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“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 FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT: December 22-29, 2024



22 Sun	Second Collection– Capital Improvement Advent Vespers– 5:00– Church
23 Mon	Parish Offices are closed Senior Exercise Class– 9:15– Hall Food Pantry– 11:00-12:00– Hall
24 Tues	Parish Offices are closed Food Pantry- 11:00-12:00- Hall Christmas Eve– Masses at 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm
25 Wed	Parish Offices Closed—Merry Christmas Solemnity of Christmas– Masses at Midnight, 9:30 pm and 11:30 pm
26 Thurs	Parish Offices are closed Senior Exercise Class– 9:15– Hall Al-Anon Meeting– 7:00– Center
27 Fri	Parish Offices are closed Food Pantry– 11:00-12:00- Hall
28 Sat	
29 Sun	

FUNERALS AT ST. JOSEPH'S:



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.**

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

Parish Offices will be closed from **Monday, December 23 through Friday, December 27** in observance of the Christmas Holiday.



SOLEMNITY OF MARY- The Solemnity of Mary is celebrated on **Wednesday, January 1**. This is a holyday of obligation and there will be Masses that day at **9:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.** There will be no Vigil Mass on Tuesday, December 31.

A message from Fr. Salvatore



As many of you know, I turned 60 this year (!), and it was an interesting experience for sure. Many thanks to you all for all the birthday wishes and all your kindnesses to me for that day, and many thanks to God for inspiring to use that occasion to look back on my life and reflect on where I am, how I got here and where I hope to be. The last one is easy- I want to be here at St. Joseph’s for the rest of my days...

How I got to where I am is of course from the Lord, but I see more clearly than ever the role that this parish family and all its members have shaped me in ways I could never have imagined, even ten years ago. My time here has opened up my sense of who I am as a minister- as a Capuchin first, of course, and then as a priest from that- and it has helped me to see, for the first time really, what I have been gifted with by the Lord for the sake of His people. My great appreciation to you all for all that you have taught me, and all that you have helped me with, and all that you have done for me is without measure.

As I said at the State of the Parish report last month, I am so happy that everything is coming together so beautifully and we are able to offer our people and the people in our community of New Paltz and beyond so many good things. And all based on our practice of Eucharist- what we are all about as a parish and what keeps us united and working together, even when there are obstacles and discouragements in the way.

As always, I would like to thank all those who offer so much to our parish family- all those who support and help us to thrive through:

- * Their prayers and their participation at our liturgies
- * Their hard work in volunteering in the various ministries and in the many outreach programs to our brothers and sisters in need
- * Their words of encouragement
- * Their financial contributions
- * Their great and inspiring example of a life of faith lived in the uncertainty of this world, but with the conviction that God is indeed with us and is bringing us all toward something good, for ourselves and our families and our local communities, and ultimately for the Kingdom of God

There are many good things that will be happening next year, and we have work to do! God will give us the grace that we need to do all that, as He always has and always will, and we all need to do whatever we can to continue to make this parish the great community of faith that it is. As always, no pressure and no guilt! Just keep being the good and holy people that you are, and the Spirit will show us what to do.

On behalf of Fr. Robert, Fr. Michael, Sr. Philomena, Sr. Marita and all the staff here at St. Joseph’s, I wish you all a happy and blessed Christmas and New Year.

Peace and all good.
Fr. Sal



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ADVENT LABYRINTH: We invite you to the church hall throughout the days leading up to and including Christmas Day to visit the Labyrinth. You can walk the labyrinth or just sit and enjoy the beauty of this prayerful atmosphere.



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 from Tuesday, December 31 through Thursday, January 2** in observance of the New Year.

OUR "iTHRIST" PROGRAM- Our parish is preparing to begin the iTHRIST program in March. This program offers spiritual companionship for those in recovery. By being spiritual companions to persons with addictive behavior, we can offer help on their journey back to the Lord. We are concerned about the healing of the whole person, so we will offer assistance in suggesting additional tools and resources for them.

PARENT CAFES- coming in January as part of a grant for Parent & Family Faith Formation for families with children from birth to 12th grade. A survey was sent to parents in October – if you have not completed it, please do so now. Parent Cafes will take place on **Sunday, January 19, 11:30am-12:30pm; Tuesday, January 21, 6:15-7:15pm; Thursday, January 23, 7-8pm.** We strongly urge you to attend one of these Cafes to learn more about this grant project.

CHILDREN'S MASS- On the first Sunday of every month the **9:30 Mass** will be a Children's Mass. This will not be a "kiddie Mass" with balloons! Rather, it will be one that will engage the whole family and help them all, and in a special way the children, to experience the liturgy in a more enjoyable and engaging way.

This Mass will have versions of the Scripture readings which are tailored to a 7th grade level; a homily that will be offered in the aisle and will be interactive. Religious Education students will proclaim the Scripture readings (not the introduction, the Prayer of the Faithful, or the announcements, though) and Religious Education students will bring up the gifts for the Offertory with their families. And we have our children as altar servers!

The next Children's Mass will be on **January 5**. Please join us for this experience of liturgy for all ages and please invite the people you know and love to celebrate the Eucharist with us.

SUNDAY SOCIAL- Our monthly Sunday Social is a very popular and important of our parish life here at St. Joseph's. It is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners better and build up our parish community, while enjoying some delicious food. There is an area in the hall with toys and games where the children can play while you enjoy your food. Any help you can offer by bringing a homemade dessert or by cleaning up at the end of the gathering would be greatly appreciated.



The next Sunday Social will be on **January 5**. And please bring along your family and friends!

ST. JOSEPH'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



I invite you to prayerfully walk through our Advent/Christmas Labyrinth in the Church Hall each day, from 8am-8pm, **through Christmas Day**. This is a unique and reflective experience. Come and take the time to see for yourself

Our Christmas Pageant will be on the **Epiphany – January 5, 2025**. Children will be the angels, the Holy Family, the shepherds, the animals and the Kings! If you want to participate come to a short practice on Sunday, January 5, at 1:30pm in the Hall. Please bring a costume from home for whatever character you wish to be. The pageant will begin at 2pm and refreshments will be available after. All families in the parish are invited to come!

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd formation classes begin on **January 25, 2025**. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact me or Kate Jonietz for more information

Sr. Marita and I pray that your Christmas will be full of joy and peace.

Sr. Philomena Fleck, OSB
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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 November 2024 (figures are rounded up)
Ordinary income- \$60,800
Ordinary expenses- \$51,600

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).

A very good month! As you can see, ordinary income is a good amount over ordinary expenses, and this is due in part to some large donations coming as some of our parishioners releasing end-of-year disbursements. This of course helps to make up for the months when expenses (ordinary and otherwise) exceed what is coming in. These scenarios are to be expected, and what it comes down to is that we are in good financial shape, and we can pay our bills, which is a wonderful thing at any time of year.

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!

DECEMBER 22-29, 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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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
Alex Regan, Ensign, US Coast Guard
Samantha Regan, Machinery Technician, US Coast Guard

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	December 21, 2024	5:00 + Liam McCloskey
Sunday	December 22, 2024	8:00 + Carole Wofrom 9:30 + Gustavo Perez 11:30 St. Joseph Parish Family
Monday	9:00	+ Jonathan Rice
Tuesday	9:00	+ Peter & Rose McKenna 5:00pm + Cooney & Dooley Families 8:00pm + Marcella Fall
Wednesday	Midnight	- St. Joseph Parish Family 9:30 + Maria Zapata 11:30 + Michelina & Giacimino Bruno
Thursday	9:00	+ Carol Wolfrom
Friday	9:00	+ Helen & Neil Donarm
Saturday	December 28, 2024	9:00 To End Abortion 5:00 St. Joseph Parish Family
Sunday	December 29, 2024	8:00 + 9:30 + Michael Meszaros 11:30 + Henry & Carolyn Dubois

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

*“Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.”
Isaiah 7:14*

VOLUNTEER



OPPORTUNITIES IN THE COMMUNITY- When we volunteer, we share with those persons in any kind of need what God has blessed us with, and we make a real difference in the lives of those we are privileged to help. These are two opportunities sponsored by Ulster County to volunteer in the greater community:

- 1) Adult Literacy program-** There is a need for volunteers to help adults to learn basic reading skills, as well as English as a Second Language (ESL). Through this literacy program, people in all walks of life can more easily accomplish such important parts of life that we sometimes take for granted, such as getting a driver’s license, attending a parent/teacher conference, becoming a citizen, or finding a job. For more information, please go to: <https://ulsterliteracy.org/volunteer/>
- 2) COMPEER program-** this program helps those persons who are recovering from mental illness and who are helped in their continued healing through volunteers who encourage them and develop a one-to-one relationship with them built upon friendship and support. The volunteers in this program will receive training, a personalized match and continuous professional support. For more information, please go to: www.mhainulster.com/wellness-services/compeer-volunteer-program/
- 3) Volunteering to help our seniors-** The Ulster County Office for the Aging has several opportunities to volunteer and help the seniors in our community. Some possibilities are:
 - * Warm Callers – folks who are willing to call isolated seniors regularly so they hear a friendly voice, have someone to speak to
 - * Volunteer drivers for our Neighbor to Neighbor Medical appointment driving program
 - * Caregiver respite
 - * Help at area nursing home for transporting, activities and companionship
 - * Volunteers willing to be trained to be ombudsmen in nursing homes
 - * Volunteers willing to assist as shoppers or with grocery pickup, chore doers, light maintenance volunteers for area seniors

For more information on volunteering for any of these wonderful programs, please go to: <https://ulstercountyny.gov/aging/volunteer-program>, or contact Sue Koppenhaver at skop@co.ulster.ny.us or **845-340-3456**.

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS WITH OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN NEED-

This Christmas season, instead of buying gifts for someone in your life who already has everything, please consider donating to one of our outreach programs - our food pantry or our Solanus Casey Fund, which helps people who are in an emergency situation with rent, utilities, etc. Whatever you can contribute to these important programs, it will greatly help so many people who are struggling and just need some help to get back on their feet.



Readings for Sunday, December 29: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

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



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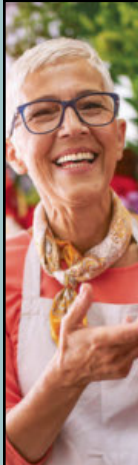
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