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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 can be celebrated at any time. 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)

Adults: 7-9 pm Mondays - Parish Center

Holy Hour

First Friday of the month 7:00-8:00 P.M.

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

Sunday

CGS Level I (3-6 yrs.) 9:15 AM to 10:45 AM Parish Center

CGS Level II (6-9yrs) 11:15 AM to 12:45 PM Parish Center

Monday

CGS Level II (6-9yrs) 5:00-6:30 PM Parish Center

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

CGS Level III (9-12yrs) 5:00-6:30 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 WEEK:

November 2-9, 2025



- 2 Sun All Souls Day
Religious Education- 9:15 - Center
Sunday Social- after all the Masses- Hall
Children's Mass- 9:30- Church
Mass for Deceased Parishioners- 11:30- Church
- 3 Mon Senior Exercise Class- 9:15- Hall
Food Pantry- 11:00-12:00- Hall
- 4 Tues Food Pantry- 11:00-12:00- Hall
- 5 Wed Food Pantry- 11:00-12:00- Hall
- 6 Thurs Senior Exercise Class- 9:15- Hall
Christmas Presence Tag Night- 7:00- Hall
Parish Council Meeting- 7:00- Center
Centering Prayer- 7:00- Center
Al-Anon Meeting- 7:00 - Center
- 7 Fri Lifetime Learning Institute- 9:00- Center
Food Pantry- 11:00-12:00- Hall
Holy Hour- 7:00- Church
- 8 Sat Men's Group- 7:30- Center
Brazos Abiertos- 7:00- Church
Second Collection- Arch. for Military Services
- 9 Sun Second Collection- Arch. for Military Services
Religious Education- 9:15 - Center
Matrimony Sunday 11:30- Church



THANKSGIVING BASKETS- Our St. Peter Damian fraternity of the Secular Franciscans will once again coordinate a Thanksgiving Basket drive in which they will give ShopRite gift cards to the needy in the New Paltz area.

To give a donation to this drive, please put a check made out to "St. Joseph Church-SFO" (or cash) in an envelope marked "Secular Franciscan Order- Thanksgiving" and place it in the collection baskets at the weekend Masses, or you can drop it off at the parish office during regular business hours. Many thanks for your great generosity which will make the Thanksgiving holiday a happier one for those in need.

If you are in need yourself of these gift cards, please register in the church hall on one of these days: Monday, November 3; Tuesday, November 4; Wednesday, November 5 and Friday, November 7 (on each date from 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.). The pick-up of the gift cards will be on Monday, November 24 from 11:00 A.M.- 1:00 P.M. in the church hall.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2026- The Mass book for 2026 will open on **Monday, November 10**. As usual the parish office will be open that day from **9:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.** To ensure that everyone has an opportunity to reserve a Mass for their particular intention, there will be a limit of obtaining **3 weekend Masses and 5 weekday Masses at one time**. There can be only one intention for each Mass.

We also offer the opportunity to memorialize your loved one who has passed away by purchasing the bread and wine that are used to celebrate Mass or the sanctuary candles that are by the tabernacle with the Blessed Sacrament. Donations for those memorials are \$15 for two weeks.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at **845-255-5635** or stjoenp@stjosephnewpaltz.org



PRESENTATION ON PRIESTHOOD- On Tuesday, November 11 at 7:00 P.M. in the church hall, Fr. Salvatore will offer a presentation on the ordained priesthood. He will share his own experience of being an ordained priest for the past 13 years and speak on the spirituality of being a minister to God's people in this way.

He will also answer questions from the attendees (ask him anything!) and if you don't want to ask that evening, you can leave your question in the box that will be on the table in the vestibule this weekend and next and he will try answer it at the presentation.

SHARING THE GOOD THINGS ABOUT ST. JOSEPH'S- As you well know, St. Joseph's is an exceptional parish and we are blessed with so many good things, as well as of course with so many good people! At a Parish Council meeting, Fr. Salvatore and the members of the Council came up with a long list of the things about St. Joseph's that the people who are not in our parish should be aware of and hopefully will inspire them to join our family.

Every month, through the bulletin and our Facebook page, we are sharing one of these qualities of our parish and we encourage you to let your family and friends who are not part of our parish know about it. We want as many people as possible to share in these good things!

This month's suggestion to share is:
We are the "other Catholics", while still remaining true Catholics. In other words, we do things a different way here but we are still faithful to the Lord and His Church.



REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US- The month of November is traditionally when the faithful pray in a special way for our deceased loved ones and we call to mind the resurrection that is the hope for ourselves and those who have gone before us.

All Souls Day is celebrated on Sunday, November 2 and the Masses will be the usual Saturday Vigil/Sunday morning schedule. At the 11:30 Mass on that day, we will have a special ceremony of remembrance for all those parishioners who have died over the past year.

There are cards on the tables in the church in which you could list the names of the persons you love who have gone to God, and the friars will include these persons in their prayers and in their intentions for the Masses they celebrate during the month of November. You can give the card to one of the friars or drop it off at the parish office.

All those members of our families and of our parish family who have gone to God will never be forgotten and we trust that the Lord is taking care of them until we see them again!

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY)

“ONE SMALL THING”- KNITTING AND CROCHET BLOCKS- Our local fraternity of the Secular Franciscans and the ministers of the iTHIRST program need your help in bringing something good to those who have so little.



They are asking that you dust off your knitting or crocheting needles and make 8” blocks, which will be combined to make prayer blankets. At this time, they are asking for acrylic yarn and earth/neutral colors, and please place the completed squares in the vestibule of the church. They will take it from there. The blankets that will be created will be given to the men at St. Christopher’s Inn in Garrison, which does such great work in helping those who are addicted to achieve recovery. For more information, please contact [Lauren at Laurenithirst@hotmail.com](mailto:Lauren@Laurenithirst@hotmail.com)

CULTURE OF LIFE PRAYER INTENTION- Our Culture of Life ministry here at St. Joseph’s, with the goal, of course, being to protect and enhance the lives of all persons from conception to natural death and everything in between. All this is done through prayer, action, education and awareness.

For the prayer aspect of this, each month we will be offering a prayer intention concerning this 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 November is:

That we may respond with charity to the command of Christ to use our gifts and resources to feed the hungry and take care of the migrant, the widow and the orphan, as the Scriptures exhort us to do, and that we never forget that we are dealing with human beings, who are children of God just as much as we are.

CHRISTMAS PRESENCE TAG NIGHT- Volunteers are needed to help prepare gift tags for our “Christmas Presence” trees. This is the start to our 2025 holiday giving program, and we can use many pairs of hands to complete all the tags. If you can help out, please join us in the church hall on Thursday, November 6 at 7:00 P.M. All adults and teenagers are welcome to join us- we just ask that if a teenager will be participating that they be with one of their parents.

HOLY HOUR- Please join us on Friday, November 7 at 7:00 P.M. for our monthly Holy Hour. Spend an hour in loving adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and pray for the needs of yourself and for the world.



COME TO OUR MEN’S GROUP!- All the men of the parish are invited to join us on Saturday, November 8 for the next meeting of our Men’s Group. This is a group of

MEN’S GROUP 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. and 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.

ST. JOSEPH’S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



November is a month of remembering and giving thanks. We are blessed to have those who have gone before us praying and helping us from heaven. Happy All Saints Day and All Souls Day.

If your child is in grades pre-k – 6 th grade or CGS I, CGS II, or CGS III, or 3rd - 6th grade, please sign up for Konstella, our new communication platform. All families should be on by November 2. It provides an easy way to access app the and each family will benefit from the information provided on it from reminders – special announcements, etc. It replaces the old Remind system and it can be invaluable.

The next Confirmation Preparation class meets Tuesday, November 11 (Veterans Day). We start with Mass at 9:00 A.M. and conclude at 2:00 P.M.

ALL AGES– PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

THE POTTER, Ray Boswell, will be coming for an Advent “Let Your Light Shine” reflection On Sunday, December 7 from 2:30 - 4:30 P.M., beginning in the church. You can make your own luminary, and we, as a parish family, can have this wonderful way to celebrate the Advent season and have your homemade luminary be a reminder of this season of preparation.

I have seen 4-year-olds and up to those in their 80’s have a great experience with this reflection. They love the Potter and the experience of preparing in this way for the coming of the Lord in the Advent season.

May your November be blessed.

Sister

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CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP- Our Charismatic Prayer Group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 P.M. Their next meeting will be on November 12. Come and be open to the Spirit! All are welcome.

"DIGGING DEEPER INTO THE GOSPEL" FOR TEENS- For the Sundays from *November 2 through November 16*, we will have "Digging Deeper Into the Gospel" for high school teens. Each session will be in the parish center from **10:30-11:20 A.M.** Join us as we discover the significance of the Gospels for our lives. If you have any questions, please email Tom at tbrinks1@gmail.com.

CENTERING PRAYER - The primary purpose of Centering Prayer is to further our experiential knowledge of the transforming love of God. The Centering Prayer group here at St. Joseph’s is open to all who are seeking to know God and be transformed by the goodness and grace of His presence. Whether you are experienced or not you are invited to join our community to practice, share, and learn with the aim of encouraging each other along the spiritual journey.

This group is facilitated by Centering Prayer practitioners Jane and David Lehman and meets (usually) two Thursdays per month. The next meetings will be on November 6 and 20. For more information, contact David at djlehman@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER 2-9, 2025

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
 Major Matthew William Ibsen, US Army
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 Lt. Commander Ashley Hanhurst, US Navy
 Christina Nigrelli/Rhodes, E7-SFC Engineer Instructor,
 US Army Reserves

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	November 1, 2025	5:00 + Ralph Matteo
Sunday	November 2, 2025	8:00 + Cecilia Calimano 9:30 + All Souls 11:30 +Deceased of St. Joseph Parish Family
Monday	9:00	In Thanksgiving to St. Martin de Porres
Tuesday	9:00	+ Cecilia Calimano
Wednesday	9:00	+ Eugene Toohey
Thursday	9:00	+ Sally Wilson
Friday	9:00	+ Ken Burda
Saturday	November 8, 2025	9:00 Special Intention for Healing 5:00 + Cecilia Calimano
Sunday	November 9, 2025	8:00 + St. Joseph Parish Family 9:30 + Louis Rivera 11:30 + Erika Pani

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

First two weeks of November – Theodore Schurko
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VIGIL LIGHT

First two weeks of November-Those Who Serve & Protect

“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?

The Lord is my life’s refuge; of whom should I be afraid?”-

Psalm 27:1-2

MATRIMONY SUNDAY- On Sunday, November 9, we will once again celebrate Matrimony Sunday here at St. Joseph’s. The couples who are celebrating significant anniversaries will receive a special blessing at the 11:30 Mass and renew their vows, and then go downstairs to the hall with their families for a special lunch.



We thank each of these couples for their beautiful and inspiring faithfulness and commitment to each other over the years, and for the wonderful witness they have given to so many people.

And many thanks to Bill and Betty Dubois for all their work in making this great event happen!

George and Cami Fisher- 70 years

George and Joan Gallant- 50 years

Joseph and Trudy Unger- 50 years

Dennis and Rae Zappone-51 years (they could not join us last year)

Dan and Nora Pietrafesa- 25 years

WRITING WORKSHOP FOR VETERANS- Our iTHIRST ministry of spiritual companionship for those in recovery will sponsor a writing workshop for veterans on **Monday, November 10 at 7:00 P.M.** in the church hall. This will be an instructor-led workshop which will provide veterans the opportunity to write and to share their work.

They will use a writing tool called “prompts” to help in this, and they will use poetry & song lyrics specific to those who were in military service. The participants can share what they write only if they choose, and our hope for everyone who joins us for this is that they will have the opportunity to find some resolve & grace during this process.

The second book club discussion on Fr. Richard Rohr’s book “Breathing Under Water: The Spirituality of the 12 Steps” that was scheduled for Tuesday, November 4 at 7:00 P.M. has been canceled.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS C&B RAFFLE- The Knights of Columbus are selling their C&B raffles and the top prizes are: \$25,000 grand prize; \$10,000 second prize; \$5,000 third prize; and ten \$1,000 prizes. Take a chance on winning some money and help support the good work of the Knights. **Raffle tickets will be available after the Masses the weekend of November 1/2** and then at the parish office. The winner will be drawn December 6.

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE- On Sunday, November 9, St. Charles Borromeo Church in Gardiner will offer a Taize prayer service. It will begin at 2:00 P.M. and will have sung and chanted prayers, liturgical readings, meditation and silence. All are welcome to attend.

Mass Readings November 9– Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9, 12/Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17/John 2:13-22

Mass readings for the week can be found on the US Bishops website: usccb.org/bible/readings



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