

22 January 2017
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



✠ **TODAY'S READINGS** ✠

First Reading — You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).

Psalm — Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

Gospel — Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).

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✠ **READINGS FOR THE WEEK** ✠

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32;
 Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14,
 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;
 Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6;
 Mk 6:30-34
 Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5;
 Mt 5:13-16

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

✠ **MASSES FOR THE WEEK** ✠

Monday January 23
 12:05pm **Edward & Mary Britt Family (D)**
 Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
 Tuesday January 24
 12:05pm **James Convery**
 Presider: Fr. Phil Florio, S.J.
 Wednesday January 25
 12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**
 Presider: Fr. Phil Florio, S.J.
 Thursday January 26
 12:05pm **Bobby Connors (D)**
 Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
 Friday January 27
 12:05pm **Michael Donatucci (D)**
 Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
 Saturday January 28
 12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**
 Presider: Fr. Phil Florio, S.J.
 5:30pm Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
 Sunday January 29
 7:30am Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
 9:30am Presider: Fr. Phil Florio, S.J.
 11:30am Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
 6:30pm Presider: Fr. Stephen Surovick, S.J.

✠ **THIS WEEK AT OSJ** ✠

Tues 24	12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin) Al-Anon (Drexel) 7:00p: PIC Event (Barbelin)
Wed 25	6:30p: Women's Faith and Fellowship (Loyola)
Thu 26	12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
Sat 28	12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
Sun 29	9:30a: CLOW (Barbelin) 5:30p: YAC Pre-Mass Reflections (Drexel)

Please remember our sick and homebound sisters and brothers: Peggy Burke, 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 Tomezsko. Pray also for our ministry at Pennsylvania Hospital.

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

✠ FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP ✠

Offertory for the week ending January 15, 2017

Collection	Regular	Online	Total
Daily Mass	\$228.00	n/a	\$225.00
Sunday Mass	\$5,206.00	\$3,026.50	\$8,182.50

Online Giving contributed 37% of the Sunday offertory.

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

Catholic Relief Services	Now through Feb. 5
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✠ 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 ✠

This week we are taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to respond to Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief

and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

✠ FROM THE PASTOR ✠

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Dear OSJ Family,

In the meaningful rituals of our Roman Catholic tradition, various elements—the scriptures to be read, the psalms to be sung, the communion to be shared—call for many gifts from many different people acting together. That is when the Church best celebrates liturgy with great reverence, dignity and beauty. We strive for those elements here at OSJ at each Mass. By the nature of our baptism, all of us are called to minister to one another in our sacred worship. With that, I ask that as the New Year begins and resolutions are made, you please consider joining one of our liturgical ministries at OSJ. We need you, and it is your right and privilege to serve! Please consider serving in the following liturgical ministries:

Lectors: Lectors proclaim the Word of God and are an integral part of all liturgies. Individuals interested in this ministry must be in at least the fifth grade and must be able to proclaim loudly and clearly so that all can hear and learn from God’s word.

Altar Servers: An altar server assists the Presider in the sanctuary at all liturgical celebrations throughout the year. This ministry is open to all youth in fifth grade and above as well as all of our adults.

Liturgy Committee: The Liturgy Committee works closely with Sister Asunta, our Liturgy Coordinator, and collaborates on the planning and coordinating of all the various ministries involved in our parish worship.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist the priest each week with the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ. We welcome persons 15 years of age or older, and a fully initiated Catholic in order to participate in this ministry.

Hospital Ministers: These Ministers of Holy Communion administer the Body and Blood of Christ to our sick sisters and brothers at Pennsylvania Hospital (the hospital which our priests cover and visit frequently). We welcome persons 18 years of age or

older, and a fully initiated Catholic in order to participate in this ministry.

Ushers: It is the usher's ministry to greet people warmly, to help people sit together, to pass out hymnals, song sheets, to care for any needs (if someone gets sick, or other emergencies), to take up the collection, to help with good order at communion and to distribute bulletins.

Environment: The Environment Committee is responsible for seasonal decorations in our worship space, the courtyard, and the Walnut Street patio. They also help with large parish gatherings such as St. Ignatius Day and St. Joseph Day.

Hospitality Ministers: These generous persons organize, execute and promote the coffee hour socials that follow the 9:30 am and 11:30 am Masses.

Music Ministry: Our parish stands firm in the belief that beautiful sacred music fosters and enhances our common prayer. Those who volunteer for Music Ministry include choir members, cantors, and instrumentalists. Training is provided for all Music Ministers on an individual basis and in group settings.

Training for all of these ministries is provided on a regular basis. If you are interested in sharing your talents in the liturgical ministries please contact Sister Asunta Thanh, acj at liturgy@oldstjoseph.org and specifically for music, please contact Pat Montenegro at music@oldstjoseph.org.

Thank you for your kind consideration and God bless!

Fr Phil Florio, SJ

Pastor

✠ PARISH LIFE ✠

Requiescat in pace

Mary Eileen Forbes, mother of OSJ parishioner Jeanette Howell, passed away on January 3, 2017. Her



Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at Old St. Joseph's on Monday, January 9, 2017.

Helen McDevitt, mother of OSJ parishioner Ed McDevitt, passed away on January 4, 2017. Her Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at Old St. Joseph's on Tuesday, January 10, 2017.

We extend our heartfelt condolences and prayers to both the Howell and McDevitt families.

Waldron Mercy Academy is a Catholic, co-educational, independent school sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy. The school provides a nurturing and enriching environment for children 3 months-old through eighth grade. A challenging and well-rounded curriculum offers opportunities to develop the whole child academically, athletically, and artistically. Students are prepared to face the challenges of the world today with an enriched spiritual life and outreach to others, through engaging activities. Fluency in world languages, advanced technology, vibrant music, theater, and sports programs help each child develop their skills and talents as well. **Come hear more about the school, meet some of the staff and enjoy some coffee and donuts on: Sunday, February 12 after the 9:30 Mass.**

Message from the Ignatian Solidarity Network

As the new United States President and Congress prepare to begin their elected roles in the New Year, immigrant members of our communities are experiencing marginalization. On Thursday, January 19, The Ignatian Solidarity Network invites Ignatian and Jesuit network communities to join in "Prayers of Light" for our immigrant brothers and sisters. We offer these symbols of light as signs of solidarity for those who may be forced into the shadows of our nation. Through action and solidarity, we hope to illuminate the dignity of our immigrant brothers and sisters and the value of each individual's contribution to this country. ISN offers a host of resources here: <http://tinyurl.com/gvdp24>



✠ SOCIAL JUSTICE ✠

Thank You from Gesu School: Old St. Joseph's Giving Tree

To the Parishioners of Old St. Joseph's:

On behalf of Gesu School's students and families, thank you for sharing Christmas joy through this year's giving tree. Our community is so grateful for your kindness over many years, and we were again overwhelmed by your generosity. We extend a special thanks to Charles Capaldi and the Old St. Joseph's Social Justice Committee for their efforts.

✝ YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY ✝

We are delighted to share that Santa stopped at Gesu on December 21 to deliver these special gifts. Our students in grades Pre-K through 2 were thrilled to unwrap new books. During these cold winter days, the much-needed hats, mittens, and scarves will keep our youngest students warm. We invite you to see students' smiles as they opened the gifts by viewing photos on Gesu School's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/gesuschool.

Located just three miles from Old St. Joseph's in North Philadelphia, Gesu School serves 450 students in Pre-K through 8th grade, including students who reside in the three poorest zip codes in the city. Inspired by the Jesuit and IHM traditions of social justice, faith, hope and love, Gesu School strives, without selective admissions, to provide a quality, innovative education for its neighbor children to empower them to break the cycle of poverty and violence.

You are welcome to learn more about Gesu by visiting our school or our website, www.gesuschool.org. To arrange a tour, learn about volunteer opportunities, or discover other ways to give, please contact our Development Office at 215 763 9077.

Your generosity makes a difference in children's lives. We wish you peace and blessings in the New Year!

Sincerely,

Bryan Carter, President and CEO, Gesu School

Sr. Ellen Convey, IHM, Principal, Gesu School

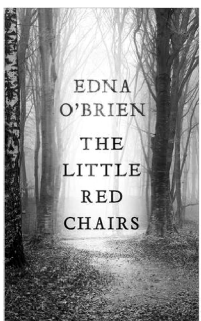
Explore Naples with YAC! Come explore Naples, Italy with YAC on **Tuesday, January 24th in Barbelin Hall from 7-9 pm!** All



young adults are invited to join as OSJ parishioner, Antonino Nocito, shares some of great treasures and stories of his homeland. Learn more about the narrow streets, the islands of the Gulf, the volcano, the castles, and the beautiful churches of Naples. Naples is one of the main cities of Italy and the most important of the Mediterranean Sea. Founded 3,000 years ago by Greek pioneers as Nea-Polis (New Town), this historic city is still a thriving metropolis. Today, Naples is still a casket full of treasures, which are often hidden to most. Come listen to stories of people who want to defend their identity amidst many pressures from the outside. **Have questions?** Feel free to reach Jenn at jennlydic@gmail.com. Spirits at 7, discussion starts at 7:30!

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.

✝ ADULT ED ✝



The Old Saint Joseph's book club will meet next on Tuesday, February 7, in the Loyola Room from 7:30-9:00 pm. Father Florio has agreed to speak with us about the movie *Silence* and the Jesuit world ministry. If you have seen the movie and would like to join our discussion, you are welcome to come. For the reading group,

our February book is Edna O'Brien's *The Little Red Chairs*, described as "a fiercely beautiful novel about one woman's struggle to reclaim a life shattered by betrayal."

✝ AROUND THE CORNER ✝

On Sunday, February 12, at 2 pm, Dr. William Watson will speak about his ongoing research at Duffy's Cut,



the site of an 1832 mass grave of 57 Irish Catholic railroad workers. The lecture is hosted by the American Catholic Historical Society (263 South 4th Street) Free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.amchs.org.

Retreat for healing sexual abuse: Grief to Grace—Healing the Wounds of Abuse, is an integrated psychological and spiritual program for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual, or spiritual abuse. It is appropriate for anyone who has endured sexual abuse, rape, incest, or other forms of traumatic violation in childhood or adolescence. It is also appropriate for anyone who has been abused by clergy.

The program will be held March 5th through March 10th of 2017 at the Franciscan Spiritual Center in Aston, PA. The program offers a very unique process for helping victims of abuse to grieve the past and discover spiritual healing and transformation. Dr. Theresa Burke who is the founder of Rachel's Vineyard - retreats for healing after abortion, composed the program and will serve as the facilitator for this retreat. Grief to Grace provides professional therapeutic staff, all treatment is based on a firm Christian Foundation as well as sound medical and psychological principles and a perceptive understanding of trauma.

Visit www.griegtograce.org for more information. To request an application contact info@griegtograce.org or call 610-203-2002. Reserve your spot now as space is limited.

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.** ♥

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