

15 January 2017
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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◆ TODAY'S READINGS ◆

First Reading — The glory of the Lord shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

Gospel — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

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◆ READINGS FOR THE WEEK ◆

- Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19
 Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21
 Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

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

◆ MASSES FOR THE WEEK ◆

- Monday January 16
 12:05pm **Wm. Henry & Rose Mary Eells & Family (D)**
 Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
- Tuesday January 17
 12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**
 Presider: Fr. Phil Florio, S.J.
- Wednesday January 18
 12:05pm **Geraldine Marren & Family (D)**
 Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
- Thursday January 19
 12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**
 Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
- Friday January 20
 12:05pm **Edward & Mary Britt Family (D)**
 Presider: Fr. Phil Florio, S.J.
- Saturday January 21
 12:05pm **Louis May (D)**
 Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
 5:30pm Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
- Sunday January 22
 7:30am Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
 9:30am Presider: Fr. Phil Florio, S.J.
 11:30am Presider: Fr. Phil Florio, S.J.
 6:30pm Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.

◆ THIS WEEK AT OSJ ◆

- Tues 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
 17 Al-Anon (Drexel)
 7:00p: Liturgy Committee Mtg. (Drexel)
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- Wed 12:45p: Older Adult Community Meet and
 18 Greet (Barbelin)
 6:30p: Centering Prayer (Drexel)
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- Thu 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
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- Sat 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
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- Sun 9:30a: CLOW (Barbelin)
 22 10:30a: Social Justice Mtg. (Drexel)
 5:30p: YAC Pre-Mass Reflections (Drexel)

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, 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 Tomesko. Pray also for our ministry at Pennsylvania Hospital. Names will be removed after 4 weeks unless request is renewed.

and click on the Online Giving tab underneath the Important Links column.

◆ FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP ◆

Offertory for the week ending January 1, 2016

Collection	Regular	Online	Total
Daily Mass	\$138.00	n/a	\$138.00
Sunday Mass	\$3,609.00	\$2,873.50	\$6,482.50

Online Giving contributed 44% of the Sunday offertory.

Offertory for the week ending January 8, 2016

Collection	Regular	Online	Total
Daily Mass	\$228.00	n/a	\$228.00
Sunday Mass	\$4,677.50	\$7,164.50	\$11,842.00

Online Giving contributed 61% of the Sunday offertory.

NOTE: The Online Giving total is high this week due to monthly donations.

Additional Offertories

Solemnity of Mary	\$1,240.00
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Online Givers – Funds have been set up for the following special collections:

Christmas Collection	Through today, Jan. 15
Solemnity of Mary	Through today, Jan. 15
Catholic Relief Services	Now through Feb. 5

◆ 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

◆ SECOND COLLECTION ◆

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection and CRSC at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

◆ FROM THE PASTOR ◆

AMDG

Dear OSJ Family

A few of our parishioners asked me to share some startling statistics that I used in my homilies last weekend regarding the ongoing persecution of Christians all around the world. Sadly, but because we need to earnestly reflect on what this means for us as a body of believers and as a human family, I share this information with you, taken from my Epiphany homily:

"To believe in Christ, to obey his Gospel and to execute his teachings, means that we will unquestionably need to take some risks. We will be forced to move beyond our comfort zones and at times move into danger zones. Being a Christian, especially in the unbelieving world in which we live today, is a risk. Sadly as we begin 2017, The Catholic News Agency reports that Christianity has become the most persecuted religious group in the world. In 2016 there were over 90 thousand Christians killed around the world, with 63 thousand of those on the African continent. Twenty-seven thousand of that 90 thousand were murdered by terrorists, terror sponsored groups, and governments that participate in the persecution of its religious minorities, including North Korea. Today we gather here, in our beautiful and welcoming parish church, freely and without fear, but 500 million other Christians cannot freely practice their faith. We must pray and work to change that!" *(Florio homily of January 8, 2017)*

Indeed, this sad reality must be addressed by our civil and religious leaders as we move in to the New Year, and like the early Christians, we must not allow the pressures and trials of the world around us to cast us into shadow and darkness where the light and radiance of our holy faith can be extinguished. Religious freedom ought to be a right for all people

the value of each individual's contribution to this country. ISN offers a host of resources here: <http://tinyurl.com/gvdpc24>

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

◆ **SOCIAL JUSTICE** ◆

**Sign Making for MLK
DARE Coalition March:
TODAY Sunday,
January 15, 1:00 - 4:00
pm, Barbelin Hall:**

Millennial Catholic
POWER will be hosting
a sign-making event at
Old St. Joseph's
Church. Come meet
other Catholics who
care about issues of
racial and economic

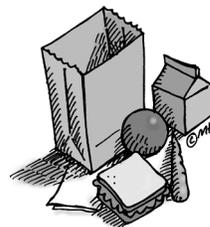
justice, make a sign, and then make plans to meet up with us the next morning. Art supplies and snacks will be provided. You can RSVP on Facebook at this link: <http://tinyurl.com/hwolqpm>.



**Martin Luther King Day March in Philadelphia,
TOMORROW Monday, January 16, 11:30 am - 2:00
pm, Meet in the Old St. Joseph's courtyard:**

On Monday, January 16th, join Millennial Catholic POWER as people come from across the region for the 2017 MLK-DARE Coalition's March for a Better America. Join us! We will meet in the courtyard of Old St. Joseph's Church (321 Willings Alley in Old City) at 11:00am. We will pray together and then walk to Independence Hall as a group. We will converge with people and congregations from all over the city at Independence Hall, and then march together to Mother Bethel AME (6th and Lombard).

◆ **ELDERSHIP COMMUNITY** ◆



**Meet and Greet: Wednesday
January 18, 12:45 pm in Barbelin
Hall:**

Join us for lunch! Bring a brown bag lunch (and something to share) and we will supply the drinks and some lovely door prizes. Come meet fellow parishioners and help us put together our activity schedule for 2017. What would you like to do in this coming year?...road trips?...bridge club?...discussion groups?...retreats?...dinner/lunch clubs?...visits to museums, art galleries, gardens?...trips to the movies? Be creative! All ideas will be considered—we need your input!

◆ YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY ◆

YAC goes Bowling: Do you have some spare time between **7-9PM on Friday, January 20th**? Here's something right up your alley! All young adults are invited to grab their bowling shoes and head to PEP Bowl at 1200 S. Broad Street (Federal & Broad). It's BYO, so feel free to bring a six pack, some chips and dip, or whatever else strikes your fancy. \$20 covers bowling and shoe rental; space is limited. **Please RSVP by Monday, January 16th to Marcus Alalay at marcus.alalay@gmail.com, or Ian Smith at ismith3636@gmail.com if interested.**



◆ AROUND THE CORNER ◆

Day of Recollection for Married Couples: Saturday, February 11, 2017 (10:30 AM concluding with the renewal of wedding vows at the 5:15 PM Mass) sponsored by St. Augustine Parish (243 N. Lawrence St). The day, based on Pope Francis' Exhortation "**The Joy of Love**," will include reflections by married couples, opportunity for discussion and quality time with each other. Lunch will be provided. There is no charge for the day (free will offering welcomed). For further information, go to St Augustine's website: www.st-augustinechurch.com. There is limited availability, so please register (required) by emailing pastorstaugustine@gmail.com. ♥ **Let the love of your life know you would do it all over again.** ♥

◆ MISCELLANEOUS ◆

STAMP is a program of the Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance, in partnership with 17 museums and attractions and a group of generous sponsors and community organizations. Their Mission is to increase teens' access to all of the incredible arts and culture Philadelphia has to offer, as a means to discovering their own identities and including culture in their menu of leisure-time options. They want to change teens' perception of museums as places they're not welcome, or somewhere you only go if you're told you have to, like on a field trip. The STAMP Program provides a pass to any Philadelphia high school student, and is valid for one year of FREE admission to a selection of the city's top museums and attractions.

Pass holders also get access to special events throughout the year. Find out more at <http://phillystamppass.org/>.

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