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MISSION STATEMENT

"The parish family of St. Joseph, nourished by the Word of God and the sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church and animated by the life of St. Francis of Assisi, proclaims, radiates and lives the love of God in our community."

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Eucharist

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 am
Weekdays 9:00 am
Holy Day of Obligation: see bulletin for Mass times

Baptism

Baptisms are on the first Sunday of the month at 1:00 pm. It is the law of the N.Y. Archdiocese that infants may only be baptized after the parents have attended an "Instructions on Baptism". Please call the Parish Office for information.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 to 4:30 pm and by appointment
Please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment.

Marriage

Individual arrangements are to be made at the Parish Office as soon as possible and no less than six (6) months before the date of the intended wedding. Time for church instruction and preparation are required by Church law.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the Parish Office at any time. This sacrament is administered to those who are seriously ill due to sickness or age.

Ministry to the Homebound

The Eucharist will be brought to the home of any person permanently or temporarily homebound. Please contact the Parish Office.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

7-9 pm Mondays - Parish Center

Holy Hour

First Friday of the month 7:00-8:00

SERVED BY

Fr. Salvatore Cordaro, O.F.M., Cap. - Pastor
Fr. John Koelle, O.F.M., Cap. - Parochial Vicar
Fr. Erik Lenhart, O.F.M., Cap. - In Residence

St. Joseph Religious Education Program

Sr. Philomena Fleck O.S.B. Director of Religious Education

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You can find information about Religious Education on the parish website:
www.stjosephnewpaltz.org/religious-education

	Monday	
RCIA adapted for Children/Teens	6:45-8:00 PM	Church Hall
	Tuesday	
Grades 1-6	6:00 to 7:30 PM	Parish Center
	Wednesday	
Grades 5-6	6:00 to 7:30 PM	Parish Center
	Sunday	
Pre-K/K	9:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Parish Center
Grades 1 - 6	10:45 AM to 12:15 PM	Parish Center

EVENTS OF THE WEEK: December 18-25, 2022

18	Sun	Second Collection: Capital Improvement Religious Education- Center Hearing Impaired Mass- 2:00- Church Benedictine Vespers- 5:00- Church
19	Mon	Senior Exercise Class- 9:15- Hall Food Pantry- 11:00-12:00- Hall Reconciliation Monday- 3:00-8:00- Church RCIA for Children/Teens- 6:45- Hall RCIA for Adults- 7:00- Center
20	Tues	Food Pantry- 11:00-12:00- Hall Religious Education- 6:00- Center Las Posadas- 7:30- Church- followed by a gathering in the hall
21	Wed	Senior Exercise Class- 9:15- Hall Food Pantry- 11:00- 12:00- Hall
22	Thurs	Al-Anon Meeting- 7:00- Center
23	Fri	Parish offices are closed Food Pantry- 11:00-12:00- Hall
24	Sat	Vigil of Christmas- Masses at 5:00 and 8:00 P.M.
25	Sun	Solemnity of Christmas- Masses at Midnight; 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 A.M.

Future Events:

FUNERALS AT ST. JOSEPH'S: Donna LaPolt- died December 3, funeral December 12

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR! - The staff of St. Joseph's would like to wish all our fellow parishioners a very happy and blessed Christmas season and we ask God that He may give you all the blessings of the New Year. May you always know the peace and joy of the Lord who comes among His people. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that those who believe in Him may not perish but have eternal life."- John 3:16

Parish offices will be closed on Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26, and also Friday, December 30 and Monday, January 2.

CHRISTMAS MASSES- The Masses for the Solemnity of Christmas will be celebrated at the following times: ***Saturday, December 24- 5:00 P.M.*** (Children's Choir) and ***8:00 P.M.*** (Folk Group); ***Sunday, December 25- Midnight; 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 A.M.*** Please join us for our joyous celebration of the birth of Christ, and invite someone you know who would appreciate our inspiring liturgies.

HOW WE ARE DOING FINANCIALLY AS A PARISH

In this time of financial difficulties for so many people, we want to be transparent about what we are receiving as income, and how we are spending the money you all so graciously and so lovingly offer to us.

For November 2022 (figures are rounded up)
Ordinary income- $84,300
Ordinary expenses- $56,400

Please note: these figures do not include the charitable contributions we make to individuals from our Solanus Casey Fund and the food pantry expenses (both of those are paid out of a dedicated fund)

As you can easily see, ordinary income was significantly higher than ordinary expenses. But once you take out the single $30,000 donation that came in that month, you'll see how expenses were just over income. Not that we don't appreciate that large donation- of course we do! It helps so much our ability to keep paying our bills during those months that don't have large donations.

The Sunday collections were still under the budget for the month, and continue to be down from what they had been in previous years. In light of that and in light of the difficult financial situations of us all, we continue to monitor our expenses and limit them whenever and wherever we can, without of course hurting our essential ministries or our ability to help our brothers and sisters in our parish family and in the greater community.

To help us to ensure that we can function financially as we should, we humbly ask you to prayerfully discern what you can offer to the parish in your weekly contributions and your general donations. Whatever you can offer to your parish family, know that it is very much appreciated and is essential in allowing this wonderful parish to continue to function.

If you have any questions about the figures above, or about anything else related to our current financial situation, please contact Fr. Salvatore and he would be happy to answer them the best that he could.

Many, many thanks for your continued generosity to our parish family- your prayers and your participation in the Eucharist; your good works in every part of the parish; your inspiring example of Christian life; and your financial contributions. God bless you all always!

RECONCILIATION MONDAY- On ***Monday, December 19***, every parish in the Archdiocese of New York will offer an opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Here at St. Joseph's, we will be offering the sacrament from ***3:00-8:00 P.M., and if you are planning to go to another*** parish for this, please contact them to see what times they will be observing. By participating in this sacrament, a person can experience the healing love of God in Jesus Christ and is reconciled to God and neighbor. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity for forgiveness and for peace of mind and soul.

LAS POSADAS- ***Please note: the date and time of this event has changed since it was originally announced.***

Come and join us on ***Tuesday, December 20 at 7:30 P.M.*** for "Las Posadas", which is a tradition that has long been celebrated in Mexico and Central America. It commemorates the difficult journey that Mary and Joseph undertook from Nazareth to Bethlehem looking for a warm and safe place to spend the night and to prepare for the birth of Jesus. It can help us to remember and be in solidarity with the many families around the world that are also seeking shelter and refuge.

Our "Las Posadas" will be a reenactment of that journey and will be a warm and joyful gathering with many different Latin-American traditional foods and beverages and games for children. This event is sponsored by our **Brazos Abiertos** ministry and all are welcome.

SKI BENEFIT FOR CANCER PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES- On **Thursday, March 9, 2023** the Benedictine Health Foundation will sponsor their 5th annual Ski Benefit, and all the proceeds from the event will help fund their good work supporting those struggling with a cancer diagnosis and whose financial means limit their ability to receive the care they need.

The event will be on Plattekill Mountain and will be a day of private skiing and snowboarding. Tickets are $150 per person, but there is an "Early Bird Special"- two tickets for $250 if purchased before December 31. For more information, please go to: https://benedictinehealthfoundation.org/event/ski-benefit/

FRANCISCAN CROWN ROSARY- Our Secular Franciscan fraternity here at St. Joseph's will be praying the Franciscan Crown rosary on ***Tuesday mornings in the church, right after the 9:00 A.M. Mass.*** All are welcome to join them in this prayer. They will have materials available on how to say this form of the rosary, and essentially it celebrates what are called the "Seven Joys of Mary". For more information on the Franciscan Crown, please go to: https://www.catholicdigest.com/faith/prayer/pray-the-rosary-franciscan-style/

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY- "FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART"- Prayer shawls bring comfort to the recipients and also to the maker of the shawl. Equipped with only needles and yarn, they are able to rejoice that their craft is made with a loving heart to comfort another in their time of need. Help make this ministry come alive in our parish, and consider making some of these prayer shawls. For more information contact Lauren Ingrassia at **845-419-5254** or Laurenslongarm@gmail.com

LET US KNOW YOUR CHANGES- If you have recently moved or changed your phone number, please let the parish office know. We need to keep the information in our parish census as up-to-date as possible so that we can assure you receive the information we send out to you. Thank you!

ST. JOSEPH'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Happy Fourth Week of Advent! We have all 4 candles lit now lighting the way to the Savior's birth.

Children's Choir for the Christmas Eve Mass at 5:00 pm – Last practice is on Tuesday, December 20, from 6:30 – 7:15 pm in the church.

Class Schedule:

Last class in 2022 – Tuesday, December 20, 2022 followed by Las Posadas at 7:30 pm in Church
First class in 2023 – Tuesday, January 3, 2023
7th and 8th grade meet next on January 20, 2023

Thank You to the 7th and 8th grade Confirmation students who made Holiday cards for the Office of the Aging in Ulster County. And to all the children in the other grades who are praying for everyone to have a wonderful Christmas.

The Nativity Pageant (Epiphany) – **Sunday, January 8, 2023** at 3:00 pm in the Church Hall. Children of all ages may participate. Choose the part you wish to play and create your own costume. Practice is at 2pm on January 8 in the Hall. Adult and teen volunteers are needed to help. Contact Sr. Philomena for more information.

Merry Christmas….

Peace and Joy,

Sr. Philomena Fleck, O.S.B.
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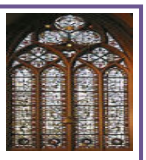
AN INVITATION TO ADVENT SUNDAY VESPERS- You are invited to participate in Vespers, the evening prayer of the Church, with Sr. Philomena and Sr. Marita. They will be in our church at ***5:00 P.M. on the Sundays in Advent (the last one is December 18).*** A Benedictine psalm arrangement will be used and prayer booklets will be provided. All are welcome.



SOLEMNITY OF MARY- The Solemnity of Mary is celebrated on ***Sunday, January 1***. Because it is on a Sunday, there will be the usual schedule of Masses (5:00 P.M. Vigil on Saturday, December 31 and 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 A.M. on January 1).

PARISHIONERS IN THE MILITARY: Please pray for the safety of our parishioners in the military. To add names to this list, please e-mail: stjoenp@stjosephnewpaltz.org with the parishioner name, rank, and branch of service if you would like them added to the list.

Chief Petty Officer Matthew Rzepnicki, US Navy
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Brian Donahue, Airman E3, US Navy Reserve
Midshipman Patrick Melanson, US Navy
Captain Zachary Thor, US Army
Nicholas Mosconi, US Navy

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	December 17, 2022	
	5:00 pm	St. Joseph Parish Family
Sunday	December 18, 2022	
	8:00	+ Michael Meszaros
	9:30	+ Franca Basile
	11:30	+ Barbara LaPolt
Monday	9:00	+ Gene Kelley
Tuesday	9:00	Special Intention for Healing
Wednesday	9:00	+ Thomas Muscarella
Thursday	9:00	+ Jenny Ruger
Friday	9:00	+ Arthur & Mary Mood
Saturday	9:00	+ Rose & Peter McKenna
	5:00 pm	+ Carolyn Henry DuBois
	8:00 pm	+ Gustavo Perez
Sunday	December 25, 2022	
	Midnight	St. Joseph Parish Family
	8:00	+ Apo & Bonnie Balantzian
	9:30	+ Deceased Members of Hale & Mironchik Families
	11:30	+ Ignazio & Maris LaRosa and Donald & Dorothy Lutz

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE
December
Gallerie & Keeton Families
+++
VIGIL LIGHT
December
Komorowski Family

" ...the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel."
Isaiah 7: 14

AVOIDING SCAMS- Scam emails are becoming more and more common. Every week or so, I get an email from someone pretending to be one of you all, and I'm sure you are seeing the same thing. It's becoming even more common during this holiday period as people are in even more of a giving mood.

A good rule of thumb is that if the message seems in any way suspicious, it's not real and you should ignore it. Asking for gift cards is a sure sign that something is up, and NEVER click a link on an email if you're not entirely sure that it's legitimate.

If it turns out that the message truly is from someone you know and it is important, they will get back to you. And the same caution of course goes with phone calls and things you receive in the regular mail. To read about some common frauds and scams, please go to: https://www.usa.gov/common-scams-frauds or https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts

Be safe out there!

SMART SHOPPER CARDS- Did you know that you can contribute to your parish community just by buying your groceries? Through St. Joseph's parish, you can purchase cards from ShopRite and Tops that can be used towards purchases at those stores. The best part is that for every $100 you spend using these cards, St. Joseph's Parish receives $5.00 which goes toward maintaining the parish and the many activities we sponsor. The cards are available in $50, and $100 amounts and can be purchased using cash or check. Please stop by the parish center during business hours (***Monday-Thursday- 9:30 A.M.-4:00 P.M.; Friday- 9:30 A.M.- 1:00 P.M.)*** to purchase these cards. And don't forget they make great gifts!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 2022

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Next Sunday: ***Vigil***: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3])/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

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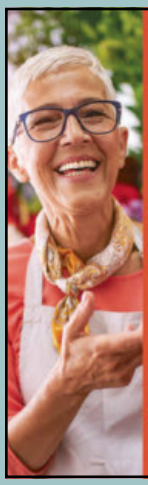

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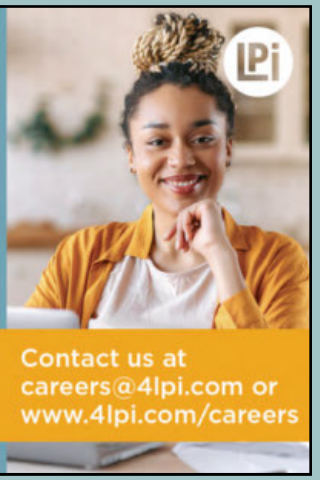

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