

**5 February 2017**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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📖 **TODAY'S READINGS** 📖

**First Reading** — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

**Psalms** — The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright (Psalm 112).

**Second Reading** — My message to you, says Paul, was not clever words of wisdom but the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

**Gospel** — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. In your good deeds your light shines before others, leading them to glorify God (Matthew 5:13-16).

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📖 **READINGS FOR THE WEEK** 📖

- Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

*The complete text of the daily lectionary readings can be found at [www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings)*

**AMDG**

◎ **MASSSES FOR THE WEEK** ◎

- Monday February 6  
 12:05pm **Edward & Mary Britt Family (D)**  
 Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
- Tuesday February 7  
 12:05pm **Dec. Mbrs. of the Fioravanti Family (D)**  
 Presider: Fr. Phil Florio, S.J.
- Wed. February 8  
 12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**  
 Presider: Fr. Phil Florio, S.J.
- Thursday February 9  
 12:05pm **Vincent Di Patre (D)**  
 Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
- Friday February 10  
 12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**  
 Presider: Fr. Phil Florio, S.J.
- Saturday February 11  
 12:05pm **Lisa Schaad (D)**  
 Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.  
 5:30pm Presider: Fr. Samway, S.J.
- Sunday February 12  
 7:30am Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.  
 9:30am Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.  
 11:30am Presider: Fr. Phil Florio, S.J.  
 6:30pm Presider: Fr. Surovick, S.J.

◎ **THIS WEEK AT OSJ** ◎

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| Tues<br>07 | 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)<br>Al-Anon (Drexel)<br>6:30p: CLC2 (Drexel)<br>7:30p: Catholic Reading Group (Faber)                                |
| Wed<br>08  | 12:45p: Eldership Meeting (Barbelin)<br>6:30p: Women's Group (Loyola)<br>7:30p: CLC1 (Drexel)  |
| Thu<br>09  | 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)<br>7:00p: Schola Rehearsal (Church)   |
| Sat<br>11  | 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)   |
| Sun<br>12  | 9:30a: CLOW (Barbelin)<br>11:00a: Spirituality Formation Meeting (Loyla)<br>5:00p: Loyola Choir Rehearsal (Church)<br>5:30p: YAC Pre-Mass Reflections (Drexel) |

**Please remember our sick and homebound sisters and brothers:** Thomas Hart, D. Minter, Jeanne Bradley, Peggy Curley, Mike Connolly, Jack Lee, Anna Marie Montone, Hugh McNicholas, 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 29, 2017

Collection	Regular	Online	Total
Daily Mass	\$266.00	n/a	<b>\$266.00</b>
Sunday Mass	\$5,030.00	\$2,889.50	<b>\$7,919.50</b>

*Online Giving contributed 36% of the Sunday offertory.*

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

Catholic Relief Services	Through Today, 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](http://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,

In recent months, we have seen many of our fellow Americans exercising their constitutional right to peaceful assembly and to freedom of expression/speech as provided for by the first amendment. Peaceful and lawful marches and non-violent protests are an essential part of the very fabric of our American way of being and proceeding.

In the past few years, peaceable marches in which Americans have participated have focused on a number of issues including; climate change and the environment, the war in Syria, Veterans rights, federal divestment from fossil fuels, the cessation of offshore drilling, immigration reform fair housing, health care, LGBT rights, racial justice, prison reform, freedom of religion, workers' rights, and education reform, just to name a few. We saw several weeks ago, the "Million Woman March" where millions marched peacefully in support of numerous issues facing women and other social justice related concerns. Over a week ago, hundreds of thousands peacefully gathered to represent their beliefs and positions at the annual "March for Life" where supporters, on behalf of the voiceless unborn, call for an end to abortion and the defense of human life from birth to natural death. Finally, we saw most recently, thousands of concerned citizens protesting at airports and the nation's capital in support of refugees and immigrants

These issues facing our country are serious and demand our consideration as Americans and as Catholic Christians as they affect the lives and wellbeing of others. It is critical to remember that the position of our Church, consistent with Christ's teachings, calls for each of us to uphold the dignity and worth of every person, especially those most vulnerable in our communities; the poor, the aged, the youth, the disabled and infirmed, the refugee and immigrant, the unemployed, the abandoned, the marginalized, abused, addicted, the voiceless, the persecuted and the homeless. The Church teaches that all human life is sacred because God creates it, and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our Catholic Social Teaching.

Truly, our bishops, pastors and church leaders have asked us to renew our call as individual Catholics and as the Body of Christ to unite our efforts to restore respect and the legal protection for every human life—to be what Saint John Paul II asked us to be: “a people of life and a people for life” (The Gospel of Life, no. 78).

Together then, with respect for all people, like Jesus himself, let us never tire of working for justice and for being a voice for all who cry out for peace, healing, acceptance, reconciliation, life and love. In the Lord,

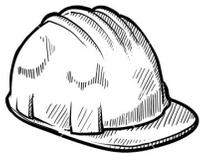
Fr Phil Florio ,SJ  
Pastor

## ◎ 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 years.



**OSJ Red Cross Blood Drive, Sunday February 12, 8:30 am–1:30 pm at Wyndham Philadelphia Historic District (400 Arch St)** PLEASE NOTE: this drive IS NOT at the Church To make an

appointment, please visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter the sponsor code: Old St Joseph, email [OSJSocialJustice@yahoo.com](mailto:OSJSocialJustice@yahoo.com) or call Tim Donofrio at 610-717-2618. The need for blood is constant and your contribution is very important.

The centering prayer group will meet on Wednesday, February 15 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Drexel Parlor of the rectory.



The meeting will include a discussion on centering prayer, followed by 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 267-250-3049 or [christinesz52@gmail.com](mailto:christinesz52@gmail.com).

**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.**

**A Unique Workshop at OSJ Church:** Join us for a Liturgical Workshop with Fr. Dennis Gill, Director of the Office for Divine Worship of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. **This workshop will take place on Saturday, April 1 from 10 am to Noon in Barbelin Hall.** The theme of the workshop is The Central Role of

the Faithful/Congregation in the Celebration of the Eucharist.

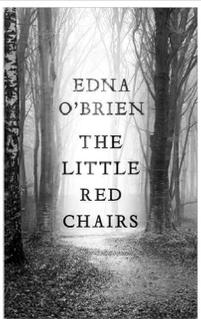
This special workshop is open to all OSJ members and is an opportunity to learn more about our role in the sacred celebration of the Mass and other liturgies. We will hear more about the symbols and deep meanings of our liturgy and how we can be nourished and grow spiritually as we receive further instruction in the beauty of our Catholic worship. If you have any questions or would like to RSVP, **contact Sister Asunta, acj, via email at [liturgy@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:liturgy@oldstjoseph.org)**

## ⊙ 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](http://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."

## ⊙ SOCIAL JUSTICE ⊙

**SAFE HAVEN, Monday, February 6, 6-8:30 pm at Living Water UCC Church (6250 Loretto Ave, Phila.)** In this new political climate, many people in our African American, immigrant, and Muslim communities are experiencing intensified verbal, physical, and legal threats—and they fear more is on the horizon. What can we, as people of faith, do to protect them? To stand with them? To show that where any of us are threatened, we are ALL threatened? POWER will bring several organizations together to brief us on ways we can prepare ourselves to be "our brothers' and sisters' keepers" in these very unsettling times.

## ⊙ IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY ⊙



**Lenten Day of Retreat:** On Saturday, March 18, Fr. Florio will direct a one day retreat at the Cranaleith Spiritual Center in NE Philadelphia. As we prepare to bear witness to the Cross and Resurrection of our Savior, wouldn't it be nice to set aside one Saturday afternoon to stop, quiet down and pray? Mark your calendar and plan ahead to set some time aside for you. It could be the best present in your Easter basket! Space is limited, please RSVP, and direct any questions to concerns to: [osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org) by Monday, March 13.

**Lenten At-Home Retreat:** The annual At-Home retreat is a book of daily prayers and reflections that affords each of us the opportunity to take a few minutes each day to reflect on the many gifts the Lord has given us. The Ignatian Spirituality Committee will be passing out the book of reflections the weekend of February 25 & 26.

## ⊙ 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.

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**Letter Writing to Congress:** Jesuit College alumni and alumnae are now 10% of 115th U.S. Congress. Let them hear your voice! On **Tuesday, February 7**, come make and write postcards to Jesuit-affiliated congressmen and women and/or religious organizations with YAC. Spend time prayerfully reflecting on Jesuit values and teachings, and then put your thoughts into writing - whether it be an advocacy letter or a letter of support. Resources and supplies will be provided. **Spirits will still start in Barbelin Hall at 7:00. Spirituality will begin at 7:30.** We hope to see you there! Have questions? Contact Jenn at [jennlydic@gmail.com](mailto:jennlydic@gmail.com).

**February OSJ YAC Happy Hour:** "Garage + Fishtown = a match made in heaven!" So says Garage Philly (100 E Girard Ave), where YAC will be heading to for our monthly happy hour on **Friday, February 17**. Located two blocks east of Girard Station (Markford-Frankford Line), and with the largest canned beer selection in town, sometimes Friday can get even better than expected. Join us for good beer and food, great company, and games! Yes, they even have a pool table and skeeball. If you have any trouble finding us, feel free to shoot Jenn a text at 917-930-9851. **We'll plan to get there at 5:30 pm, and will stay till at least 8 pm, so come early or late.** We hope to see you there!

**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](mailto:osjyac@gmail.com).

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**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 4<sup>th</sup> Street) Free and open to the public. For more information, visit [www.amchs.org](http://www.amchs.org).

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