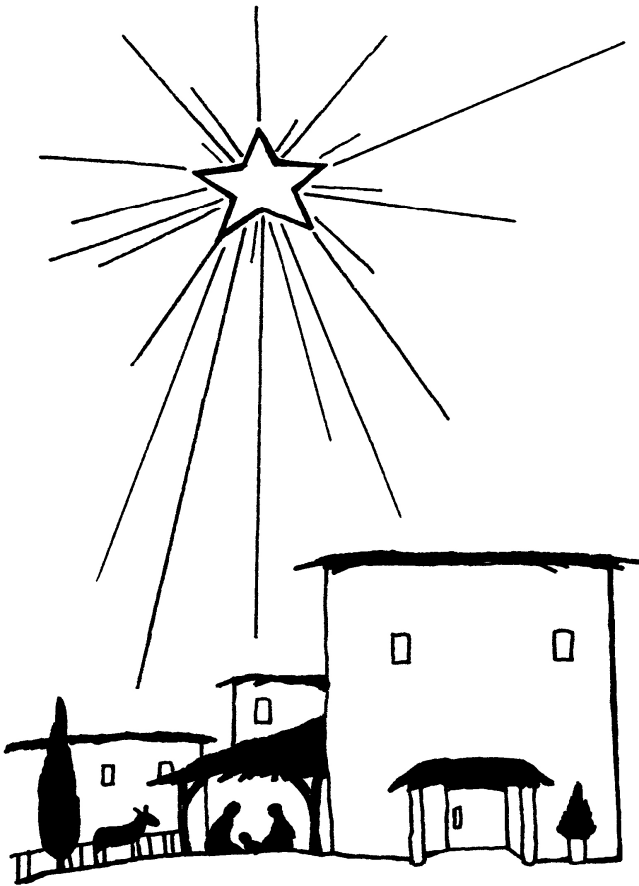


8 January 2017
The Epiphany of the Lord



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrive looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38;
 Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
- Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9;
 Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

- We: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3;
 Jn 1:29-34

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- Monday January 9
 12:05pm **Edward & Mary Britt Family (D)**
 Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
- Tuesday January 10
 12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**
 Presider: Fr. Phil Florio, S.J.
- Wed. January 11
 12:05pm **Michael Donatucci (D)**
 Presider: Fr. Phil Florio, S.J.
- Thursday January 12
 12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**
 Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
- Friday January 13
 12:05pm **Jessica Rivera (D)**
 Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
- Saturday January 14
 12:05pm **Benefactors of the Maryland Province**
 Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
- 5:30pm Presider: Fr. Jack Kelly, S.J.
- Sunday January 15
 7:30am Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
 9:30am Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
 11:30am Presider: Fr. Phil Florio, S.J.
 6:30pm Presider: Fr. Phil Florio, S.J.

THIS WEEK AT OSJ

- Tues 10 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
 Al-Anon (Drexel)
 7:00p: Pre-Baptism Class (Drexel)
 Catholic Reading Group (Faber)
 YAC Spirituality Night (Barbelin)
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- Wed 11 6:30p: Women Faith & Fellowship
 (Loyola)
 7:30p: CLC1 (Drexel)
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- Thu 12 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
 7:30p: PIC Planning Meeting

Sat 14	12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
Sun 15	9:30a: CLOW (Barbelin) 5:30p: YAC Pre-Mass Reflections (Drexel) 7:30p: Monthly Cook-In (Barbelin)

Please remember our sick and homebound sisters and brothers: Mike Connolly, Jack Lee, 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, Marge 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** 

Collection	Regular	Online	Total
Daily Mass	\$274.00	n/a	\$274.00
Sunday Mass	\$833.00	\$3,909.50	\$4,742.50

Online Giving contributed 82% of the Sunday offertory.

NOTE: The Christmas offertory will be published in the January 22 bulletin to allow for late in-church, mail-in, and online Christmas donations. If you are an online donor, your usual Sunday donation counts for the regular Sunday offering for Dec. 25 and not for Christmas. There is a separate Christmas Online offertory fund set up for the Christmas collection. Thank you for your continued generosity to Old St. Joseph's Church.

Additional Offertories

Christmas Flowers	\$1,834.00
Christmas Music	\$1,599.00

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

Christmas Collection	Now through Jan. 15
Solemnity of Mary	Now through Jan. 15

 **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.

 **FROM THE PASTOR** 

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Dear OSJ Family,

I take this opportunity, after what has been a great celebration of the Christmas Season at OSJ, to express our thanks and appreciation to so many who generously and lovingly served together at our parish.

Our celebration of Christmas this past year was remarkable. We had so many visitors who told me that they purposely sought out our parish for Mass as they have heard great things about the worship and prayer at our beautiful little church in the alley!

Indeed, each Sunday (and for daily Mass), we come together to worship and praise God and to remember God's love, God's quite assurance of our salvation and peace in Jesus Christ. A beautiful celebration of the Eucharist has the power to move us at the very depths of our souls. At the same time, a beautiful liturgy does not just happen on its own, and we all know that we are very blessed with beautiful and reverent liturgies at OSJ! This is due, in part, to the talent and generosity of so many people who give of themselves so that we can worship here with joy and fervor and thereby grow in deeper faith, hope, and love.

With this in mind, I am blessed to offer, on behalf of the entire OSJ community, our heartfelt thanks to all who helped to make our Christmas and holy day celebrations so special and so incredibly beautiful. We are grateful to our Priests, our guest Deacon, our Liturgy Coordinator, our Altar Servers, Sacristans, Lectors, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, and

all who helped us to pray so well and with such dignity.

On the musical front we are indebted to our music director Pasquale Montenegro, who with his cantors, choirs, and musicians, provided stirring sacred music. Special thanks to Dr. Madeline Becker, Christine Szczepanowski and Collen Evans for forming the children’s choir who moved us all so deeply at the children’s liturgy on Christmas Eve. They were terrific!

Thanks to Joe Casey and to his crew of dedicated volunteers who transformed our already beautiful sanctuary into a true place of splendor and awe, and provided such welcoming hospitality in the courtyard. We are also in debt to all who donated to the Christmas flower and music fund. We cannot thank you enough for your kindness!

Thanks also go to Peggy and Mike Connolly for donating the candy canes that were enjoyed by our children at the 4:00 PM Mass. The kids loved them!

Finally, a special word of thanks to our Funeral Director and fellow parishioner, Ron Rex Piselli, who for so many years now has gifted us with the “Gesu Bambino” (Holy Child) statue that graces our sanctuary for the Christmas feasts. The “Bambino,” a true Italian work of art, is a beloved fixture at OSJ and moves many to prayer. Thanks to Mr. Piselli, as well, for the use of his beautiful antique chalices which lend such beauty and dignity to our altar.

And finally thank you to each of you for helping to make our worship and praise of God at OSJ so meaningful! A parish is only as good as its members—and OSJ is very good! Thank you and God bless!

Fr Phil Florio, SJ
Pastor



PARISH LIFE



We give our thanks to long-time parishioner Ron Rex Piselli of Piselli Funeral Chapels for the loan of his beautiful antique “Gesu Bambino” statue, and the four lovely antique chalices which adorned our altar at the

Christmas Masses. You're the best, Ron!

Music and Worship Notes

As we close 2016 and usher in the new year 2017, the musicians at OSJ recall the words of Johann

Steuerlein’s hymn *Das alte Jahr vergangen ist* (The old year now has passed away):

*The old year now has passed away;
We thank you, O our God, today
That you have kept us through the year
When danger and distress were near.
We pray you, O eternal Son,
Who with the Father reigns as One,
To guard and rule your Christendom
Through all the ages yet to come.*

The New Year is a perfect time to consider a call to join our Music Ministry. There are many ways to express your faith here: singing with the Schola or the Loyola Choir (or both!), Cantoring, or playing an instrument. Ask any of our ministers, the personal rewards are rich, and the service you provide our congregation is without measure. **Contact Pat Montenegro at music@oldstjoseph at any time with your interest.**



All are invited by the OSJ Young Adult Community to join in the parish monthly Sunday **Cook-In in Barbelin Hall after the 6:30pm Sunday Mass on January 15.** Come and enjoy good food

and good company!

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		Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy		
		Communion, Hospital Ministers, Lectors, and		
		Ushers: please update your profile at		
		<http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/osj>		
		by January 15th for the February/March ministry		
		schedule.		
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The centering prayer group will meet on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm 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 information, contact Christine Szczepanowski at christinesz52@gmail.com or 267-250-3049.

COLD AND FLU SEASON PRECAUTIONS AT OSJ

Recently several parishioners raised to my attention their concerns about the cold and flu season (Nov. – Mar.), and the spread of germs through such things at Mass like the Sign of Peace and drinking the Precious Blood from the Chalice.

I fully support preventing illness and encourage individuals to act as they see fit to protect their health. Trust me, I never want to be sick as I cannot afford to be anything but a healthy pastor! Moreover, I never want to pass along germs that could potentially make others sick.

With that, please know that I will refrain from shaking hands as I greet you all before and after Mass and will instead offer a kind word and bow of respect. I will do this through the end of March. That way I am less at risk of picking up any flu/cold germs and passing them on to literally dozens of parishioners. I may suggest the same for you at the sign of peace, if you are so inclined. If someone doesn't shake your hand at Mass it is not because they are being rude or disrespectful—just the opposite. One can smile, bow or wave instead of shaking hands as they wish you peace. It is your choice and we have good options that show respect and kindness to our neighbors. The Church's directive is to offer a "Sign" of peace and that includes but is not limited to a handshake. I would also ask that if you are sick, please refrain from shaking hands with others before or after Mass and during the sign of peace out of concern for the health of others.

Realistically there is no way of avoiding all the ways that germs are spread, but these precautions may prove helpful.

Finally, if you are concerned about drinking from the Chalice during the flu season, you may simply receive the Sacred Host on your hand or directly on your tongue. Again, if you are sick: coughing, sneezing, sniffing, or generally not feeling well, you should strongly consider not approaching the Chalice to receive out of a sincere concern for the health and well-being of others.

I hope these precautions may prove helpful and I thank you for your understanding.

Stay well, and healthy!

Fr Phil Florio, SJ

Pastor



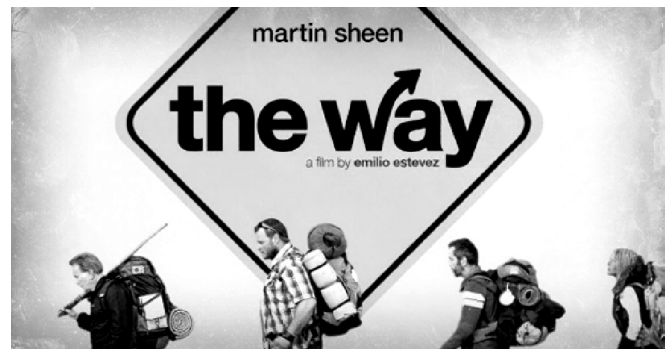
✿ ADULT ED ✿



The OSJ Book Club will be reading Shusaku Endo's *Silence* for its January meeting. Endo is one of Japan's foremost novelists and this book is considered his masterpiece. It explores the faith of two Portuguese priests in 17th century Japan, whose faith is tested by warlords who try to force them to renounce their religion. Martin Scorsese has just released a movie based on this book, so our plan is to read the text together and then see the film.

Because of the holidays, we will meet on January 10, the second Tuesday of the month, instead of January 3, in the Faber room in the rectory, from 7:30-9:00 PM.

✿ YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY ✿



OSJ YAC Movie Night: Escape the winter cold with a YAC movie viewing! All young adults are invited for our next Tuesday Spirituality Movie Night on Tuesday, January 10 in Barbelin Hall! We'll be watching *The Way*, starring Martin Sheen and Emilio Estevez. The movie centers around "a father [who] heads overseas to recover the body of his estranged son who died while traveling El Camino de Santiago and decides to take the pilgrimage himself." El Camino de Santiago de Compostela is a network of routes across Spain and Europe that all lead to Santiago de Compostela, in the northwest of Spain. For centuries, these routes have been walked as a pilgrimage to the tomb of the apostle St. James, where many of his relics are believed to be interred. The movie runs two hours, so we'll be starting right at 7:30 and hope to see you there! Spirits at 7, movie starts promptly at 7:30!

Young Adult Pre-Mass Reflection Group, Sundays at 5:30 pm, 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.

AROUND THE CORNER

If you are interested in becoming a **Catechist of the Good Shepherd assistant**, deepening your own growth in spiritual childhood, and/or finding out more about CGS, consider **attending *Come and See at Our Mother of Consolation*** (17 E Chestnut Hill Ave, Phila.) This course will be held once a month for five months starting January 15 (1-3 pm). Other Saturdays are February 11, March 11, April 8, and May 13 (these will meet 10 am-4 pm). The course tuition is \$100, with a \$15 registration fee. There is also a course book that is \$61. Contact Betsy Puntel jmjbetsy@gmail.com for more information about the course or for address for mailing registration and checks.

Discernment Retreat January 20-22, Villa Maria House of Studies: Young women (18-35) are invited to join us for this 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. **For questions or to register, contact: ihmvoc@aol.com or 610-889-1553**

CLASSIFIEDS

Merion Mercy Academy, a Catholic independent all girls high school sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has an opening for a long term **substitute teaching position in a combined roster of secondary biology and chemistry** for the second semester of the 2016-2017 school year. Degree required. Experience and certification preferred. Qualified applicants are asked to email a cover letter and resume by Tuesday, January 10th to Mary Ann Danovich, Assistant Head of School for Academic Affairs, at madanovich@merion-mercy.com.

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