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

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Levels I, II (CGS I,II)

	<u>Sunday</u>	
CGS Level I (3-6 yrs.)	9:15 AM to 10:45 AM	Parish Center
CGS Level I (3-6 yrs)	11:15 AM to 12:45 PM	Parish Center
CGS Level II (6-9yrs)	11:45 AM to 12:45 PM	Parish Center
	<u>Tuesday</u>	
CGS Level I (3-6 yrs)	6:00 to 7:30 PM	Parish Center
CGS Level II (6-9 yrs)	6:00 to 7:30 PM	Parish Center

Grades 3-6

Sunday - 11:15 AM-12:45 PM - Parish Center
Tuesday - 6:00-7:30 PM - Parish Center

RCIA adapted for Children/Teens

Monday - 6:45-8:00 PM - Parish Center

EVENTS OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT: December 8-15, 2024



- 8 Sun Second Collection– Christmas Flowers
Scouts Pancake Breakfast– after 8:00 and 9:30 Masses– Hall
Religious Education– 9:15– Center
Baptism– Rosalie Schisano– 1:00– Church
Wedding– McDonald/Durham– 3:00– Church
Advent Vespers– 5:00– Church
- 9 Mon Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception– Masses at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM– Church
Senior Exercise Class– 9:15– Hall
Food Pantry– 11:00-12:00– Hall
RCIA (Children/Teens)- 6:45– Center
RCIA (Adults)– 7:00– Center
- 10 Tues Food Pantry- 11:00-12:00- Hall
Religious Education– 6:00– Center
- 11 Wed Food Pantry- 11:00- 12:00- Hall
Charismatic Prayer Group– 7:00– Church
- 12 Thurs Las Mañanitas - 5:00 A.M.- Church
Senior Exercise Class– 9:15– Hall
Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe– 7:00– Church– followed by a gathering in the Hall
Al-Anon Meeting– 7:00– Center
- 13 Fri Food Pantry– 11:00-12:00- Hall
- 14 Sat Men’s Group– 7:30– Center
Wreaths Across America– 12:00– New Paltz Rural Cemetery
Second Collection– Retirement Fund for Religious
- 15 Sun Second Collection- Retirement Fund for Religious
Religious Education– 9:15– Center
Bambinelli Sunday– 9:30– Church
Hearing Impaired Mass– 1:00– Church– followed by a gathering in the Hall
Advent Vespers– 5:00– Church

FUNERALS AT ST. JOSEPH’S:



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION- The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on **Monday, December 9** this year (since the traditional date of December 8 is a Sunday) and it is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated on **December 9 at 9:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.**, and there will be no Vigil Mass on that Sunday.

COME TO OUR SPECIAL HOLIDAY EVENT!-

Do you find the holidays challenging because of your situation? Are you divorced, widowed, single, unwelcome now in your family, etc.? We want you to know you are not alone. Please come to our special holiday event on **Saturday, December 21 at 11:00 A.M.** in our parish center and meet others who, like you, struggle to find joy in this season. Holiday foods and helpful suggestions will be available. For more information, contact Donna Gabriel at: donnagabriel6@gmail.com



CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD-



Would you like to know more about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program we have at St. Joseph? Would you like to spend time with Jesus in the space known as the atrium? There will be another formation course here at St. Joseph starting in **January 2025**. If you feel called to hear and learn from a different perspective, that of a child, guided by the wisdom of Maria Montessori, then this might be for you. Brochures with the information will be available in church or you can reach out to Sr. Philomena or Kate Jonietz.

THE PAINTING ON OUR FRONT COVER- The beautiful painting of the outside of our church that is on the front cover of our bulletin was created by our own **Cami Fischer** back in 1972. Many things have changed since then, of course, but the goodness and the faith of our people (the real Church!) has stayed the same. And thank you, Cami, for sharing your gift of art with us over the years.



COME TO OUR MEN’S GROUP!- All the men of the parish are invited to join us on **Saturday, December 14** for the next meeting of our Men’s Group. This is a group of brothers who meet once a month to learn from one another how their faith can enrich every part of their lives. It’s a great group of guys and we always have an interesting and inspiring conversation.

We will gather in the parish center at **7:30 A.M.**- yes, that’s right! We chose that time so that you would have the rest of the day to do what you need to do. Please join us and bring a friend- there’s no commitment made by attending, but we do hope you will be part of this community of faith. Come and spend some time with other men of faith.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA- Our parishioner, Kathy Mironchik, is one of the local coordinators of “Wreaths Across America”, an event that involves placing a wreath on the grave of every veteran buried in a particular locality. The event will be on **Saturday, December 14 at 12:00 P.M.** at New Paltz Rural Cemetery. It’s a beautiful way to remember the sacrifices these brave men and women made for our country. For more information on the New Paltz event that day or to make a donation, please go to: www.wreathscrossamerica.org/NY0270



RECONCILIATION MONDAY- On **Monday, December 16**, 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.

CUB SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Cub Scout Pack 272 will have a pancake breakfast fundraiser on **Sunday, December 8 from 8:30-11:00 A.M.** in the church hall. A delicious meal of pancakes, eggs and bacon will be served by the Scouts, Scout leaders, and their families. And stop by their Bake Sale table for some holiday treats. Enjoy delicious food and help support the training and the good work of our Scouts. Cost of the breakfast is \$7 per adult, \$5 per child, \$5 for veterans, and \$20 per family.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Please join us for our joyous celebration of the birth of Christ and invite someone you know who would appreciate our inspiring liturgies.



The Masses for the Solemnity of Christmas will be celebrated at the following times:

Christmas Eve- Tuesday, December 24

5:00 P.M.- Children's Mass with the Children's Choir and the procession of the children with the Baby Jesus to the manger.

8:00 P.M.- Music by the Folk Group; Carols begin at 7:30 P.M.

Christmas Day- Wednesday, December 25

Traditional **Midnight** Mass- Prelude begins at 11:30 P.M.

9:30 A.M. And **11:30 A.M.**



BAMBINELLI SUNDAY- For the past several decades, each year on Gaudete Sunday (the Third Sunday of Advent) children and adults bring their Baby Jesus figures from their homes to St. Peter's Square where the Pope blesses both the people and their figures during the Angelus. This year we will again celebrate Bambinelli Sunday here at St. Joseph's at the **9:30 A.M. Mass on Sunday, December 15.** Children of all ages are encouraged to bring their representation of Baby Jesus to be blessed. There will also be uncolored images on the tables in church for them to take home and color and then bring on December 15.

The Catholic Grandparents Association hopes the Spirit of Christmas will stay with the children as they see their picture displayed in their home.



ADVENT SUNDAY VESPERS- Sr. Philomena and Sr. Marita will lead us in Vespers, the evening prayer of the Church, in our church at **5:00 P.M.** on the Sundays in Advent (**December 1, 8, 15 and 22**). A Benedictine psalm arrangement will be used, and prayer booklets will be provided. All are welcome.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS AND DISCUSSION ON ZOOM WITH SR. PHILOMENA- For all our parishioners, near and far, Sr. Philomena will offer a series of Advent reflections on Zoom on each Wednesday of the season (**December 4, 11 and 18**) from **1:00-2:00 P.M.** Each session will last an hour and stands on its own and is a wonderful way to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord at Christmas. If you are interested in joining us, email Sr. Philomena at: peacetwou2@gmail.com.

ADVENT MORNING OF PRAYER, REFLECTION AND SHARING- All the members of the parish are invited to join us for an Advent Morning of Prayer, Reflection and Sharing on **Monday, December 16 at 9:45 A.M.** in the parish center. The theme for our prayer will be "The Advent Journey" and we will use the *Lectio Divina* style of prayer, reading and re-reading a passage with time for personal reflection between each reading. And we will also have time for sharing our reflections.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP- Our Charismatic Prayer Group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at **7:00 P.M.** Their next meetings will be on **December 11 and January 8.** Come and be open to the Spirit! All are welcome.

ST. JOSEPH'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



The Potter's "Let our Light Shine" event last week was enjoyed and shared with people of all ages. We are grateful to Ray Boswell for all he gives to our parish!

Advent is well underway. Our 7th and 8th graders made over 330 beautiful holiday cards for the Ulster County Office of the Aging. Congratulations to the 20 students who spent time designing Holiday Cards in the spirit of Advent giving!

The Children's Christmas choir (preparing for the Children's Christmas Eve 5:00 pm Liturgy) will meet on the next 2 Wednesdays at 6:15 pm in the Parish Center. It is not too late to join.

Please visit our Advent/Christmas Labyrinth, in the Church Hall from after the 5:00 pm Mass on December 21 through Christmas Day. Everyone who has walked through the Labyrinth has found it a beautiful, faith-filled experience reflecting on this special time. Treat yourself and your family.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd formation classes begin on January 25, 2025

May your Advent be a deepening of the preparations both inside and outside!

Advent stillness,

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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE- There will be a bilingual Mass on **Thursday, December 12 at 7:00 P.M.** in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patron saint of the Americas. The Mass will be sponsored by Brazos Abiertos, the Hispanic ministry that has been such a wonderful part of our St. Joseph's family. A reception will follow in our church hall with many traditional dishes from Mexico.



And at **5:00 A.M. that morning**, we will have "Las Mañanitas" a beautiful ritual in which the Blessed Mother is serenaded. All are welcome and we hope you can attend these special celebrations and pay honor to our Mother.

FAITH SHARING GROUP WITH DEACON PHIL- Deacon Phil Siani will hold a faith-sharing group on **December 5, 12 and 19** (all Thursdays in the parish center at **noon**). Using the Scripture readings for the next Sunday, he will offer commentary on the Scriptures, and facilitate a conversation in which we can share our reflections. If you would like to be part of this group, contact him at coldmail75320@gmail.com.

BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. MARC OLIVER- "Jesus, my Lord, I Thee adore; Help me to love Thee more and more." The task of the four Evangelists is to help us realize the answer to this prayer. A studied encounter with the Holy Gospel can serve this end, and anyone can experience drawing nearer to the Lord, especially with some help from St. Luke, through whom Christ uniquely reveals Himself.

You are invited to attend a Bible study session for this purpose with Fr. Marc Oliver, a friend of our parish. It will be on **Saturday, December 14 from 10:30 A.M.- 12:00 P.M.** in our parish center. All are welcome to join us.

DECEMBER 8-15, 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
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Donald Fecher, US Air Force Reserve
Alex Regan, Ensign, US Coast Guard
Samantha Regan, Machinery Technician, US Coast Guard

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	December 7, 2024	5:00 + Edward Delpizzo
Sunday	December 8, 2024	8:00 St. Joseph Parish Family 9:30 + George Battaglia 11:30 + Joseph Bartlett
Monday	9:00 + Jim Cusack 7:00pm + Bernard Dillon	
Tuesday	9:00 + Irene Risko	
Wednesday	9:00 + Joseph Bartlett	
Thursday	9:00 + Br Fidelis Hertel, O.F.M., Cap.	
Friday	9:00 + Richard Wilson	
Saturday	December 14, 2024	9:00 + Br. Walter Puhall, O.F.M., Cap. 5:00 + Jim Keesler
Sunday	December 15, 2024	8:00 + Patrick M. Connors 9:30 + Hernandez Family 11:30 St. Joseph Parish Family

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE
December— Gallerie & Keeton Families
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VIGIL LIGHT
December— Peter & Rose McKenna

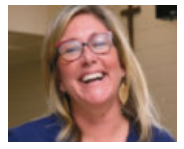
Readings for Sunday, December 15: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Mass readings for the week can be found on the Bishop's website: www.usccb.org

"...Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."
Luke 3: 4-6

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE— Congratulations to Laura Subey and Theresa Tiberia, our new Parish Council members. We thank them for wanting to serve our parish family in this way. They are both faithful, hard-working and talented persons.

Congratulations Laura & Theresa



NEW YORK CATHOLIC RADIO— NY Catholic Radio serves the mid-Hudson Valley and offers Catholic programming of all kinds. It is based in Hopewell Junction and is broadcast out of Regina Coeli Church in Hyde Park. You can listen to their broadcast on WJVQ- 94.7 FM or at: <https://newyorkcatholicradio.org/>

They will soon be interviewing Fr. Salvatore and are willing to promote the programs and events of our parish. A representative of the radio station will be speaking at the Masses here the weekend of **December 7/8** and the hope is that we have an ongoing relationship with them.



ADVENT LABYRINTH: We hope that you are thinking about the journeys that took place before and following the birth of Jesus, and what those journeys might have been like. We offer you a chance to take this journey, follow the star and experience an Advent Labyrinth. We invite you to the church hall **Saturday December 21st after the 5:00pm mass** and throughout the days leading up to and including Christmas Day. Allow God to speak to your heart as we prayerfully celebrate the last few days of advent and come into the great feast of Christmas. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 3 children have prayerfully contributed artwork, prayers and stops along the journey. You can walk the labyrinth or just sit and enjoy the beauty of this prayerful atmosphere. The Prophet Isaiah listened to God with his whole heart, and proclaimed to the people clues about the coming of the great light, the light of Jesus. As we recall the words of the prophet, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light", and ponder Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path", we hope you take some time to experience this great light, walk out of the darkness into the light of Christ and experience the Advent Labyrinth.

FEMININE GENIUS BRUNCH— The Sisters of Life invite all women to a *Feminine Genius Brunch* on **Saturday, December 14 at 10:00AM** at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Middletown. This brunch borrows its name after those amazing God-given attributes endowed to women—receptivity, sensitivity, generosity, and maternity—all of which make up the feminine genius! In addition to a lovely brunch, Sr. Mary Gabriel, SV will speak about the beauty of the feminine heart. For more information, please go to: <https://archny.org/ministries-and-offices/respect-life/events-2/feminine-genius-brunch/> **RSVP by December 10.**

PRO-LIFE PRAYER INTENTIONS— We are strengthening our Pro-Life ministry at St. Joseph's, with the goal being to protect and enhance the lives of all persons from conception to natural death and everything in between, through prayer, action, education and awareness. For the prayer aspect of this, each month we will offer a prayer intention concerning the Pro-life cause in general or a specific aspect of it, and we humbly ask that you include it in your own life of prayer.

The intention for December is: *We pray for all those women who are dealing with dealing an unexpected pregnancy- for their peace and that they receive the support and the help they need.*



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