

26 February 2017

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — God will never forget you (Isaiah 49:14-15)

**Psalm** — Rest in God alone, my soul (Psalm 62).

**Second Reading** — Make no judgments; the Lord will judge (1 Corinthians 4:1-5).

**Gospel** — God feeds the bird and clothes the flowers. Do not be anxious; God knows all your needs (Matthew 6:24-34).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

1The 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 27

12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**  
Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.

Tuesday February 28

12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**  
Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.

Wed. March 1 *Ash Wednesday*

12:05pm Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.

7:30pm Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.

Thursday March 2

12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**  
Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.

Friday March 3

12:05pm **James & Katherine Henderson (D)**  
Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.

Saturday March 4

12:05pm **Edward & Mary Britt Family (D)**  
Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.

5:30pm Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.

Sunday March 5

7:30am Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.

9:30am Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.

11:30am Presider: Fr. Philip Florio, S.J.

6:30pm Presider: Fr. Stephen Surovick, S.J.

**THIS WEEK AT OSJ**

Tues 28 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)  
Al-Anon (Drexel)

Thu 02 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)  
7:00p: Schola Rehearsal (Church)

Sat 04 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)

Sun 05 9:30a: CLOW (Barbelin)  
4:00p: Lenten Choral Vespars (Church)  
5:30p: Loyola Choir Rehearsal (Church)  
5:30p: YAC Pre-Mass Reflections (Drexel)

**Please remember our sick and homebound sisters and brothers:** Karen Lockyer, Fr. Nicholas Waseline OSFS, April DeMatto, Marielle Carnoale, 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	\$235.00	n/a	<b>\$235.00</b>
Sunday Mass	\$5,043.00	\$3,641.00	<b>\$8,684.00</b>

*Online Giving contributed 42% of the Sunday offertory.*

### Additional Offertories

Aging & Ill Priests	<b>\$1,235.00</b>
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**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.



## ◆ FROM THE PASTOR ◆

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Dear OSJ Family,

I write to you this week from out of the office as I begin a few days of vacation with my family.

Next Wednesday, March 1st, Christians around the world will begin the Holy Season of Lent with our celebration of Ash Wednesday.

**Masses, with the distribution of blessed ashes, at OSJ are set for the following times:**

**-12:05 pm Mass**

**-7:30 pm Mass**

Though it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, Ash Wednesday remains one of the most popular and important days in our Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Indeed, Ash Wednesday begins our time of increased almsgiving, fasting, and prayer. Notably, Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and while it is chiefly observed by Catholics, many other Christian denominations also observe this day of prayer and fasting.

Ash Wednesday, for us, has its roots in the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting where those seeking forgiveness, as a public sign of humility and repentance, donned themselves in sackcloth and covered their faces in ashes. The ashes for our Jewish ancestors, and for us today, symbolize the dust from which God made us. It is a sign of humility of our need for God's forgiveness and grace in our lives. As the priest or minister applies the ashes to a person's forehead, they speak the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Alternatively, they may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel." The ashes used in our Catholic tradition are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass.

As we enter into our blessed season of Lent, and as we seek to grow in greater faith, hope, and love in this holy time, let us continue to prayer for the needs of the entire world and to support one another with words and gestures of kindness, compassion, and Christian love.

Blessed Lent!

Fr Phil Florio, SJ

Pastor

## ◆ LENTEN PENANCE ◆

Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence for those 14 and older. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting for those 18 through 58.

## ◆ PARISH LIFE ◆

### PARISHIONER EMAIL LIST UPDATING IN THE WORKS!

We recently purchased a yearly contract with Constant Contact in order to more efficiently send emails to parishioners. If you are not already on our email list and would like to receive urgent notices and invitations to upcoming OSJ events, please send your name and email to our Administrative Assistant, Eleanor, at [office@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:office@oldstjoseph.org). Also, if you would like to be removed from this list, please let us know.

### All are invited to participate in the new Lenten Justice Tree!

Start this Lent by committing to intentional actions that support justice and advocacy efforts at the parish, community, and civic level.

**Tags with suggested actions will be available in the back of the church starting on Ash Wednesday. Completed tags should be placed on the Lenten Justice Tree through Easter Sunday.** The OSJ Lenten Justice Tree will complement the parish's Advent Giving Tree and is being sponsored in partnership with the OSJ Social Justice Committee and the Young Adult Community. **Please contact Bethany Welch at [socialjustice@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:socialjustice@oldstjoseph.org) or Jenn Lydic at [osjyac@gmail.com](mailto:osjyac@gmail.com) with questions.**



**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 SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS



We send our thanks to parishioner **Nancy Wood**, who over the past few months has led the efforts to restore our parish book collection formerly housed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Rectory. Through her kindness, and with the assistance of dedicated parishioners **Joan Russo and Lou Oschmann**, these books are now in the Parish Hall (Barbelin Hall) and in the small meeting room on the second floor (Faber Room) and are now more accessible to parishioners. The Faber Room now also has a comfortable set of table and chairs donated by parishioner **Linda Robinson**, and to her we say thank you as well! **Book topics include:** Catholic Spirituality, Ignatian/Jesuit Spirituality, Biographies, Family and Children, Women in Religion, Scriptural studies, Social Justice issues and more. Please know that all members of the parish are welcome to view these books during regular parish office hours and there is a method set in place for borrowing these books. Also, we offer a special word of thanks to all those parishioners and friends of OSJ who have donated books to the parish collection, and the bookshelves which now house the books. **Thank you and enjoy the collection!**

**Join us on Sunday, March 19 in Barbelin Hall and discover the art of Pysanky Easter Eggs!** Pysanky is a tradition from Eastern Europe where hot wax is used to draw designs on hollowed eggs to cover the colors that will remain in the final design. When the design is complete, the hardened wax is removed to reveal the brilliant colors and designs underneath. **There will be two sessions in Barbelin Hall, one from 2-4 PM and another from 4-6 PM.** If interested, please RSVP to Ian Smith at [ismith3636@gmail.com](mailto:ismith3636@gmail.com) or (267) 970 2165. Space is limited and is open to all those over the age of 18. We hope to see you there!

**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 TODAY, 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!

## ✿ SOCIAL JUSTICE ✿

**Join Millennial Catholic POWER as we build a social justice prayer community during this time of political division.** We aim to create a safe place for open discourse and spiritual healing, to pray for communities marginalized by the new presidential administration and build fellowship among Catholics so that we may collectively stand for justice in our country. From March 1 to May 31 between 7-8 PM,

we will be holding a bi-monthly prayer group across Philadelphia. Our kickoff meeting will be after the 7 PM Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Augustine (243 N Lawrence Street). We will gather after Mass for prayer, discourse, and fellowship. Please contact [millennialcatholicpower@gmail.com](mailto:millennialcatholicpower@gmail.com) with any questions.

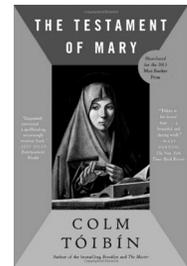
## ✿ ADULT EDUCATION ✿

**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 Cranleith 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 this weekend, 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/h6z bqzn>.

## ◆ 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 Intitute is offering a series of lectures this Spring.** All lectures are free and open to the public. **The next lecture will be held on Thursday, March 30 at 7 pm in the Foley Center.** Dr. Maureen O'Connell, Chair and Associate Professor of the Department of Religion at La Salle University, will conduct a lecture called **"From the Upper Room to Pentecost: White Catholics and Racial Mercy."** Dr. O'Connell's lecture will suggest that before White Catholics can take up the very urgent work of racial justice in our nation and our Church, we need first to start with racial mercy, a virtue that can help us cultivate dispositions essential for this kind of work: memory, humility, authentic self-love, and solidarity.

**Join the Catholic Center for Young Adults for Mass and a talk from renowned speaker Christopher West,** as he presents on Life, Love, and Mercy, how Theology of the Body can heal our ailing society. The talk will take place on Tuesday, March 14 at 7:15 PM at the Sared Heart of Jesus Parish (1404 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Philadelphia).

**Email [Catholiccenterforyoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:Catholiccenterforyoungadults@gmail.com) for any questions or concerns.**

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