

Church of Saint Joseph

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

The Celebration of The Eucharist

Monday, December 11th
9:00 a.m. For The People

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

Wednesday, December 13th
9:00 a.m. Joseph & Catherine
Carter

Thursday, December 14th
9:00 a.m. Margaret & Vincent
Gilligan

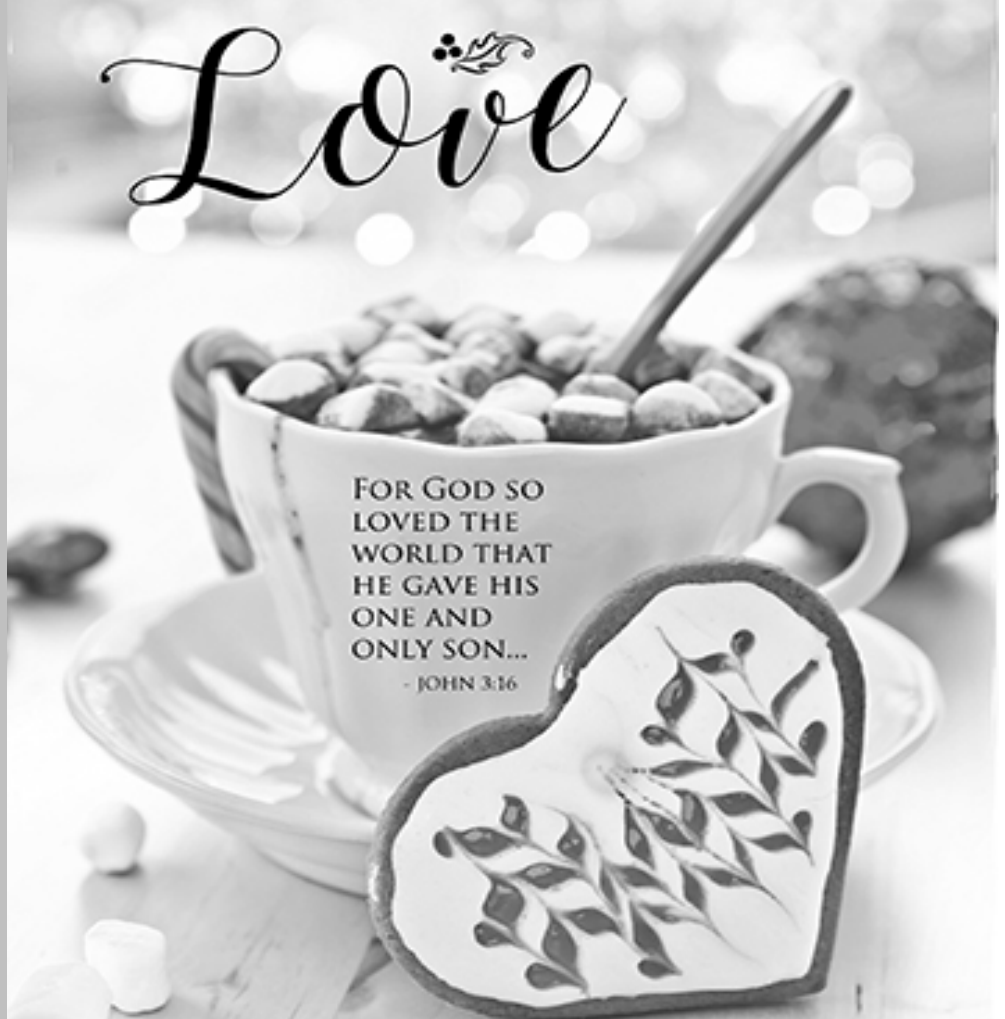
Friday, December 15th
9:00 a.m. Anne Fulling

Saturday, December 16th
8:00 a.m. George Knasas
5:00 p.m. Anthony Petrocelli
Mass in the Chapel in Italian:
6:30 p.m. Gloria Gagnon

Sunday, December 17th
7:30 a.m. Peter Cavallero
9:30 a.m. Gianni Angelo
Robertiello
11:30 a.m. Guido Ferrara

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

Baptisms:
First & Third Sundays of the Month



FOCUS: As John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord, so we, too, must prepare for his coming by being Jesus' disciples – his witnesses in the world. Our readings today give us hope that Jesus is coming, but also offer a challenge to prepare the way before him. John the Baptist's words in today's Gospel point us to Jesus while challenging us to repent. In order to prepare the way and *make straight his paths*, we must be willing to sometimes go out on a limb and be that voice crying in the wilderness, proclaiming the mightiness of our Savior.

Readings for Next Weekend

First Reading:
Isaiah 61:1-2a

Second Reading:
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Third Reading:
John 1:6-8, 19-28

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DISCERN
THE WILL OF GOD



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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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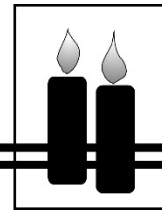
Parish Mission Statement

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

**Prepare the way
of the Lord**



We welcome
The Shadle Family
who recently joined our parish.

Welcome and God Bless!



Sunday Offering:

December 3, 2017: \$8,564

Religious Retired Fund: \$4,970

Thank you for your generous spirit! Fr. Joe



A Blessing for Expectant Parents

will take place at all the
Masses next weekend.

Religious give thanks. A religious sister writes, "When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless." Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

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.

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!


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. **Our final session** will be in the Christopher House on **Sunday, December 10** at 7:30 p.m. ~ 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 Session:** 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 Meeting:** December 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: December 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@sismendham.org.



Ministry to Life

Spiritual Adoption ~ Baby's body is sensitive to touch including pain. He can squint, swallow, pucker up his brow and frown.



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 3-5** will receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**.

The 4th grade Christmas Pageant, **The Littlest Angels Choir**, will take place this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. There is a morning dress rehearsal performance at 10:00 a.m. ~ everyone is welcome.

Students will enjoy a **2 hour delayed opening** on Thursday December 14.

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 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.

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

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



Religious Education

www.stjoesmendham.org

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

2nd Grade Sacramental Program:

Reminder: Your child is scheduled for First Reconciliation on January 6, 2018. Don't forget to bring the food item assigned to you for our celebration afterward!

St. Joseph School - 9:30 a.m.
Hope & Faith Groups - 11:30 a.m.



Snow date: January 20

January Class Schedule

Hope Group (1~6)

Sunday morning, January 7, 9:45 a.m.

Love Group (1~6)

Monday afternoon, January 8 & 29, 4:00 p.m.

TLC Group (7~8)

Monday night, January 8 & 29, 7:00 p.m.

Faith Group (K~6)

Sunday mornings, January 21, 9:45 a.m.



Prepare



POLICY REGARDING WEATHER RELATED CLASS CANCELLATIONS



In the event of inclement weather on Sunday when CCD classes are scheduled, class cancellations will be announced by 7:30 a.m. on the religious education phone line: 973-543-5950, ext. 19, ext. 14, and ext. 13.

Whenever inclement weather on a Monday forces closings for Mendham Township / Borough schools, the Parish Religious Education classes will also be cancelled.

In the case of weather or other emergencies that occur later in the day when CCD and TLC are scheduled, (Mondays) class cancellations will be announced by 3:00 p.m. on the religious education phone line: 973-543-5950, ext. 19, ext. 14, and ext. 13.

**ALL CANCELLATIONS WILL BE POSTED ON THE
PARISH WEBSITE:**

www.stjoesmendham.org

Family Liturgy will be held during the 9:30 a.m.



**Mass on the first and third
Sundays of the month.** On

Sunday, **December 17**, 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 (grade 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 & 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)

Sunday, January 7, 2018
5:00 ~ 6:30 p.m.



Teen News High School Youth Ministry

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 are available 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 Christmas Giving Tree ~ "Whatever you did ... you did for me" ~ 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 west entrance, and the gifts/gift cards returned, if you have 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 make sure no one is left out! *Monetary donations*

are most welcome—see tree tags or envelopes on narthex table, note **Giving Tree** on memo line! **Also, a reminder that everything be returned to the narthex on or before Monday, December 11.** If you have last minute concerns, please contact Ursula at 973-543-0858. There is much work to be done before all gifts are sent for distribution to Father English, Family Promise, CASA, MASH, the Sisters and 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 the message from the Lord into action! *There is only one way to express our appreciation -- and that of the recipients – for your participation, sharing your time, talents, treasure – to pray for Christmas blessings for you and your loved ones.*

“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!

The **People’s Choice Food Pantry** at the **Father English Community Center** in Paterson serves *100-150 clients each day.* In November a fire completely destroyed this vital resource to the community. Your help is needed to restock the pantry now so our brothers and sisters in Paterson can continue to be nourished. Please drop your non-perishable donations in the box located in the **West Entrance ONLY.** Items of greatest need include:

Canned Meats/Fish	Baby Food—All Stages
Rice/Pasta/Pasta Sauce	Baby Formula
Canned/Dried Beans	Diapers—All sizes
Macaroni and Cheese	Juices
Canned Soup	Peanut Butter/Jelly
Canned Fruit	Oatmeal/Grids/Farina
Pancake Mix/Syrup	Powdered Milk

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.** If you have other items to donate to the Father English Center, please call Adi Conover at 973-543-0248.

Community News

St. Paul Abbey on Rt. 206 has thousands of Christmas trees ready to choose ‘n’ cut - 7 Days a week through December 23, 9:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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.

THE 8TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET AT ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH in Morristown, Sunday, December 10 (7 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

※ 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? _____

