

Church of Saint Joseph

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

The Celebration of The Eucharist

Mass Intentions ~

Monday, December 12th
9:00 a.m. Gregory Fullam

Tuesday, December 13th
9:00 a.m. Margaret & Vincent
Gilligan

Wednesday, December 14th
9:00 a.m. Pat O'Brien

Thursday, December 15th
9:00 a.m. For the People

Friday, December 16th
9:00 a.m. Zachary Lopian

Saturday, December 17th
8:00 a.m. Tracy Lemoine Miller
5:00 p.m. John Pitts

Sunday, December 18th
7:30 a.m. Joseph Rubacky
9:30 a.m. Gianni Robertiello
11:30 a.m. William McGaul

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

Baptisms:

First & Third Sundays of the Month



FOCUS: Rejoice in the Lord always; for indeed, the Lord is near. As we wait for the coming of the Lord, we prepare our hearts and homes to receive him. As Saint Paul instructs, we prepare with patience and a firm heart. We will know he has come into our hearts and homes when we model true discipleship and work to bring the Good News to those around us.

Readings for Next Weekend

First Reading:
Isaiah 7:10-14

Second Reading:
Romans 1:1-7

Third Reading:
Matthew 1:18-24

**TRY TO
DISCERN
THE WILL OF GOD**



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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.



WELCOME

We welcome
the Gillingham Family
who recently joined our parish.

Welcome and God Bless!



Sunday Offering

December 4, 2016: \$ 9,475

Retired Religious: \$ 3,410

Thank you for your generous spirit!

Fr. Joe

Thank you for supporting our senior religious ~

A sister from Indiana writes, "Because of your kindness, our elderly sisters will have the comfort, security, and joy of living out their remaining years here in their home. You truly honor them and their many years of service by your generosity." Religious across the United States offer sincere thanks for your generosity to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Bake Sale! The SJS National Junior Honor Society is hosting a bake sale following all the Masses next weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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



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.** 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. **Next Parish Coffee Sunday:** December 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. **Next meeting date: Dec. 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! For further information, contact Mary Pat Davies at 973-543-7474, ext. 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!

The winners in the **NJ Right to Life raffle** were Barbara Ellis of Bedminster - 1st prize: Volvo; ShopRite certificates: Vince Giallorenzo, Wykoff; John Corcoran, River Vale; and Dan Zorovich, Allentown. **Thanks again to all who supported NJ Right to Life in protecting human 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.*

Next Sunday, December 18, students in the **7th grade** will host the 11:30 parish Mass.

Tomorrow, SJS students continue to prepare for Christmas when they gather at 7:30 a.m. in the church for the **lighting of the Advent Wreath**; students in **Grades 3-5** will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, and **Grade 2** will attend the 9:00 a.m. liturgy.

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

The **4th grade Christmas Pageant, "Meet Me at The Manger,"** will take place this Wednesday, December 14, in the gym. There is a morning dress rehearsal performance at 10:00 a.m.; everyone is welcome.

Students will have a **2 hour delayed opening** on Thursday, December 15.

On Friday, 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 pre-school, 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 week will conclude with the **6th grade** students participating in the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 1:20 p.m. in the chapel.

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



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2nd GRADE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:

Reminder: Your child is scheduled for First Reconciliation on January 7, 2017.

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

Snow date: January 21, 2017

DECEMBER CLASS SCHEDULE:

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

FAITH Group (1 ~ 6)

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



Family Liturgy

Family Liturgy will be held during the 9:30 a.m. Mass on the first and third Sundays of the month. **On Sunday, December 18,** 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.

On Christmas Eve, December 24, we will present the **Nativity Reenactment** just prior to the 4:00 p.m. liturgy. We are looking for **5** shepherds and **5** angels, (Grade 1 or Grade 2) to sign up as shepherds and angels. There is a mandatory rehearsal on Saturday morning, December 17 at 9:00 a.m. Please contact the Religious Ed office at the Parish House: religioused@stjoesmendham.org

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. If you are in high school, you will earn Confirmation service hour credits.



Confirmation ~ Year 1 & Year II (Grades 9 & 10)

Sunday, December 11

11:30 a.m. 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 is tomorrow, **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.



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, DC 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

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 ~ "Spread Love..." This is the last weekend to make the Christmas celebration a bit brighter for our sisters and brothers – children and adults alike! The response from our St. Joseph's parishioners has been fantastic! This is the final weekend to make sure all the tags are taken from the **Giving Tree** and gifts returned, if you've not already done so. Did you take a tag and find you don't have time to fulfill the wish? Please return it to the **Giving Tree**—we will shop to fulfill the wish so no one is left out! Monetary donations are most welcome! **Also, a reminder that everything be returned to the narthex on or before Monday, December 12.** There is much work to be done before all gifts are sent for distribution to *Father English, Family Promise, CASA, MASH, the Sisters and the Retired Priests, Community Soup Kitchen, St. Joseph's Home, La Vida Child Care Center TOO.* Imagine their faces on Christmas morning!! You have truly put St. Teresa of Calcutta's message into action! *There is only one way to express our appreciation, and that of the recipients, for your participation, sharing your time,*

talent, treasure – to pray for Christmas Blessings for you and your loved ones.

Community News

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!

New Jersey Aids Services is celebrating the upcoming season with our clients by holding our annual holiday party on December 21. We are asking for your generous donation of \$20 gift cards for places such as Walmart, Target, ShopRite, Visa/MC or any other grocery or department store. Your donation would go a long way in benefitting our clients. Call 973-285-0006 to arrange for pick-up, or you can mail your donation to: NJ AIDS Services, 3 Executive Drive, Morris Plains, NJ 07950. As we continue to ensure services to those in need, your support is greatly appreciated.

College Age Retreat, January 6-8, 2017~ Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ. This retreat is designed to bring young people together of college age (17-22). Come join us to renew your spiritual life, deepen your relationship with God and to meet new friends. For more information, contact Anthony Fucci, Center Director, 609-884-3829 or visit www.capemaymarianists.org.

Eva’s Cookies & Brownies is back for the holiday season with all new recipes! Every gift box sold supports Eva’s Village. Order online: www.evascookiesandbrownies.com. Thank you for your support of Eva’s mission!

St. Paul Abbey, Rt 206 in 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!

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. 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? _____