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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 complete the form on the parish website and you will be contacted to set up a time.

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.

O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Adults: 7-9 pm Mondays - Parish Center

Children/Teens: 6:45-8:00 pm Mondays - Parish Center

Holy Hour

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

SERVED BY

Fr. Richard Crawley, O.F.M., Cap. - Pastor

Fr. Michael Marigliano, O.F.M., Cap. - In Residence

Fr. John McHugh, O.F.M., Cap. - In Residence

Deacon Phil Siani

St. Joseph Faith Formation Program

Liz Powers

845-255-5635

Coordinator of Youth Faith Formation

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You can find information about Faith Formation 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 (Growing Our Faith)

Sunday - 11:15 AM-12:45 PM - Parish Center

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

OCIA Adapted for Children/Teens

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK: September 27-October 4, 2026



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| 27 Sun | Second Collection– St. Joseph’s Seminary
Youth Faith Formation Begins– 9:15– Center |
| 28 Mon | Food Pantry– 11:00–12:00- Hall
Lectio Divina– 9:45– Center
OCIA for Children/Teens–6:45– Center
OCIA for Adults– 7:00– Center |
| 29 Tues | Food Pantry– 11:00–12:00- Hall |
| 30 Wed | Food Pantry– 11:00–12:00- Hall
Children’s Choir Rehearsal– 6:15– Church |
| 1 Thurs | Senior Exercise Class– 9:15– Hall
Al-Anon Meeting– 7:00– Center
Parish Council– 7:00– Center |
| 2 Fri | Lifetime Learning Institute- 9:00– Center
Food Pantry– 11:00–12:00- Hall
Holy Hours– 7:00– Church |
| 3 Sat | Transitus of St. Francis– 7:00– Church– followed
by a reception in the Hall |
| 4 Sun | Feast of St. Francis
Sunday Social after all Masses– Hall
Youth Faith Formation– 9:15– Center
Children’s Mass– 9:30– Church
Blessing of Animals- 1:30– Front of Church |



CHILDREN’S MASS- On the first Sunday of every month, the **9:30 Mass** is a Children’s Mass, which involves the whole family and helps us all, and in a special way the children, to experience the liturgy in a more enjoyable and engaging way. The next Children’s Mass will be on **October 4**. 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.



LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GATHERING- All the members of the parish are invited to a morning of prayer using the Lectio Divina style of praying with the Scripture.

The Scriptures are the Word of God and God speaks to us personally through the Scriptures. The Lectio Divina style of prayer is reading a Scripture passage several times with pauses after each reading for personal reflection. There will also be the opportunity to share our reflections.

Join us on Monday, **September 28 at 9:45 A.M.** (after the 9:00 A.M. Mass) in the conference room in the parish center for this inspiring opportunity to listen to God and grow closer to Him. For more information, please contact Sister Elizabeth Anne at dippoe@newpaltz.edu All are welcome to join us!

BIBLE STUDY/FAITH-SHARING GROUPS- Come explore the Gospel of John with us this fall! We will offer a six-week Bible study and faith-sharing series focusing on the Gospel according to John, which contains some of the most beautiful images of Jesus in all of Scripture. Using **John 1–10: I Am the Bread of Life**, we will reflect on Jesus’ own words as he describes who he is and the many ways he cares for us and loves us. Along the way, we’ll have an opportunity to deepen our understanding of Scripture, reflect on our own faith, and share and learn from one another.



All are welcome! No previous Bible study experience is necessary—just come with an open heart and a willingness to listen, reflect, and share.

The groups will meet for six weeks, beginning the week of October 4 and continuing through the week of November 8.

Sign up at the Parish Office.

The facilitators and days/times are as follows:

Sr. Elizabeth Anne - Monday 9:45am parish center
Kate Jonietz - Monday 7:00pm parish center
Joan Gallant - Tuesday 1:00pm parish center
Deacon Phil - Wednesday 1:00pm parish center
Br. Carlos - Wednesday 7:00pm parish center
Maura Musso - Thursday 7:00pm parish center
Susan Engel - Friday 9:45am parish center
Tom Brinkman - Group for Teens –Tuesday 6:30pm—beginning October 13—parish center basement



CHILDREN'S CHOIR - All children from 2nd grade up who like to sing are invited to join the Children's Choir, who will be singing the meditation hymn at the monthly Children's Mass. Rehearsals will be once a

month on the Wednesday before at **6:15 P.M.** Our next rehearsal will be **Wednesday, September 30** for the Children's Mass on **Sunday, October 4**.

Although attendance at the rehearsal will be required to sing at the following Mass, if you miss one month, you can join for the next one. For additional information, please contact Jessica Avampato at: halfnotejaa@gmail.com.

SUNDAY SOCIAL- Our monthly Sunday Social is a very popular and very important part of our parish life here at St. Joseph’s. It is in the church hall after each of the Masses the first Sunday of the month, and it’s a great opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners better, while enjoying some delicious food.



There is also 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 **October 4**. And please bring along your family and friends!



HOLY HOUR- Please join us on **Friday, October 2 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.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CELEBRATE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI-

The feast of St. Francis of Assisi is on **Sunday, October 4** and we will celebrate the life and spirit of our holy father Francis at all the Masses. On **Saturday, October 3, at 7p.m.**, we will have a Transitus service by the Secular Franciscans, which will commemorate the passing of Francis. A reception will follow in the church hall.

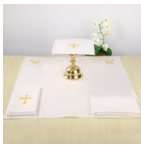


There will be the Blessing of Animals starting **at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 4** in front of the church. We ask that dogs be on leashes, cats be in a carrier (or on a leash!) and exotic animals be in cages. Please bring your pets to be blessed in the spirit of the man who saw God's goodness in all creation. We can bless any pets that you can bring with you.



MEET BR. CARLOS! He resides at the Friary here at St. Joseph's and is working for the Vocations Office of the Province of St. Mary. Anyone who is interested in the Capuchins and would like more information about them should contact Br. Carlos via email: carlosmh64@gmail.com. It might just change your life!

SACRISTY LAUNDERER NEEDED- One of the things that Fr. Salvatore did for the parish was to help take care of the laundry for the sacristy- that is, washing and ironing the cloths that are used at the altar during the celebration of the Mass. He said that it relaxed him!



Fr. Salvatore did this work with another parishioner and they alternated this task every week. If you would like to help with this good work, please contact the parish office at stjoenp@stjosephnewpaltz.org or **845-255-5635 ext. 101**. Thank you!



The Knights of Columbus Council 5800 will be selling C&B tickets after the masses the weekend of October 3&4. Prizes are: Grand prize \$25,000, second place \$10,000, 3rd place \$5,000 and ten 4th place prizes of \$1,000. Drawing is Saturday, December 5, 2026. The recipients from this fundraiser include: Special Olympics, Sisters of Life,

Coats for Kids, , Disaster Relief, Catholic Education Scholarships/Grants, and many others. The Council receives a small amount per ticket sold.

The Knights invite interested men of the parish to join them. For more information or to join, please contact Chris Nadeski at cnadeski@gmail.com.

HOME HEALTH CARE AIDE AVAILABLE- One of our fellow parishioners is an experienced home health care aide and is looking for some employment in that field. If you are interested for yourself or for one of your loves ones, you can contact her at **845-249-9377**.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION WEEKLY SESSIONS BEGIN

Sunday 1	Sunday 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
9:15 - 10:45 AM	11:15 AM - 12:45 PM	5:00 - 6:30 PM	6:00 - 7:30 PM	5:00 - 6:30 PM
CGS LEVEL I AGES 3 - 6	GROWING OUR FAITH GRADES 3 - 6 CGS LEVEL II AGES 6 - 9	CGS LEVEL II AGES 6 - 9	GROWING OUR FAITH GRADES 3 - 6 CGS LEVEL I AGES 3 - 6	CGS LEVEL III AGES 9 - 12 *not weekly, see calendar




Dear St. Joseph Youth Faith Formation Families,

Thank you for participating in the YFF Kick Off Weekend Mass and meetings! Weekly sessions begin this week! See the weekly schedule above. Program calendars have been distributed at the parent meetings, contact Ms. Liz for a digital copy. We will send updates about session cancellations and closures via Konstella.

If you haven't registered, it's not too late! We welcome families whenever you are ready to begin faith formation with us. Start now as we enter into a new year together! Please contact Ms. Liz Powers, Coordinator of Youth Faith Formation about how we can best serve your family."

Liz Powers
Coordinator of Youth Faith Formation
845-255-5635 ext 105 or lizpowers.stjoenp@gmail.com



The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is the process that guides adults who want to enter the Catholic Church, and is also for those who are already baptized but would

like to receive the other sacraments of initiation- Eucharist and Confirmation.

It can be even more- there's so much to learn about our faith, so much to explore about what that faith means for our everyday lives and our relationships and our place in the world, that we really never stop growing in our faith- or at least we shouldn't stop growing. The understanding we had as a child of God and the Church and spirituality is not enough- we all need to keep discovering the riches of our faith- and the OCIA program can help you to do that.

OCIA can also be a way for Catholics who already have their sacraments to explore their faith and deepen their understanding of God's relationship to us. If you or someone you know would like to take advantage of this wonderful program, or are just curious about it, **please see Fr. Richard**. Classes begin this month and are held every week until April.

We have OCIA programs for children and teens as well- **please see Liz Powers** for more information, or just contact the parish office (845-255-5635 ext. 101) and we'll point you in the right direction.

SEPTEMBER 27-OCTOBER 4, 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 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
 Commander Ashley Hanhurst, US Navy
 Christina Nigrelli/Rhodes, E7-SFC Engineer Instructor -
 US Army Reserves
 Lt. Aodhan Fogarty, US Coast Guard
 Airman Oliver Tremblay, US Air Force

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	September 26, 2026	5:00 + Regina Vasalka
Sunday	September 27, 2026	8:00 St. Joseph Parish Family 9:30 + Michael McGovern 11:30 + Eileen Cunningham
Monday	9:00	+ Anthony Masseo
Tuesday	9:00	+ Franz Pani
Wednesday	9:00	+ Evelyn Nobrega
Thursday	9:00	+ Frank Casamento
Friday	9:00	+ Daniel & Gertrude Gaffney
Saturday	October 3, 2026	9:00 + Angela Liberta 5:00 + George B. Hooper
Sunday	October 4, 2026	8:00 St. Joseph Parish Family 9:30 + Joseph & Evelyn Nadoreski and Quinto Pertelesi 11:30 + Deceased Members of the Gallagher Family

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE
First Half of October– Jimmy Finkenaure
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VIGIL LIGHT
First Half of October– Tony Cuccaro

“Refrain from anger; abandon wrath; do not be provoked - it brings only harm. Those who do evil will be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the earth.”
 Ps 37: 8-9



THANK YOU FROM ST. JOSEPH'S FOOD PANTRY- St. Joseph's Food Pantry extends a heartfelt **thank you to the LaPolt family and all the volunteers** who made the 10th Annual *Under the Stars at Morningstar Run* such a wonderful success. Saturday evening's event raised **more than \$2,200 and collected 250 pounds of food** for our pantry! We are tremendously grateful to the LaPolt family for hosting this special event and to the many volunteers, runners, walkers, and community members whose generosity made the evening possible. These donations will directly help our neighbors who turn to St. Joseph's Food Pantry for assistance. Events like this remind us what a caring and generous community we are blessed to be part of.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the evening a success and for continuing to support the mission of St. Joseph's Food Pantry!

REFLECTING ON THE SCRIPTURE READINGS BEFORE MASS-

You can enrich your experience of the Liturgy of the Word during Mass by reflecting on the Scripture readings before the Mass. It could help you to better hear what God is trying to say to you through His Word and it also gives you the opportunity to do your own study on these passages to get a better understanding of the context in which they were written. The readings for the week's Masses are in the bulletin every week and you can also access them by going to the website of the US Catholic Bishops Conference: <https://bible.usccb.org/>



BRINGING UP THE GIFTS- If your family has requested the intention for a particular weekend Mass, we invite you to bring up the bread and wine during the Offertory procession. Just please let one of the ushers know before the Mass begins and they'll let you know what to do. It can be one way to honor the memory of the person for whom that Mass is being offered.

LOW GLUTEN ALTAR BREADS: are available at our church. Parishioners who are gluten intolerant should see the priest before Mass so that a low-gluten host can be placed on the altar for consecration. At Communion time, please come forward with the Eucharistic Ministers and receive the Body and Blood of Christ with them. Totally gluten-free hosts are not available, so for those gluten-intolerant persons who cannot receive even the low-gluten host, they can of course still receive the Precious Blood from the chalice. Catholics believe that whether Holy Communion is received under the form of bread or under the form of wine, the whole Christ is being received. Please see one of the friars if you have any questions concerning this.



Have recently moved, changed your phone number or email, added to your family? Please let the parish office know. We need to keep the information in our parish census as up-to-date as possible so that we can assure you receive the information we send out to you. Thank you!

Mass Readings October 4: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43. Readings for the week are on the US Bishops website: usccb.org/bible/readings



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