

13 November 2016

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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◆ **TODAY'S READINGS** ◆

First Reading — There will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays (Malachi 3:19-20a).

Psalm — The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — Paul speaks of his hard work among the Thessalonians (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12).

Gospel — Jesus foretells the destruction of Jerusalem, the persecution of his followers. But their perseverance will be their salvation (Luke 21:5-19). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved

◆ **READINGS FOR THE WEEK** ◆

- Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
- Wed: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44
- Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
- Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
- Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

The complete text of the daily lectionary readings can be found at www.usccb.org/bible/readings

◆ **MASSES FOR THE WEEK** ◆

- Monday November 14
12:05pm **Benefactors of the Maryland Province**
Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
- Tuesday November 15
12:05pm **Edward & Mary Britt Family (D)**
Presider: Fr. Phil Florio, S.J.
- Wed. November 16
12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**
Presider: Fr. Phil Florio, S.J.
- Thursday November 17
12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**
Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
- Friday November 18
12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**
Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
- Saturday November 19
12:05pm **George M. McLane**
Presider: Fr. Phil Florio, S.J.
5:30pm Presider: Fr. Phil Florio, S.J.
- Sunday November 20
7:30am Presider: Fr. Phil Florio, S.J.
9:30am Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
11:30am Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
6:30pm Presider: Fr. Dennis McNally, S.J.



◆ **THIS WEEK AT OSJ** ◆

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| Tues
15 | 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
Al-Anon (Drexel)
7:00p: YAC Spirituality Night (Barbelin)
Liturgy Comm. Mtg. (Loyola)
PIC Meeting (Drexel) |
| Wed
16 | 6:30p: Centering Prayer (Drexel)
7:00p: Holy Hour (Church) |
| Thur
17 | 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
1:00p: Bible Discussion (Drexel) |
| Sat
19 | 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin) |
| Sun
20 | 9:30a: CLOW (Barbelin)
13:30a: Social Justice Mtg. (Drexel)
5:30p: YAC Pre Mass Reflection
(Drexel/Courtyard) |



Please remember our sick and homebound sisters and brothers: Anna Marie Montone, Hugh McNicholas, Joanne Press, Nada Sizgorich, Rosemarie Tucillo; Kristin Marrow, Marie Malloy, Will

Morrow, Betty Pfeiffer, Jenny Moore, Marie Wojcik, Amy Harrison, Margaret Ward, Mike Margarite, Michael Upton, Marjorie Heald, Walter Schalleur, Marie Jacobs, JoAnna Pearl, Lucy Pearl, James McBride, Fr. James McAndrews, S.J, Irene Stone, Judy Woodson, Amy Harrison, Dr., Barbara Cahill Giannaccari, Margie Filmyer, Karen Lockyer, Joseph Burk, Ed Tomezsko. Pray also for our ministry at Pennsylvania Hospital.

Names will be removed after 4 weeks unless request is renewed.

✦ FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP ✦

Please see next week's bulletin for the offertory for the week ending November 6.

Online Givers – Funds have been set up for the following special collections:

Fund	Fund available online
All Saints	Through November 13
All Souls	Through November 13
Hurricane Matthew Relief	Through Dec 4

✦ ONLINE GIVING ✦

Old St. Joseph's provides Online Giving – a convenient, flexible and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation to the fund of your choice (e.g., Sunday Offertory, FF&F, HPC, Ars Sacra). For Online Givers who are uneasy about not putting anything in the collection basket, "I gave online" cards are available at the back of the church. Simply put a card in the basket to represent your gift.

See the flyer at the back of the church for frequently asked questions about Online Giving and for instructions on how to sign up. To sign up for Online Giving, go to our website: www.oldstjoseph.org and click on the Online Giving tab underneath the Important Links column.

✦ SECOND COLLECTION ✦

Hurricane Matthew Relief: Second Collection Next Weekend, November 19 & 20: In response to the

devastation caused by Hurricane Matthew, the USCCB has asked for a collection to support Catholic Charities USA and the Catholic Relief Services and their work providing aid to victims of Hurricane Matthew in the United States and in Haiti, respectively. Thank you for your generosity.

✦ FROM THE PASTOR ✦

AMDG

Dear OSJ Family,

"Wow! It looks like a bomb hit the Willings Alley side of Old St Joe's! I hope everything is OK, Father. These words to me, by one of our longtime parishioners, could not be truer.

You may have noticed the shocking condition of the rectory facade (southern side of our parish complex). Please take a look if you have not already seen it.

A bomb did not hit the rectory but conservation specialists that we hired to examine and analyze the deteriorating facade discovered more complications than we had expected. It became clear that that some of the stucco was loose from the brownstone beneath and that it was only a matter of time before this would begin to fail and fall off the facade. This posed a serious safety issue. To prevent any accidents, we brought in a masonry contractor to break off any stucco that was loose and could potentially fall. As you will see it was much more than anticipated. Our iconic arch is literally torn apart as are most of the sills and lintels. Our building does not look its best, but the danger of falling stucco is no longer a threat.

Please know that the Historical Preservation Corporation of the parish (a talented and dedicated group of parishioners consisting of architects, attorneys, fundraisers and archivists) of which I serve as president, only recently became alarmingly concerned with the state of the brownstone and the general brickwork. This was brought to our attention by yet another talented parishioner, Brendan Flanagan, who with his crew were contracted to paint the rectory windows and shutters. Besides doing excellent work, Brendan, thankfully, made the initial discovery of the deterioration.

Truthfully, since I arrived here last year on August 23rd, 2015, I have found myself consumed with maintenance issues that are typical of a historic set of buildings as are ours at OSJ. In this past year alone, we have painted all the windows (there are 89 in all), replaced and painted the shutters, and done a considerable amount of patch work on our buildings.

Likewise, we restored our historic OSJ signage, added new lights/lanterns to the courtyard and the Walnut street patio, and began repairing sections of the slate patio at our Walnut Street entrance. Additionally, we will begin much needed repairs on the ceiling over the high altar that was damaged by a leak a few years ago. This will require scaffolding for several weeks in January and February. Accordingly, with the scaffolding in place, we hope to replace all of our lighting fixtures with LED fittings that will provide a higher quality of light and will prove to be more economical and safe.

Now back to the rectory facade, it will need attention sooner than later. We are in the process of preparing a scope of work that we will put out for bid to masonry contractors. Our architects estimate that this project could run as high as **four hundred thousand dollars!** With this, we will need to solicit financial assistance from you, our parishioners. The parish budget simply cannot absorb such an expense, especially given these other projects that are crucial to our physical plant. Therefore, I will be in touch soon about undertaking efforts to support this project, and others, as we seek to restore and preserve our beloved historic buildings at Old Saint Joseph's. In the meantime, please give this need your kind consideration. Thank you and God bless.

In the Lord,
Fr Phil Florio, SJ
Pastor



✦ PARISH LIFE ✦

Thank you! Once again thank you to all who donated to the Vestment Fund. Please contact our administrative assistant, Eleanor Margaret, at office@oldstjoseph.org with the names of the person you wish to remember or honor with your donation.

Please join us for silent prayer before the Eucharist at **OSJ's Monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour, Wednesday, November 16th at 7:30pm.** This is a special month to pray for and remember our loved ones, who have gone before and rest in God's presence. All are welcome!



November Cook-in: Today, Sunday, November 13, 7:30 pm, Old St. Joseph's Barbelin Hall: Join many young adults and parishioners for a great meal and conversation right after Sunday 6:30 pm mass. If you are interested in coordinating a future cookout, or bringing a dish, or helping with setup or cleanup, please email Tom Nailor (thomas.nailor@gmail.com). Thanks! We hope to see you at the next cook-in!

Zoroastrianism, one of the oldest monotheistic religions, **will be discussed on Tuesday, Nov. 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Drexel Parlor.** Dating from about 1000 B.C., it currently has about 1 million followers. Lou Oschmann will lead the discussion (267-872-0568).



Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers, Hospital Ministers, Lectors, and Ushers: please update your profile at <http://tinyurl.com/osjministry> by the

deadline of November 15th for the December/January schedule. New volunteers can also sign up online to serve in a ministry - scheduling is flexible and training will be provided! Thank you for your faithful service to your parish! AMDG!

The centering prayer group will meet on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 from 6:30 to 8:30pm in the Drexel Parlor. The meeting will include discussion of this type of prayer followed by Mass or evening prayer with a period of centering. Anyone interested in this contemplative prayer is welcome to join us. For further info, contact Christine Szczepanowski at christinesz52@gmail.com or 267-250-3049.

New Parishioner Welcome Coffee Hour!



Please join us for a special coffee hour
welcoming newly registered
Parishioners on Sunday, November 20th
after the 9:30am Mass.
All Are Welcome!

Music and Worship Notes

As we have previously noted, our Ars Sacra at Old St. Joseph's series of performances and events has made a triumphant return for the 2016-2017 season. And we have a very busy Advent season ahead of us! Please come and show your support for music programs at our parish. These events are free with a free-will offering taken at the door. The offering supports our Ars Sacra at Old St. Joseph's programs and in some cases support the performers themselves. Mark down these dates:

Sunday, November 27 - 4pm

An Advent Lessons and Carols

Presented by the Old St. Joseph's Schola Cantorum

Sunday, December 4 - 3:30pm

Madonna and Child - Music of Jacob Gallus (Handl)
Presented by Musica Humana Vocal Consort, directed
by Mark Rimple
Saturday, December 17 - 8pm
Messiah, Part I

Presented by the Old St. Joseph's Schola Cantorum

We also would like to thank the parishioners who responded to our appeal to consider financially supporting our Schola Cantorum. If you are interested in helping to insure the quality of our Worship Music, please contact Pat for more details.

✦ ADULT ED ✦

We have a book club at Old Saint Joseph's and you are welcome to join! Our book for December is *Nora Webster* by Colm Toibin. Toibin's novel was chosen as a New York Times Notable Book of 2014 and was selected as one of the top 10 books of 2014 by The Christian Science Monitor. Here is the Irish Times' description of it: "About as perfect as a book can get. Through the character of one Irish widow, Toibin reflects on grief, both as a private and a public business."

We meet next on Tuesday, 6 December, at 7:30pm in the Loyola Room of the Parish Hall. Contact Carol Shloss at shlosscarol@gmail.com.

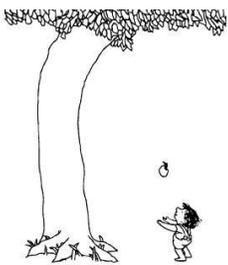
✦ IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY ✦

Churches & Cheesesteaks November 19th: All are invited to participate in a **Day of Pilgrimage** – so Ignatian and so Philly! St. Ignatius was considered the "great pilgrim," and to get a better understanding of what it means to be a pilgrim, Fr. Florio will lead us on a pilgrimage to two sites in Philadelphia. **We will start at 12:15pm at OSJ** with lunch and a blessing. **We will first head north** on 4th street to our first location at **St. Augustine's**, where we will stop for a tour and quiet time for prayer and reflection. We will continue to Spring Garden Street and then walk north on 5th street to Girard Avenue, where **the Shrine of St. John Neumann at St. Peter the Apostle Church** is located. We will have time to tour and pray at the shrine before returning to OSJ for 5:30pm mass. The route is approximately 1.7 miles each way so be sure to wear good walking shoes. **This event is rain or shine** so check the weather and plan on an umbrella and jacket if needed. **Cost:** \$10 for lunch paid in advance to the Rectory, or day of the event. We will have steak, chicken, or veggie sandwich options available. **Please**

RSVP to osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org by Monday, November 14th to help us know how much lunch to order!

Office of Ignatian Spirituality—The Office of Ignatian Spirituality (OIS), formerly The Jesuit Collaborative, is a ministry of the two East Coast Jesuit Provinces. We are dedicated to helping people grow closer to God through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. Please Join us for a time of prayer, reflection and fellowship at our Ignatian Advent Gatherings: **Nov. 29**, at Dahlgren Chapel, Washington, DC, **Dec. 1**, at St. Ignatius Church, Boston MA, **Dec. 6**, at Old St. Joseph's Church, Phila, PA, and **Dec. 7**, St. Francis Xavier Church in New York, NY. **All gatherings begin at 6:30pm.** More information at bit.ly/ignatianadvent2016.

✦ SOCIAL JUSTICE ✦



Please join the Social Justice Committee in the Old St Joseph's Annual Giving Tree for Advent. We will again be collecting books and gifts for the children and elderly at the Gesu School, Project HOME and Little Brother's Little Sisters. Please

take a tag from the tree beginning the weekend of November 26, 2016. More information to follow.

✦ YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY ✦

A Night on the Gospels with Fr. Ed Dougherty, SJ: Join YAC on Tuesday, November 15 as we welcome our very own Fr. Ed Dougherty, SJ for a discussion of the Gospels. As we prepare for Advent, take a deep dive into the Gospels and learn about the context for them and about their writers. Bring your questions, and come prepared for what is sure to be a fascinating evening. **Spirits starts in Barbelin at 7:00. Programming will begin at 7:30.** We hope to see you there! Contact Jenn at jennlydic@gmail.com with any questions.



Warm Clothing Drive: Cold weather has arrived and YAC is responding to the need for warm clothing by coordinating a drive with Food, Faith and Friends. We are looking for donations of **men's hats, gloves**

and warm socks. Donations can be dropped off at YAC spirituality nights, pre-mass reflection groups and Sunday cook-ins between now and December 11th. The upcoming cook-ins are **Sunday, Nov 13** and **Sunday, Dec 11.** Food, Faith and Friend's is OSJ's ministry to homeless men. FF&F serves over 250 meals a week and provides computer classes, Life Recovery, health education, tutoring and clothing in the effort to care for these clients. All are welcome to contribute. Please email Megan at mpirilutski@gmail.com with any questions.

Young Adult Pre-Mass Reflection Group, Sundays at 5:30pm, OSJ Courtyard or Drexel Parlor: All young adults are invited to prepare and reflect as a group for the Sunday readings that will be heard at the 6:30 Mass. Prayer will begin at 5:30, end between 6:15/6:20, and materials will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact us at osjyac@gmail.com.

✦ MISCELLANEOUS ✦

Discernment Retreat: Young women (18-35) are invited to join us, November 18-20, 2016 at the Villa Maria House of Studies, for a retreat which focuses on the IHM Charism and the importance of listening to God's call and discovering the many ways that God speaks to us. Time will be included for personal and communal prayer as well as the opportunity to interact with the sisters in formation. Contact: ihmvoc@aol.com or 610-889-155.

✦ CLASSIFIEDS ✦

Merion Mercy Academy, a Catholic independent all girls high school sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, is seeking to hire a **Dance Team Coach**. Qualified applicants are asked to submit a cover letter and resume by November 15th to Athletic Director, Barbara Clarke, at bclarke@merion-mercy.com.

Concerns? Questions? The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) encourages you to write with any suggestions, concerns or questions to osjpc@oldstjoseph.org. AMDG

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