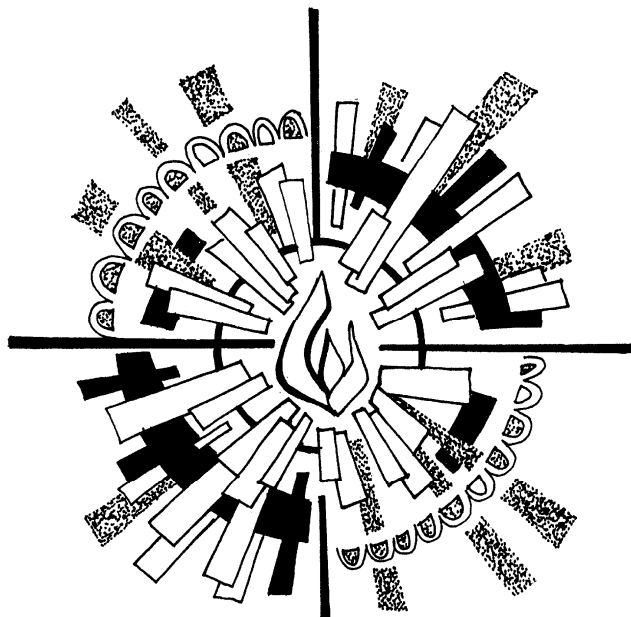


29 January 2017
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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 30.....

12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**

Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.

Tuesday January 31.....

12:05pm **Kevin W. Kullman (D)**

Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.

Wed. February 1.....

12:05pm **Carl M. Buchholz (D)**

Presider: Fr. Phil Florio, S.J.

Thursday February 2.....

12:05pm **James & Katherine Henderson (D)**

Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.

Friday February 3.....

12:05pm **Edward & Mary Britt Family (D)**

Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.

Saturday February 4.....

12:05pm **Carmen Troilo (D)**

Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.

5:30pm Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.

Sunday February 5.....

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 Dougherty, S.J.

◆ **THIS WEEK AT OSJ** ◆

Tues 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
24 Al-Anon (Drexel)

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)
29 10:30a: Adult Ed Meeting (Drexel)
5:30p: YAC Pre-Mass Reflections (Drexel)

Please remember our sick and homebound sisters and brothers: Jeanne Bradly, Peggy Curley, 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, Dr. Barbara Cahill Giannaccari, Marge Filmyer, Karen Lockyer, Joseph Burke, 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	\$247.00	n/a	\$247.00
Sunday Mass	\$6,526.00	\$3,799.50	\$10,325.50

Online Giving contributed 37% of the Sunday offertory.

Christmas Offertories

Christmas Total	\$49,925.00
Christmas Flowers and Music Total	\$3,433.00

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.

◆ **CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL** ◆

By now you should have already received your Catholic Charities mailing from the Archdiocese, or

you will be receiving one shortly. We encourage you to return your donation along with the pledge card in the return envelope provided and mail it directly to the Archdiocese. This year the appeal is not being recorded or run through OSJ and your donation will not appear on your OSJ contribution statement for 2011. The appeal runs through the months of May.

◆ **FROM THE PASTOR** ◆

AMDG

Dear OSJ Family,

Last week we honored the legacy of our great Civil Rights Leader, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who by his words, deeds, and martyrdom taught us the true meaning of the word freedom. During the Civil Rights Movement, Dr. King preached nonviolence was the only way to fight for freedom, successfully leading many in their pursuit of their "unalienable rights" promised by our Constitution. He often credited his Christian faith, and his role as a Baptist Minister, for providing him with the drive to fight for freedom.

Freedom is something that, at times, many take for granted in our great country. Yet we know that freedom is never easily gained and must always be protected. Indeed, freedom is one of those "inalienable" rights and beautiful gifts given to us directly from God.

One of my favorite quotes about freedom is that which is inscribed on the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier just a block away from OSJ in Washington Square. On the stone wall behind the statue of George Washington, just over his head, are inscribed these words: "**Freedom is a light for which many men have died in darkness**".

Jesus, the **Light of the World**, is the one who inspires Christians to defend and protect our freedom so as to truly live as the Sons and Daughters of God. It is Jesus, as we pray at Mass, who "by his cross and resurrection has set us free." It was his blood that was spilled to bring us true freedom, that same freedom that inspires men and women of every age, like Dr. King, to work tirelessly to promote authentic freedom that leads to peace. With that, I offer here the inspiring words of a prayer that I used in my homilies last week by the late Jesuit Archbishop Alban Goodier:

This Is Freedom

To be the slave of nothing, to be the slave not even of myself. To be able to make myself obey.

To make myself say no. To make myself say yes.

To have a noble end in view, to make myself live for it.

To be able to use all things for that end.

A life of sacrifice. A life of strong endeavor.

To be rid of useless burdens. To shoulder burdens that

belong to me. To shoulder burdens that belong to others. Understanding all. In sympathy with all.

To live thus nobly, to hear and obey, this is freedom!

The freedom of the children of God, the freedom where with Christ has made us free.

Together as we usher in and pray for our new President and new leaders for our government, let us rally against the sin and darkness of the world, the pain of our sisters and brothers, and share in the world's healing as children of one God, united in one faith dedicated to lasting peace, justice, love, and true freedom for all people.

In the Lord,

Fr Phil Florio, SJ

Pastor

◆ PARISH LIFE ◆

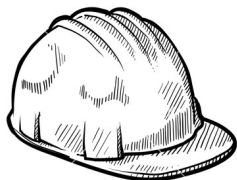


Super Sock Drive: A very big thank you to all who donated socks this past holiday season. Over 100 pairs were donated and distributed and provided our guests with dry, clean socks throughout December and January.

But the worst of the wet winter weather is still ahead and more socks are needed. All donations of socks are greatly appreciated. And donations of razors, lotion, deodorant or soap are welcome as well.

Bins will be left at the back of the church for the next two Sundays. Or drop off donations in the church office any time during business hours.

Two long-awaited construction projects will begin this week in the church. Scaffolding will be erected inside the sanctuary to allow Andy Palewski to access and repair the ceiling plaster directly above the left side of the altar. During the summer of 2014, the sanctuary ceiling was damaged by water that overflowed from the AC air handler which is located directly above the altar in the



church attic. After that mishap, we installed an alarm system inside the air handler to avoid any possibility of a recurrence.

Also, the final phase of the lighting and rewiring project, which was started back in early 2013 by Keough Electric, will be completed during February. The ceiling lights which illuminate the sanctuary will be completely replaced and rewired. After this work is completed, the entire rectory and church will have been rewired and should last us at least 50 (75?) years.

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.**



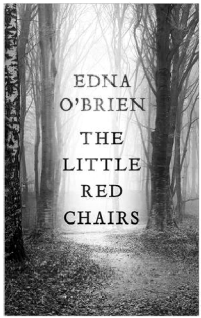
◆ INTERFAITH ◆

Where on Earth is God?: Within the Judeo-Christian tradition, the story of creation is too big for one story. Genesis' opening chapters offer two very different accounts, yet the two stories agree on one thing: the formation of the first humans takes place in the context of an exceptionally diverse creation and as a result of the creative action of God. Faith and environment stand inseparable. The Incarnation of Jesus Christ and the conviction that in Christ there is unity of full divinity and full humanity echoes this inseparability.

Join us on March 5, 2017, 1:30 PM (Inclement weather date – March 19) at Old Pine Street Presbyterian Church (412 Pine Street) to hear speaker Rev. Nathan Stucky, PhD, Director of the Farminary Project at Princeton Theological Seminary. Event is

free and open to the Public, Registration is required. For tickets, go to opc250-environment.eventbrite.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."

◆ ELDERSHIP COMMUNITY ◆

Join us on February 8 at 12:45 pm in Barbelin Hall to learn more about Penn's Village.



Penn's Village is an organization of Center City residents of all ages who work together to support people who wish to remain in their own homes as they age. By linking neighbor to neighbor, Penn's Village provides services such as transportation and assistance with chores, and makes referrals to carefully screened neighborhood providers such as plumbers, electricians, and personal care helpers. Educational and social programs also keep Penn's Village members informed and connected so they are able to enjoy Philadelphia's urban setting to the fullest. Volunteers are integral members of the Penn's Village community. Many volunteers have direct contact with members or assist behind the scenes. Come join us, all are welcome! Refreshments will be served.

◆ YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY ◆

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.

◆ 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.

Community Law School Day – Saturday, February 25th, 10:00 am-2:30 pm, Community College of Philadelphia Center for Business and Industry (18th and Callowhill): Community Law School Day is an empowering and free educational event open to the public. We will provide concrete, useful information and practical strategies to empower attendees to become better advocates for themselves and for others. The day will include an opening welcome session for all attendees, with remarks from Philadelphia City Councilman Curtis Jones, followed by three time blocks where attendees can choose between different exciting classes such as child custody, negotiation, representing yourself in court, and more. The special even will also feature different clinics to enable attendees to sign up to meet one-on-one with an advocate to receive information on topics such as child support, criminal record expungement, and more. Pre-registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are very welcome if space permits. If an interpreter is needed, please let us know when you register. If you have questions, need help registering, or would like to register by phone, please call Rachel Courtney at 215-981-3766 or visit goo.gl/HKYQgR.

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 5 through March 10 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.** ♥

A Prayer for the Unborn

O Mary, Mother of the Life Within,
all life we entrust to you;
The life of every expectant mother
and the child within her womb:
The life of every human body,
the life of every human soul;
The life of every newborn child
and the life of all grown old.
You held the Lord to your own heart
and drew Him so close in.
So draw us now in all our needs,
O Mother of the Life Within.
Amen.

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