in preparation for Christmas, St. Joseph School students will participate in various Advent activities over the next four weeks. **SJS Advent Wreath lighting** takes place, tomorrow morning at 7:30 a.m. in the church. Also on Monday, students in **Grades 6-8** will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

On Thursday, the **parents of our 3rd grade students** are invited to join their students for lunch at 12:20 p.m.

Also on Thursday, **all school parents** are invited to have coffee with the Principal, Mrs. Arends from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Mrs. Arends will be discussing our new and exciting building initiatives.

Please join us on Friday, 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**.

Students will have an **11:30 a.m. dismissal** on Friday so that all faculty and staff may participate in an important professional development.

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, or visit us at www.sjsmendham.org. St.

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



Religious Education

www.stjoesmendham.org

December Class Schedule

Faith Group (K~6)

Sunday mornings, December 3 & 17, 9:45 a.m.

Hope Group (1~6)

Sunday morning, December 10, 9:45 a.m.

Love Group (1~6)

Monday afternoon, December 11, 4:00 p.m.

TLC Group (7~8)

Monday night, December 11, 7:00 p.m.

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:

Remember to display your family last name on your car's windshield.

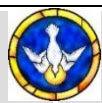
Sacramental Program:

First Reconciliation is Saturday, January 6, 2018

St. Joseph School - 9:30 a.m.

Hope & Faith Groups - 11:30 a.m.

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 & 2nd graders to sign up as shepherds and angels. There is a mandatory rehearsal on Saturday morning, December 16. Please contact Annette Tracy at the Parish House: atracy@stjoesmendham.org.



Confirmation ~ Year 1 & Year II

(Grades 9 & 10)

We invite all Confirmation candidates and their families to attend the **Teen Mass Sunday, December 3, at 11:30 a.m.** 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 8-10 at the Sacred Heart Center in Newton. 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.

Our **Tenth Annual Teen Appalachia Service Trip** to serve the working poor in Kentucky will be June 17-23, 2018. 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. Online 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 information and to sign-up online, go to www.stjoesmendham.org/appalachia. Questions? Contact Monica Micera at 908-963-4546, monicamicera@aol.com or Mark Tosso at [973-543-5950](tel:973-543-5950), tosso@stjoesmendham.org. **Adults interested in joining our 2018 Appalachia trip as volunteers, please contact Monica Micera or Mark Tosso.**

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



Diocese of Paterson

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.



Knights of Columbus

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.
<http://www.stjoesmendhamknights.org>

Become a Knight ~ If you would like to be a member of the Saint Joseph Knights of Columbus, please contact Mike Dunne at mdunne@daypitney.com.



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 turkeys, 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 and The Youth Group

The Christmas Giving Tree – “Whatever you did ... you did for me” – 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, 12/9, and Sunday, 12/10. **All gifts/gift cards are due in the narthex on or before Monday, December 11**, unwrapped, with tags attached. Thank you!

“Whatever you did for one of these least brothers and sisters of mine you did for me.” Matthew 25:40

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 Monday, December 11. He will forward the request to Emily, a member of the Human Concerns Ministry, to follow-up on shopping details so you/family can prepare your favorite Christmas dinner. **All information is held in strictest confidence.** Also, if you would like to support “Groceries” with a monetary donation, please make it payable to St. Joseph’s Church, in a sealed envelope so marked, memo line Groceries for Christmas Dinner; place it in the collection baskets at Mass or drop at/mail to the Parish House at 6 New Street, Mendham, NJ 07945. Thank You, and blessings for a very Happy and Merry Christmas!

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

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.

Community News

Reading Tutor - Is your child struggling with reading and/or spelling? Now is a good time to have a reading tutor help your child gain the skills and confidence they need to succeed in school. Reading is a gift that will last a lifetime. Call Sister Ann Lavelle at 973.750.4311 or go to www.keystosuccessforyou.com for more information.

✕ 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? _____

