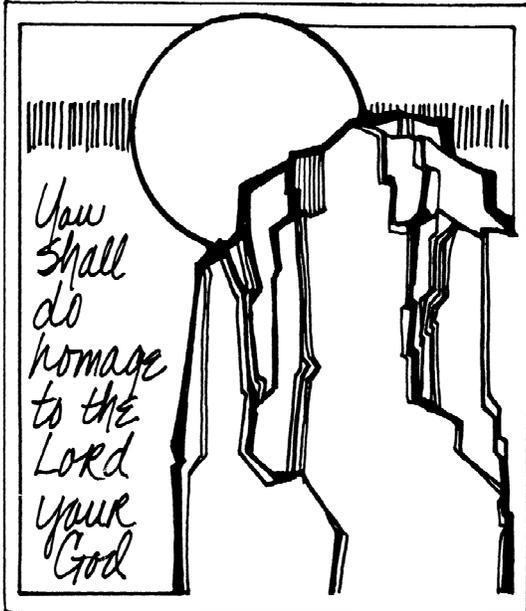


5 March 2017
First Sunday of Lent



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

Psalm — Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;

2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

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

✦ MASSES FOR THE WEEK ✦

- Monday March 6
12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**
President: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
- Tuesday March 7
12:05pm **James Gabler (D)**
President: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
- Wednesday March 8
12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**
President: Fr. Philip Florio, S.J.
- Thursday March 9
12:05pm **Edward & Mary Britt Family (D)**
President: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
- Friday March 10
12:05pm **Ann McNelis Snyder (D)**
President: Fr. Philip Florio, S.J.
- Saturday March 11
12:05pm **Nick D. Giglio (D)**
President: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
5:30pm President: Fr. Dennis McNally, S.J.
- Sunday March 12
7:30am President: Fr. Philip Florio, S.J.
9:30am President: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
11:30am President: Fr. Dan Ruff, S.J.
6:30pm President: Fr. John Braverman, S.J.

✦ THIS WEEK AT OSJ ✦

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| Tues
07 | 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
Al-Anon (Drexel)
7:00p: Liturgy Meeting (Xavier)
7:30p: Catholic Reading Grp. (Loyola)
YAC Spirituality Night (Barbelin) |
| Wed
08 | 6:30p: Women Fellowship (Loyola)
7:30p: CLC1 (Drexel) |
| Thu
09 | 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
7:00p: Schola Rehearsal (Church) |
| Sat
11 | 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin) |
| Sun
12 | 9:30a: CLOW (Barbelin)
11:00a: Spirituality Mtg. (Loyola)
5:30p: Loyola Choir Rehearsal (Church)
5:30p: YAC Pre-Mass Reflections (Drexel)
7:30p: Monthly Cook-In (Barbelin) |

Please remember our sick and homebound sisters and brothers: Will Morrow, Kristin Morrow, Marie Malloy, Karen Lockyer, Fr. Nicholas Waseline OSFS, April DeMatto, Mariella Carnovale, Thomas Hart, D. Minter, Jeanne Bradley, Peggy Curley, Jack Lees, Anna Marie Montone, 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 19, 2017

Collection	Regular	Online	Total
Daily Mass	\$237.00	n/a	\$235.00
Sunday Mass	\$5,554.50	\$3,167.00	\$8,721.00

Online Giving contributed 43% of the Sunday offertory.

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

Aging & Ill Priests	Through Today 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 and click on the Online Giving tab underneath the Important Links column.

✦ SECOND COLLECTION ✦

Today, March 5, we will take up a second collection for Archdiocese of Military Services. The AMS receives no funding from the military or the government in support and relies solely on private donors. While the Government is reducing the size of the Armed Forces, the world situation, as we have

repeatedly and dramatically witnessed both at home and abroad, continues to make the need for a strong military more evident. It is imperative that the Catholic faithful who defend our religious freedom do not have to sacrifice theirs.

Next week, on March 12, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection, which assists programs that strengthen the faith in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your gifts help share the faith by providing lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs. To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

✦ CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL ✦

Over the last several weeks, OSJ parishioners should have received the 2017 Catholic Charities Appeal material through the mail. Please return your donation, along with the pledge card, directly to the Archdiocese in the return envelope provided in the mailing. If you are making your donation through a third party, such as the United Way, please make sure that OSJ receives credit for your donation. For 2017, OSJ has been asked to contribute \$38,880.00 as its share of this year's appeal, which will run through the month of May. Dan Salvatore, a member of our Parish Council, is OSJ's coordinator for this year's Catholic Charities Appeal. Dan can be reached at (215) 482-2662 or dsalvatore@comcast.net.

✦ FROM THE PASTOR ✦

AMDG

Dear OSJ Family,

With the start of Lent, this past Wednesday, Roman Catholic traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, alms giving, and other forms of self-denial are still most warmly recommended by the Church.

This week I draw our attention to the Lenten practice of fasting.

Broadly speaking, fasting is the voluntary avoidance of something that is good. When Catholics talk about fasting, we normally mean restricting the food that we eat. We can fast between meals, by not eating snacks, or we can engage in a complete fast by abstaining from all food. While fasting takes the form of refraining from eating, it is primarily a spiritual discipline designed to tame the body so that we can concentrate on higher things, like prayer, reflection,

and meditation. Fasting also unites us with others in their daily sufferings and trials. Not just Christians, but Jews, Muslims, and members of other faiths practice fasting as a means to holiness!

Here are the Diocesan Guidelines for fasting:

-Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

-Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Good Friday.

-On Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

I hope this is helpful and I wish you a most Blessed Lent!

Fr Phil Florio, SJ

Pastor

✦ PARISH LIFE ✦

Requiescat in pace



Marcia Taylor

Long time OSJ parishioner Marcia Taylor passed away on February 19, 2017. Her funeral Mass was celebrated at Sacred Hearts RC Church in Southampton, NY on Friday, February 24, 2017. We extend our heartfelt condolences to her husband, John Taylor, and her family and friends.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her; may her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Join Fr. Dougherty for a Scripture Study of Genesis 35-50 and Exodus 1-32 on Thursdays in Drexel Parlor at 1:00 PM. Studies will begin March 9 and run through April 5.

Congratulations and thanks to those members of Old St Joseph's who made this new initiative, mentioned in this article, possible! <http://tinyurl.com/goysbu9>

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 or Jenn Lydic at osjyac@gmail.com with questions.**



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 on March 10.** Come and enjoy good food and good company!

Women Faith and Fellowship: During Lenten season, the Women Faith and Fellowship will gather to discuss the readings from *Lent: A Time of Grace*, the booklet distributed after Mass during the weekend of February 25/26. New comers are welcome to this all-women group. We meet from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month in the Loyola Room. We read and discuss the Gospel, sharing our perspectives and faith. **Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 8.** For more information, contact Rana McNamara at rmcnamara915@comcast.net.

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/215-843-3573 to volunteer. Thank you!

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. Also, if you would like to be removed from this list, please let us know.

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 or (267) 970 2165. Space is limited and is open to all those over the age of 18. We hope to see you there!

The centering prayer group will meet on Wednesday, March 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.

Small Group Lenten Retreat: Beginning on March 17 at 1 pm, we will gather in private homes to listen to a Lenten retreat program given on line by Father Larry Gillick, SJ of Creighton University. We will meet once a week on Friday for 5 weeks to listen to the retreat. Programs are expected to last approximately 2 hours. Fr. Larry Gillick is the Director of the Deglman Center for Ignition Spirituality at Creighton University. He is also the Superior of the Malumba House. Fr. Gillick spends his time giving spiritual direction to the

students, faculty and alumni of Creighton as well as directing retreats and days of reflection across the U.S. Space is limited for this group. **For more information and to register, call Joan Slavin at 267-457-2256.**

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**

✦ 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 by Monday, March 13.

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>.

✦ YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY ✦

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>.

Spiritual Direction 101 - YAC

Spiritual Direction Panel: Spiritual Direction!

You've may heard the term floating around, but what exactly is it? All young adults are invited to join YAC on Tuesday, March 7 from 7-9 pm in Barbelin



Hall as we share in an informal discussion with a panel of spiritual directors and young adults who have or are participating in it. Bring your questions and enjoy a chance to learn more about spiritual direction from a range of folks who know it well. Spirits will still start in Barbelin Hall at 7:00. Panel will begin at 7:30. Have questions? Contact Jenn Lydic at jennlydic@gmail.com 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.

✦ 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. 3rd St, Philadelphia).

Email Catholiccenterforyoungadults@gmail.com for any questions or concerns.

✦ 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 with any questions.

Save the Date: Saturday, June 3, 2017-8:30 AM- 4 PM. Please join the Social Justice Committee for a project in West Oak Lane with Rebuilding Together Philadelphia (rebuildingphilly.org)

More information to follow.

✦ 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.**