

St. Joseph the Worker Parish Puts the Happy into “Happy” New Year’s Eve

How many times can you wish others Happy New Year? Certainly, more than once! We counted down and wished others Happy New Year at 8:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m. and midnight to accommodate families with young children and “early to bed folks”! It didn’t take long for the idea of a games night New Year’s Eve potluck to take off and come together at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 505 Brewster Street. Parishioners donated board games, cards and dice for the event (and other games events in 2018). The evening was planned as a family-friendly event so that all ages could gather for a fun time. It was a cold evening and small group (with warm hearts and an age range of over seventy years) that gathered but it helps me remember *“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” Matthew 18:20*

As a parish community we find that getting together with one another strengthens our community and deepens the experiences of prayer and service.

Enjoy these comments below about the evening. May 2018 give you many opportunities to gather with two or three or more!

“The game I liked best New Year's Eve game night was Disney code names because I was able to play with all my family and friends.” – Amy age 11

“One of the things I enjoyed most on the evening was all the great food. Who doesn't love pizza! :)” – Dylan, age 13

“One of the best thing about being part of St. Joseph the Worker is the sense of community that one feels. It goes beyond only being a church to family catechesis and pot lucks to social gatherings. It makes it easy to make church part of your whole family's lives!” – Nanette, *mom & parishioner*

“I felt comfortable that it was a community experience and not “church”. It was nice to interact with different age groups in a casual way.” – Anonymous teen

“At our age we really don't want all the noise and commotion, but we still want to celebrate especially with good friends...My neighbour and I decided to see what was happening at our church. We played cards, chatted and had a very nice time especially when we celebrated the New years every hour with ginger ale! It was lovely, and I hope they do the same next year and that I'll have the good health to do it again. One of our friends had never played card games before and she really enjoyed it.” – Jeannette, long-time parishioner

Submitted by: Koreen Hrizai, coordinator



Selfie Station/ Photo Booth

Left: Our youngest participant (3 years old) & Priest Moderator, Father Isaie Blanchette, OMI

Right: Nanette, Dylan & Amy

