

# St. Joseph Church

A Ministry of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars, Province of St. Mary (New York/New England)



## 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](http://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

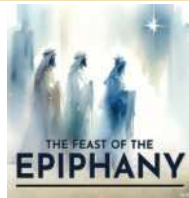
Tuesday - 6:00-7:30 PM - Parish Center

### RCIA Adapted for Children/Teens

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

**EVENTS OF THE WEEK:**

**January 4-11, 2026**



- 4 Sun Epiphany  
Second Collection– Fuel  
Children’s Mass– 9:30–  
Church  
Sunday Social– after all the Masses– Hall
- 5 Mon Senior Exercise Class– 9:15– Hall  
Food Pantry– 11:00-12:00– Hall
- 6 Tues Food Pantry- 11:00-12:00- Hall  
Christmas Pageant– 7:00– Church
- 7 Wed Food Pantry– 11:00-12:00– Hall
- 8 Thurs Al-Anon Meeting– 7:00– Center  
Parish Council Meeting– 7:00– Center
- 9 Fri Food Pantry– 11:00-12:00- Hall
- 10 Sat Men’s Group– 7:30am– Center  
Second Collection– Catholic Communications  
Campaign and Catholic University  
Brazos Abiertos Mass– 7:00– Church– followed  
by a gathering in the Hall
- 11 Sun Religious Education– 9:15– Center  
Second Collection– Catholic Communications  
Campaign and Catholic University

**FUNERALS AT ST. JOSEPH’S:** Vito Mallardi– died December 18,  
funeral December 22.



**TAKING DOWN THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS-** All good things must come to an end! The Christmas season ends on **Sunday, January 11** with the Baptism of the Lord, and so

that is the time to take down the Christmas decorations in church. We will be taking everything down **after the 11:30 Mass** that day and we can use your help. **Please consider stopping by at 12:45 and lending a hand in whatever way you can.**

**COME TO OUR MEN’S GROUP-** All men of the parish are invited to join us on **Saturday, January 10** for the next meeting of our Men’s **MEN’S GROUP** 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.



**COME TO OUR DINNER DANCE!**

We will have a dinner dance in our church hall on **Friday, January 30** (snow date Friday, February 6) **beginning at 6:00 P.M.** This will be a “Snow Ball” and you can enjoy a delicious dinner, enjoy being with your fellow parishioners and dance the night away! Tickets will be \$50 and will be available after all the Masses the week-end of **January 3/4**, and also at the parish office beginning January 5. This will be a BYOB event.

We will also have some special raffles for this event, including an overnight stay at Mohonk Mountain House, a collection of ten gift certificates to local restaurants, and an Italian dinner for up to 20 people made by Fr. Salvatore, who we hear is a pretty good cook!

**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 integrated into the community and are always willing to work with any person or group that is about doing good for the people.**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE-**

Council 5800 of the Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a blood drive on **Monday, January 12 from 1:00-7:00 P.M** in the church hall (conducted by Hudson Valley Blood Services). The donation of blood only takes ten minutes and it can and will save a life. Appointments are strongly encouraged but walk-ins will be taken if room capacity allows. Please bring ID with photo or signature, and eat well and drink fluids before you donate.

To sign up, call **1-800-933-2566**. For more information, please contact Richard Kachmor at [rjkachmor99@gmail.com](mailto:rjkachmor99@gmail.com).

**COME TO OUR KARAOKE NIGHT!-** On **Friday, January 16 at 7:00 P.M.** in our church hall, we will offer a Karaoke Night. This is a free event and is open to all of our parishioners, no matter what age! It will be presented by DJ Tine.



Karaoke is an entertainment system in which people sing to pre-recorded backing tracks of popular songs. It’s great fun for everyone, even if you don’t have a good singing voice. In fact, it may be even more fun if you can’t sing!

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY-

Beginning on *January 18 and ending on January 25*, Christians of all denominations will be praying in a special way for the unity that Christ wants for His Church. There are booklets on the tables in our church with daily prayers and Scripture readings for each day of that week. Please consider including them in your daily prayer time.



*"I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me." – John 17:20-21*

**REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS AND QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS-** When you reach the age of 73, you need to begin taking money from your retirement accounts each year to avoid penalties from the IRS. One way to do that is to use a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to make a contribution to a charity, which can be St. Joseph's Church.

A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA and excludes the amount donated from taxable income, unlike with regular withdrawals from an IRA. And QCD's don't require that you itemize on your tax return, so you may decide to take advantage of the higher standard deduction.

If you wish to take advantage of all this, please consult with the person who manages your IRA on how to proceed. If you do decide to this for St. Joseph's Church- many thanks!



### FOR THE COLUMBIETTES BASKET WALK-

The Cardinal Spellman Columbiettes Basket Walk will be held in our church hall on **Saturday, February 28**. The Columbiettes will create a wide variety of unique gift baskets for the raffle to help fund our charitable works. They will be asking for donations of new and gently used household items, glassware, knick-knacks, men's and lady's gifts, toys and puzzles and large baskets. No books, wall hangings or fabrics. Collection boxes will be available at the entrances to the church in early January. Thank you in advance for your help and support.

### CULTURE OF LIFE PRAYER INTENTION-

Our Culture of Life ministry here at St. Joseph's has 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 January is:**

**That we be more inclusive and supportive of those living with disability or illness, and that we see and honor the unique gifts that God has given to every person.**

### ST. JOSEPH'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



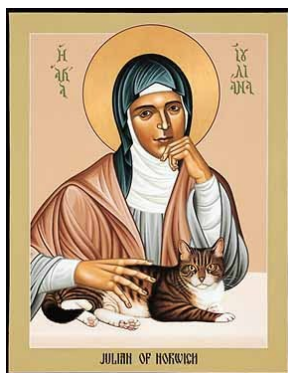
**INVITATION TO ALL PARISHIONERS:** To a very simple yet beautiful **Christmas Pageant** in Church on **January 6, 2026 at 7:00pm**. Traditionally January 6<sup>th</sup> is "little Christmas" so plan to continue to celebrate the spirit of Christmas with our young children!

**BLESS YOUR DOOR ON THE EPIPHANY:** **January 4** is the church's celebration of Christ coming into the whole world, symbolized by the 3 Kings. In some homes, it is a custom to mark the doorpost with (20+C+M+B+26) to welcome all those who come and go into our homes. Tradition tells us that the letters stand for the names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. May Christ bless the dwelling. It's appropriate to bless your door in January – Janus means "door" and the first month is the door to the New Year. After inscribing the doorway, you can pray in your own way or using this prayer:

*God of Bethlehem and Cana, God of Jordan's leaping waters,  
In baptism you bring us into your family.  
You wed us and embrace us as your beloved.  
May we fill this place with kindness to one another  
With hospitality to guests, and abundant care for every stranger.  
By the gentle light of a star, Guide home all who seek you on  
paths of faith, hope and love.  
Then we will join the angels in proclaiming your praise:  
Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever.  
Amen*

**Classes resume January 6, 2026** - Tuesday students who are in the play, report to class and then join the cast of the Christmas Pageant!

Peace,  
S. Philomena  
[peacetwou2@gmail.com](mailto:peacetwou2@gmail.com) 845-255-5635 ext 105



### FEMALE MYSTICISM- STUDY OF "REVELATIONS OF DIVINE LOVE"-

Come and join our fellow parishioner Sara Vinciguerra in exploring the full-texts of prominent female mystics in Christianity, beginning with *Revelations of Divine Love* by Julian of Norwich, the first known text ever to be written by a woman in the English language!

Over the course of three meetings, we will discuss a section of the text and share together how it connects us to our own spiritual lives and journey through faith. ALL are welcome! **Note:** Mirabai Starr's translation (titled, *Julian of Norwich: The Showings, Uncovering the Face of the Feminine in Revelations of Divine Love*) is recommended, as it uses contemporary language, but any copy of the work will do.

This will be held at our parish center from **7:00-8:00 P.M.** on the following dates: **Thursday, January 22 (discussion: chapters 1-26); Thursday, February 26 (discussion: chapters 27-50); Thursday, March 26th (discussion: chapters 51-86).** If you have any questions, please contact Sara at: [saravinciguerra03@gmail.com](mailto:saravinciguerra03@gmail.com).

## JANUARY 4-11, 2026

**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](mailto: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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 Capt. Joseph A Hollway, US Air Force  
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 Lt. Commander Ashley Hanhurst, US Navy  
 Christina Nigrelli/Rhodes, E7-SFC Engineer Instructor,  
 US Army Reserves  
 1st Lt. Aodhan Fogarty, US Coast Guard

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	January 3, 2026	
	5:00	+ Joseph Begnoche
Sunday	January 4, 2026	
	8:00	+ Patricia Jedlowski
	9:30	+ Robert McDowell
	11:30	+ Deceased Members of Intravaia and Torch Families
Monday	9:00	To End Abortion
Tuesday	9:00	+ Andrew Martensen
Wednesday	9:00	+ Gustavo Perez
Thursday	9:00	Thanksgiving
Friday	9:00	+ Hedi Pani
Saturday	January 10, 2026	
	9:00	+ Bernard Dillon
	5:00	+ Mario Fuoco
Sunday	January 11, 2026	
	8:00	St. Joseph Parish Family
	9:30	+ Br. Carmine Funaro, O.F.M., Cap.
	11:30	+ Grace Mosconi

### ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

First two weeks of January– Rosina Jost

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### VIGIL LIGHT

First two weeks of January– Hope & Richie Stanrati

*“And, behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.”*  
*Matthew 2: 9, 11*

### VIGIL MASSES FOR HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION-

In consultation with our Liturgy Committee, Fr. Salvatore has decided to stop offering Masses for holydays of obligation on the night before the Solemnity (i.e. the Vigil Mass). Masses for the holydays of obligation will still be offered at 9:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. on the actual day. The reason is that very few attend the Vigil Mass and those who would attend an evening Mass could go on the evening of the holyday itself. Please see Fr. Salvatore if you have any questions.

**PARISH GIVEAWAY-** We will have a “parish giveaway” on **Sunday, January 18** from **1:00-4:00 P.M.** in which we will offer all many and varied items to whoever wants them- no charge at all. There will be great variety of items, including: lots of children’s clothing, food, baby food, books, religious items, kitchenware, and much more. First come, first serve!

**Please note: this is only for the items that we have collected from the parish. We do not want anything else- anything that is left for us will go right into the garbage.** Please see Fr. Salvatore if you have any questions, and please spread the word.

**PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN-** To report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or layperson serving in the Archdiocese of New York may contact the victims assistance coordinator, Mrs. Eileen Mulcahy at **646-794-2949** or [victimsassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimsassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the archdiocesan website [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org). In keeping with archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

**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 **January 14 and 28**. Come and be open to the Spirit! All are welcome.



**CAPUCHIN VOCATIONS-** The Capuchin Franciscans are inspired by the life and ideals of St. Francis of Assisi- dedicated to serving those in need, living a simple lifestyle together as a community of brothers, and drawing closer to the Lord through common and private prayer. If you are interested in becoming a Capuchin brother or priest, please see one of the friars or go to [www.capuchin.org/vocations](http://www.capuchin.org/vocations). It doesn’t cost a thing and it just might change your life.



**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 that can be used towards purchases at that store. 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 as well.

### Mass Readings January 11– Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps

29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Mass readings for the week are on the US Bishops website: [usccb.org/bible/readings](http://usccb.org/bible/readings)





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