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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 “Instruction 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. Robert Lasrado, O.F.M., Cap. - Parochial Vicar
Fr. Michael Marigliano, O.F.M., Cap. - In Residence
Deacon Phil Siani

St. Joseph Religious Education Program

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

Tel. 845-255-0237

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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

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:
February 18-25, 2024**



- 18 Sun First Sunday of Lent
Second Collection– Capital Improvement
Religious Education– 9:30– Center
Hearing Impaired Mass– 2:00– followed by a gathering in the Hall
- 19 Mon Office Closed– Presidents’ Day
Senior Fitness Class– 9:15– Hall
Food Pantry– 11:00-12:00– Hall
RCIA for Children/Teens– 6:45– Hall
RCIA for Adults– 7:00– Center
- 20 Tues AARP Tax Prep– 9:00– Hall
Food Pantry- 11:00-12:00- Hall
Religious Education– 6:00– Center
Showing of “The Chosen”- 7:00- Hall
- 21 Wed AARP Tax Prep– 9:00– Hall
Food Pantry- 11:00- 12:00- Hall
Faith Sharing with Deacon Phil– 7:00- Center
Centering Prayer Workshop– 7:00– Church
- 22 Thurs Senior Fitness Class– 9:15– Hall
Al-Anon Meeting-7:00-Center
Pro-Life Committee Meeting– 7:00– Center
- 23 Fri Food Pantry- 11:00-12:00- Hall
Stations of the Cross– 7:00– Church
- 24 Sat Pax Christi Meeting– 10:00– Center
Baptism– Evelyn Medina– 1:00-Church
Second Collection– Fuel
- 25 Sun Second Collection– Fuel
Religious Education– 9:30– Center
Confirmation Prep– 9:30– Hall

FUNERALS AT ST. JOSEPH’S: Frank Spies– died February 2, funeral February 8; Pascal Frisina– died February 4, funeral February 9.

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 offer to us.



**For January 2024 (figures are rounded up)
Ordinary income- \$49,500
Ordinary expenses- \$68,800**

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

What a difference a month makes! You may remember that December’s figures showed a very healthy amount of ordinary income over ordinary expenses, and in January it was the reverse. December, remember, had the Christmas collection and some very nice end-of-year donations. And in January, we had some inclement weather (including a major snowstorm and extreme cold), which held collections down. Related to the weather were the bills for snow removal, a necessary evil to be sure. In January, we also had the expense for the votive candles, which we do a few times a year, and which of course comes back to us as donations for the candles lit.

This kind of fluctuation is to be expected, and overall we are in a good financial position thanks to you all. That being said, we continue to monitor all of our expenses and limit them 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 stay financially healthy, 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 is very much appreciated and is essential in allowing this wonderful parish to continue to function as it should.

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.

God bless you all always!

Parish offices will be closed on **Monday, February 19, 2024** in observance of Presidents’ Day.



CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP- Our Charismatic Prayer Group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at **7:00 P.M.** *The next meeting will be on February 28.* Come and be open to the Spirit! All are welcome.



WHAT’S HAPPENING HERE DURING THE SEASON OF LENT-

There is a booklet on the tables in the church listing the services and faith formation opportunities that will be

offered throughout the season of Lent, as well as guidelines for fasting and abstinence. Please pass this information on to people you know, including those who have no access to a computer. We want as many people as possible to celebrate this holy season with us!



SOME CHANGES FOR THE MASSES DURING THE LENT AND EASTER SEASONS-

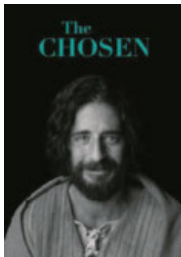
Here at St. Joseph’s, we have a Liturgy Committee, and they are tasked with helping to

make our liturgies even more engaging and better able to help our people to pray and celebrate the Eucharist together. At our last meeting, we decided to have an instrumental prelude for a few minutes before each of the weekend Masses for the Lent and Easter seasons in order to help us all to enter into a prayerful space before Mass begins. (The Children’s Mass will still have “Open My Eyes, Lord” as the prelude.)

And at all the weekend Masses, we will sing the Lord’s Prayer (the “Our Father”), using the traditional melody we all know.

Both of these additions will be evaluated after Pentecost, and we will then decide if we will continue to use them. And please let us know what you think after you’ve experienced them for a while!

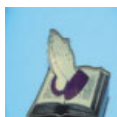
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



COME AND WATCH "THE CHOSEN" WITH US- On every Tuesday of the season of Lent (beginning on February 20), we will be showing episodes from Season 3 of the acclaimed series on the life of Jesus called "The Chosen". Each showing will be at 7:00 P.M. in our church hall and will be followed by a conversation in which we will share what we learned from that episode and how it helped our

life of faith.

CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP- On Wednesday, February 21, Fr. Salvatore will offer a workshop on Centering Prayer. It will be in the church and will begin at 7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer is a form of spiritual meditation that disposes us to enter contemplative prayer and to say "yes" to the presence of God within us. Fr. Salvatore will speak on the spirituality and the technique of this way to pray and then we will have the opportunity to pray in that way.



Fr. Salvatore will be offering similar workshops on *Lectio Divina* on March 6 and the Jesus Prayer on March 14.

FAITH SHARING GROUP WITH DEACON PHIL- Deacon Phil Siani will be holding a faith-sharing group every Wednesday during the season of Lent, beginning February 21. It will be at 7:00 P.M. in the parish center. Using the Scripture readings for the following Sunday, he will offer some commentary on the Scriptures, and then facilitate a conversation in which the participants can share their reflections. No need to register, and you can join us for as many sessions as you like. For more information, please contact Deacon Phil at coldmail75321@gmail.com.



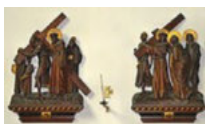
LENTEN ZOOM REFLECTIONS- This year Sr. Philomena will be facilitating a Lenten Reflection Series on from 1:00-2:00 P.M. on the following Wednesdays: Feb 21, 28, March 6, 13 and 20.

If you wish to participate, please send your email address to Sister at: peacetwou2@gmail.com and you will receive a weekly invitation.

Each one of the sessions stands on its own, so if you only can come to one or two you will be welcome whenever you can come! Please feel free to join. The joy of Zoom is we can be present with those near and far away.

PAX CHRISTI- Pax Christi of the Hudson Valley is part of an international Catholic Peace and Justice movement, and they will hold their next monthly meeting on Saturday, February 24 at 10:00 A.M. in the conference room in the parish center. All are welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS- Every Friday during Lent at 7:00 P.M. in the church, we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross. This beautiful devotion enables those who pray in this way to re-live the 14 stations (events) in Jesus' life as He went through His Passion for the salvation of the world. They help us to contemplate, and thus enter into, the Pascal Mystery and can greatly enrich our Lenten spiritual practice. The Stations will be followed each Friday by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, except on Good Friday when it will be followed by a Taizé prayer service on the "Last Words of Christ".



ST. JOSEPH'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Confirmation Preparation: Meeting for 8th grade Confirmandi and parents on **February 21, 6:00-8:00 pm** in the Church Hall (if you missed the Feb. 8 meeting).

Thank You to the 6th grade students and all those who helped to prepare a wonderful Mardi Gras celebration.

St. John Bosco Children's Fund - We would like to once again offer a focus for our Lenten giving on the St. John Bosco Children's Fund, which was established by former parishioners Hank and Kate Grimsland. St. Joseph's has provided funding for several children over the years in Haiti through 12th grade. Last year we supported 8 year old Donjeska Joseph, who was in 3rd grade. We would like to continue our support for her 4th grade education. If you would like to donate, please look for the take-out boxes in the vestibule of the church for more information. Please return the box with your donation to me by **March 19, 2024**.

Lenten Reflections - Some of our parishioners from near and far have signed up already. But it is never too late to sign up for Lenten Reflections, which will be on each Wednesday of Lent from 1-2 pm on Zoom. Each Zoom meeting is independent, so you can join me for one, all or as many as you choose. If you would like to participate, email me: peacetwou2@gmail.com. Thank you.

Save the Date - March 20, 6-8 pm, for our Seder Meal. See the detailed announcement in this bulletin for specifics.

Peace,

Sr. Philomena, O.S.B.

845-255-5635 ext. 105 or 16religiouseducation@gmail.com

JOIN OUR SEDER MEAL HERE AT ST. JOSEPH'S-

The Seder meal is celebrated each year in Jewish homes at Passover time and Jesus instituted the Eucharist when He celebrated this Passover meal with His disciples. On Wednesday, March 20 at 6:00 P.M. in our church hall, we will gather to celebrate a Christian Seder Meal and experience the origin of the Mass.



We will use many of the prayers in a traditional Seder meal, sing songs and use ceremonial foods including haroshes, bitter herbs, matzoh and eggs. Supper will be a meal of baked chicken, rice, a green salad, and a quinoa salad. To cover the cost of the meal, we are asking for a contribution of \$7 per person (\$20 per entire family).

RSVP by Monday, March 11. You can do so by contacting Kathy Seyfert at 914-388-7674 or at kesevfert@gmail.com. Or you can fill out one of the forms on the tables in the church and drop it off or send it in to the parish office. All are welcome!

FEBRUARY 18-25, 2024

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
- Capt. Matthew William Ibsen, US Army
- SMSGt. Nunzio Dominic Malara, US Air Force
- Capt. David James, US Navy
- Capt. Joseph A Hollway, US Air Force
- Lt. Commander Jack Georges, US Navy
- Capt. Robert Bozydaj, US Army
- E-5 Gretchen Wagner, US Army-National Guard
- Capt. Nicholas Zapotoski, US Army Reserve
- Capt. Jeremy Brinkmann, US Army
- Brian Donahue, Airman E3, US Navy Reserve
- Midshipman Patrick Melanson, US Navy
- Captain Zachary Thor, US Army
- Nicholas Mosconi, US Navy
- Donald Fecher, US Air Force Reserve

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	February 17, 2024	5:00	
Sunday	February 18, 2024	8:00	+ Korleen Farley
		9:30	St. Joseph Parish Family
		11:30	+ Ed Gallagher
Monday	9:00		Special Intention for Healing
Tuesday	9:00		+ Linda Guerra
Wednesday	9:00		For Special Intentions
Thursday	9:00		+ Deceased Members of Sabel Family
Friday	9:00		+ Theodore Risko
Saturday	February 24, 2024	9:00	"L" Family of Michael Quinn
		5:00	"L" Arlene Mazzetti
Sunday	February 25, 2024	8:00	+
		9:30	+ Gustavo Perez
		11:30	St. Joseph Parish Family

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE February - Michael Meszaros

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VIGIL LIGHT

Second 2 Weeks of February - Michael Meszaros

"The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: 'This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.'"

Mk 1: 12-15



FREE TAX PREP FROM AARP- AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers have begun tax return preparation at St. Joseph on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. *People who came to St. Joseph in the past 3 years will be contacted via email or phone to schedule.*

If necessary you can request an appointment via email to UlsterTaxAide@gmail.com. Include your name, phone number, and preferred site. If you **do not have email**, you can call Lindsay at **845-475-2530** to set up an appointment.

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING- The next Catholic Grandparents Association meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 27 at 9:45 A.M.** in the conference room of the parish center. All grandparents are invited to join us for refreshments and meaningful faith-based discussion.



JOIN THE FUN - DONATIONS NEEDED

The Cardinal Spellman Columbiettes **BASKET WALK** (formerly Penny Social) will be held on **Saturday, April 20**. Doors open at 11 am, calling at 12:30 pm. The Columbiettes will create a wide variety of unique gift baskets for the raffle.

To support this fund-raising project, we are asking for donations of **new and gently used** household items, glassware, knick-knacks, men's and lady's gifts, toys, puzzles and large baskets (no Easter Baskets please). **No books, wall hangings or fabrics.**

Collection Boxes will be available at the entrances to the church the first 3 weekends in March. Thank you in advance for your help.

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HOLY HOUR WITH THE SISTERS OF LIFE- The Sisters of Life will have a Holy Hour on **Saturday, February 24 at 7:30 P.M.** at their convent at 24 Harrison St. in Catskill. Confessions will be available during the service, and there will be light refreshments afterwards. Come and pray in loving adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



PRO-LIFE MINISTRY MEETING-

We very much want to strengthen our Pro-Life ministry in this parish and to discern together how we can be more effective in what we are doing with this very important work. The goal, of course, is to protect and enhance the lives of all persons from conception to natural death and everything in between, and this is done through prayer, action, education and awareness.

If you are interested in being part of a Pro-Life committee here at St. Joseph's, please come to our next meeting on **Thursday, February 22 at 7:00 P.M.** in the parish center.

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MASS READINGS WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18, 2024



The text of the readings for the weekdays can be found on the Bishop's website: www.usccb.org/bible/readings.

For Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16 -17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10



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