

19 February 2017

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself. (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

**Psalm** — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

**Second Reading** — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

**Gospel** — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
- Wed: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
- Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
- Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12
- Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16
- Sunday: Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

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

**MASSSES FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday February 20
  - 12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**  
Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
- Tuesday February 21
  - 12:05pm **Geraldine Marren & Family (D)**  
Presider: Fr. Phil Florio, S.J.
- Wed. February 22
  - 12:05pm **Edward & Mary Britt Family (D)**  
Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
- Thursday February 23
  - 12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**  
Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
- Friday February 24
  - 12:05pm **Mary Convery (D)**  
Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
- Saturday February 25
  - 12:05pm **Dec. Mbrs. of Farris + Croft Families**  
Presider: Fr. Phil Florio, S.J.
  - 5:30pm Presider: Fr. Phil Florio, S.J.
- Sunday February 26
  - 7:30am Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
  - 9:30am Presider: Fr. Jerry McAndrews, S.J.
  - 11:30am Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
  - 6:30pm Presider: Fr. Dennis McNally, S.J.

**THIS WEEK AT OSJ**

- Tues 21
  - 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)  
Al-Anon (Drexel)
  - 7:00p: YAC Sprituality Night (Barbelin)
- Wed 22
  - 6:30p: Women's Faith Grp (Loyola)
- Thu 23
  - 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
  - 7:00p: Schola Rehearsal (Church)
- Sat 25
  - 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
- Sun 26
  - 9:30a: CLOW (Barbelin)
  - 5:00p: Loyola Choir Rehearsal (Church)
  - 5:30p: YAC Pre-Mass Reflections (Drexel)
  - 7:30p: Cook-In (Barbelin)

**Please remember our sick and homebound sisters and brothers:** Marcia Taylor, Thomas Hart, D. Minter, Jeanne Bradley, Peggy Curley, Jack Lees, Anna Marie Montone, Nada Sizgorich, Marie Wojcik, Marjorie Heald, Marie Jacobs. 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 February 12, 2017

Collection	Regular	Online	Total
Daily Mass	\$175.00	n/a	<b>\$175.00</b>
Sunday Mass	\$4,961.00	\$3,276.00	<b>\$8,237.00</b>

Online Giving contributed 40% of the Sunday offertory.

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

Aging & Ill Priests	Now through March 5
Ash Wednesday	Now through March 19

## ◆ 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.

## ◆ SECOND COLLECTION APPEAL ◆

This week, we will conduct a second collection for the Care of Aging and Infirm Archdiocesan Priests. Our retired and infirm priests remember you in their daily prayers and Masses. Please remember them with your generous prayerful and financial assistance.

## ◆ 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 2017. The appeal runs through the month of May.

## ◆ FROM THE PASTOR ◆

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Dear OSJ Family,

With all the conversation recently around refugees, I want bring to your attention a service of our Jesuit Family that is seeking to meet the rising demands of refugees. Many of you have asked how you can help those fleeing persecution and oppression in distant lands, so the Jesuits in the USA are encouraging those we serve to consider supporting the good work of the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS).

This blurb, taken from the JRS website, best explains who they are: *The Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) is an international Catholic organization with a mission to accompany, serve and advocate on behalf of refugees and other forcibly displaced persons. JRS programs are found in 50 countries, providing assistance to: refugees in camps and cities, individuals displaced within their own countries, asylum seekers in cities, and to those held in detention centers. The main areas of work are in the field of education, emergency assistance, healthcare, livelihood activities and social services. At the end of 2016, more than 900,000 individuals were direct beneficiaries of JRS projects.*

Gratefully, the Jesuit Refugee Service celebrated its 35th year in service to those in need. In addition, Pope Francis' invitation to the Church to reveal Christ's mercy, especially to those most in need, goes hand in hand with JRS' mission. Again, Pope Francis has stressed that each of us are invited "to rediscover and make fruitful the mercy of God, with which all of us are called to give consolation to every man and woman of our time." When addressing the current refugee crisis, the Holy Father has also said "the world is suffering from a 'globalization of indifference,' ignoring those who cry out for mercy. But it is time to change that."

If you are interested in supporting the ministry of refugees, please consider the work of JRS, and see their website for more information.

Additionally, Dr. Bethany Welch, the steadfast chairperson of our Social Justice Committee, recently offered our parish community these additional agencies that will allow you to support services to refugees and refugee resettlement activities in our region:

Welcome the Refugee - Catholic Social Services, Archdiocese of Philadelphia [welcometherefugee.org](http://welcometherefugee.org)  
610-876-7101

HIAS PA [hiaspa.org](http://hiaspa.org) 215-832-0900

Nationalities Service Center [nscphila.org](http://nscphila.org) (215) 893-8400

Bethany Christian Services [bethany.org/Philadelphia](http://bethany.org/Philadelphia)  
(215) 376-6200

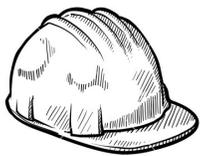
Thank you and God Bless.

In the Lord,

Fr Phil Florio, SJ

## ◆ PARISH LIFE ◆

**Fr. Jerry McAndrews, SJ**, formerly of our parish staff, will celebrate the 9:30 am Mass on **Sunday, February 26** and will stay for coffee hour afterwards. All are welcome to come and visit with Fr McAndrews.



**Two long-awaited construction projects have begun in the church.** Scaffolding has been 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.

**Growing the OSJ Lenten Justice Tree-Crafting and Brainstorming Night:** This Lent, YAC and the OSJ Social Justice Committee will be partnering to host a parish-wide Justice Tree. The Lenten Justice Tree will complement the parish's Advent Giving Tree and will aim to engage the parish in intentional actions that support justice and advocacy efforts at the parish, community, and civic level.

All parishioners are welcome to help make tags for the tree, brainstorm ideas for Justice Tags, and learn more about the this great, new parish-wide event. Resources and supplies will be provided. Spirits will still start in Barbelin Hall at 7:00 PM. Crafting and brainstorming will begin at 7:30. We hope to see you

there! Have questions? Contact Jenn Lydic at [jennlydic@gmail.com](mailto:jennlydic@gmail.com) or Bethany Welch at [socialjustice@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:socialjustice@oldstjoseph.org).

**Music Notes:** The Schola Cantorum of Old St. Joseph's will again lead the singing of the Psalms and the Magnificat at our annual Lenten Choral Vespers, and this year we put a spotlight on some of the greatest composers from England: William Byrd, Herbert Howells, and Healey Willan. Please join us on Sunday, March 5, the First Sunday of Lent, at 4pm.

**Is the Holy Spirit calling you 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. If you ask any of our ministers they will attest to how the personal rewards are rich, and the service you provide our congregation is without measure. Contact Pat Montenegro at [music@oldstjoseph](mailto: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 TODAY, February 19.** Come and enjoy good food and good company!

**Please join us as we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph on Saturday, March 18th at 5:30 pm starting with Mass and followed by dinner immediately after in Barbelin Hall.**

Tickets are \$10 for adults and children eat for free. A limited number of 140 tickets are on sale now at the front desk of the rectory. Donations of wine and desserts will be welcomed.



Many volunteers are needed to do food prep, set up, clean up and serving the dinner. Food preparations will be done on Friday, March 17th. Please contact Joe Casey at [joetcasey@aol.com](mailto:joetcasey@aol.com)/215-843-3573 to volunteer. Thank you!

**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)

### ◇ ELDERSHIP COMMUNITY ◇



**Meet us on Sunday, February 26 for brunch at FREIDA (320 Walnut St., between 3rd and 4th Sts.) following the 11:30 a.m. Mass.** Since it is February, we

will have some Whitman chocolates for you and you can, if you would like, bring a "Love Story" about a friend, husband or wife, animal, parent, teacher, etc. that you would like to share with the group. See you then!

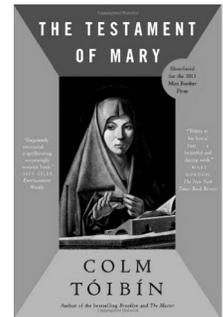
### ◇ ADULT EDUCATION ◇

**As part of OSJ's Lenten observation, we will offer two sections of the reading group.** Both groups will continue to discuss this year's theme of Mary. We will read *The Testament of Mary: A Novel* by Colm Toibin. Both groups will meet in the Loyola Room of Parish Hall, one in the evening, one at lunchtime.

**Group 1: Tuesday, 7 March at 7:30 pm.**

**Group 2: Wednesday, 8 March at 12:45 p.m.**

The book is a 96 page novella, and has been praised as "beautiful and daring." It imagines Mary as an older woman, living alone in Ephesus, looking back on the events that became the narrative of the New Testament and the foundations of Christianity. **For more information, write to [shlosscarol@gmail.com](mailto:shlosscarol@gmail.com).**



### ◇ 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 or 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.

**From the Office of Ignatian Spirituality:** Registration is now open for our upcoming Ignatian Leadership for Mission (ILM) retreats. We are offering two: the first in from May 1-4, 2017, in Faulkner, Maryland, and the second from June 18-23, 2017, in Wernersville, Pennsylvania. The ILM retreat focuses on the graces of gratitude, healing, call and co-laboring. The retreat format combines presentation, silent prayer and reflection, and group faith sharing.

For more information and to register, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/z896loy>.

**Registration is now open for "We Walk with a Heart That Does Not Rest: An Ignatian Spirituality Conference"** taking place on April 1, 2017. Join us in person from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Loyola Blakefield High School in Towson, Maryland, or participate online. For more information and to register, visit <http://tinyurl.com/h6zbzqn>.

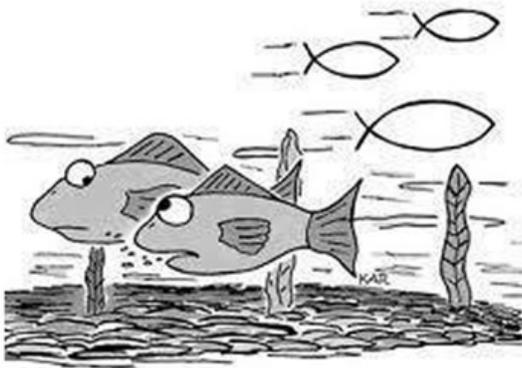
## ◇ YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY ◇

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

## ◇ AROUND THE CORNER ◇

**St. Joseph's University's Faith-Justice Institute** is offering a series of lectures this Spring. All lectures are free and open to the public. **The next lecture will be held on Tuesday, February 21 at 7 pm in the Foley Center.** Andeu Oliva, J.S., Joe Canas, President of Universidad Centroamericana, and Kevin Yonkers-Talz, Ed.D., Co-Founder of Casa Program in Santa Clara, will conduct a lecture called **"The Legacy of the UCA Martyrs: Inspiring Catholic Higher Education to be Solidarity with the Marginalized."** The legacy of the UCA martyrs continue to inspire and challenge those of us in Catholic Jesuit higher education to stay close to the realities of the poor and to allow that concrete experience to continue to inform our teaching, research and, in the UCA's case, "proyección social." Creating opportunities by which faculty, staff and students can walk in solidarity with the marginalized is critical if we wish to foster well educated solidarity and promote faith that does justice.

## ◇ A LITTLE HUMOR ◇



"Must be missionaries!"

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