



St. Joseph School  
25 Squire Street  
New London, Connecticut 06320

*“This is a holy place where we discover each other in God’s love.”*

October 15, 2025

Dear St. Joseph School Families,

October is the month of the Most Holy Rosary. During this month we pray the Rosary together for peace as our Blessed Mother Mary has asked in numerous appearances, often to children, around the world.

**Reminders: Our Thursday Masses begin at 8:45 a.m. As soon as the children have arrived, the doors are secured. Home and School Meeting Wednesday, October 15th at 6 p.m. Progress Reports on October 17th. Please look for your parent teacher conference times that will accompany this report. Conferences will be held next week on Thursday and Friday, October 23rd and 24th; therefore, both of these days are 12:30 p.m. dismissal days. Aftercare will be available.**

**Orders for the Lyman Orchard pies were due by October 15th.** Thank you for doing your best in supporting this fundraising effort sponsored by the Home and School Association (of which you are all members). Delivery is for the week before Thanksgiving. Thank you for your help in raising money for our playground (planning in process) and field trip funds.

**Individual pictures will be taken on Monday, October 20th. This is a “dress-up” picture for your purchase. Order forms will be sent home. The children must have the order form and payment for the day of the pictures. Some families choose to have this picture taken in uniform, but this is not required.**

Our poet friend, Mr. Darren Sardelli, joined us last Thursday and Friday for class poetry workshops. Mr. Sardelli’s next book is due to be published in the spring. When that happens, the students will receive copies. The workshops were paid for through Title funding, which are federal grants received via the state through each educational district.

A special formula is used to determine the amount of funding received for non-public schools. The vendors are required to invoice the Board of Education to be paid for their services.

**While the New London Superintendent and Board of Education have agreed to provide us with a part time nurse's position, they seem to think that children become ill or injured only from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. I continue to ask you to contact the office of New London's Superintendent, the Members of the Board of Education, the City Council members and Mayor Passero in any way possible to share your displeasure with this situation. These entities need to meet their legal and moral obligations to the children and families of St. Joseph School. Over 70% of our families reside in New London.**

I wish to remind all parents that if you are planning to volunteer in anyway with the children this year, you must be approved by the Office for Safe Environments. This means completing the training online and submitting the necessary paperwork. Many of you have done this already. The Diocesan requirements must be completed by November 15, 2025 to qualify for any activities in the current school year through June 2026. I remind those who completed the training three or more years ago that you must now complete the online refresher training to remain qualified.

Please continue to keep everyone in your prayers, as we keep you in ours.

God's Blessings to All,

Marianne Cote, Principal