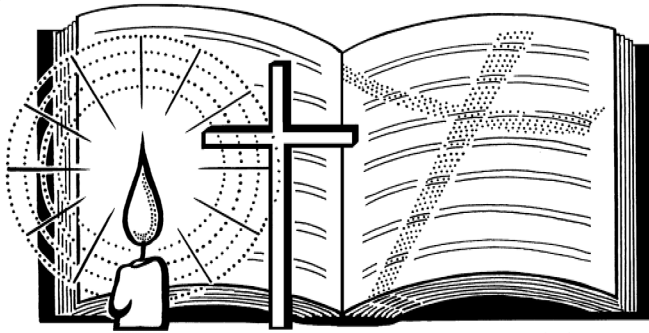


**12 March 2017**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**



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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

**Psalm** — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

**Gospel** — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38  
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12  
 Wed: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28  
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31  
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
 Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42] *The complete text of the daily lectionary readings can be found at [www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings)*

**\* MASSES FOR THE WEEK \***

Monday March 13  
 12:05pm **Edward & Mary Britt Family (D)**  
 Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.

Tuesday March 14  
 12:05pm **Benefactors of the Maryland Province**  
 Presider: Fr. Philip Florio, S.J.

Wed. March 15  
 12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**  
 Presider: Fr. Philip Florio, S.J.

Thursday March 16  
 12:05pm **Lori Ellis (D)**  
 Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.

Friday March 17  
 12:05pm **Geraldine Marren & Family (D)**  
 Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.

Saturday March 18  
 12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**  
 Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.  
 5:30pm Presider: Fr. Philip Florio, S.J.

Sunday March 19  
 7:30am Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.  
 9:30am Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.  
 11:30am Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.  
 6:30pm Presider: Fr. Philip Florio, S.J.

**\* THIS WEEK AT OSJ \***

Tues 14	12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin) Al-Anon (Drexel) 7:00p: Pre-Baptism Class (Drexel)
Wed 15	6:30p: Centering Prayer (Drexel)
Thu 16	12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin) 7:00p: Schola Rehearsal (Church)
Sat 18	12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
Sun 19	9:30a: CLOW (Barbelin) 5:30p: Loyola Choir Rehearsal (Church) 5:30p: YAC Pre-Mass Reflections (Drexel)

**Please remember our sick and homebound sisters and brothers:** Sara Orkline, Joanna Peal, Lucy Peal, Adeline Acerno, James McBride, Jerry McBride, 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 March 5, 2017**

Collection	Regular	Online	Total
Daily Mass	\$243.00	n/a	<b>\$243.00</b>
Sunday Mass	\$5,842.50	\$6,394.00	<b>\$12,366.00</b>

*Online Giving contributed 52% of the Sunday offertory.*

**NOTE: The Online Giving total is high this week due to monthly donations**

### **Other Collections**

Ash Wednesday	\$1,564.00
Archdiocese Military Collection	\$1,105.00

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

Ash Wednesday	Now through March 19
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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.

## **\* SECOND COLLECTION \***

**This weekend, March 11/12 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](http://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](mailto:dsalvatore@comcast.net).

## **\* FROM THE PASTOR \***

AMDG

Dear OSJ Family,

With one week of Lent behind us, we can continue to focus our attention on our beautiful Catholic traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and alms giving in this most holy season of the Church.

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

Lent, as we know, is a time of spiritual renewal. Without prayer, fasting and almsgiving are merely actions we do out of tradition without much meaning. Prayer is our conversation with God. Our Jesuit Founder, St Ignatius Loyola called prayer "intimate" conversation with God" because is through prayer that we develop a closer, more personal relationship with God. Prayer offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism. In our busy world, prayer provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns and sins. We should pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need.

To help you to better pray, here are some of my personal recommendations for praying in Lent :

<http://www.loyolapress.com/living-lent-daily.htm>

<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/Daily-prayers-00.html>

<http://www.usccb.org/about/justice-peace-and-human-development/upload/Lenten-Prayers.pdf>

<http://www.sacredspace.ie/>

<http://www.pray-as-you-go.org/home/>

<http://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?s=27>

Blessed Lent!

Fr Phil Florio, SJ

Pastor

## ✱ FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE ✱

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, the Archbishop of Philadelphia, in accord with the Code of Canon Law (canon 87), grants a dispensation to all Roman Catholics in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from the obligation to abstain from meat on the Memorial of Saint Patrick on Friday, March 17, 2017. The United States Bishops prescribe as a minimal obligation that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on the Fridays of Lent. This is a corporate gesture of penance observed by all the members of the Church in the United States. In certain circumstances, such as the coincidence of Saint Patrick's Day and a Friday of Lent, the Diocesan Bishop may grant such a dispensation from the observance of the corporate gesture of penance on a penitential day. However, as with every Friday of the Church Year outside of Lent, if a Catholic makes the choice not to abstain from meat, then some other penance of choice is to be observed in honor of the passion and death of our Lord on the cross. On Saint Patrick's Day, the memory of this missionary apostle to Ireland recalls his preaching of the Faith and encouragement to live authentic Christian lives. Lent does not disappear with the festive celebration of Saint Patrick. Rather, in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Roman Catholics may fittingly observe March 17, 2017 with another choice of penance rather than abstaining from meat.

## ✱ PARISH LIFE ✱

**Spring Cleaning:** There will be a day of spring cleaning on **March 25 from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM**. All are welcome to help tidy up as prepare for Easter. We will meet in Barbelin Hall. Please email Tom Farris with any questions or concerns at [tgfarris131@yahoo.com](mailto:tgfarris131@yahoo.com).

**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.**



**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, March 12**. Come and enjoy good food and good company!

*Requiescat in pace*



**Patricia Schneider**

**Patricia Schneider, aunt and Godmother of long time OSJ parishioner Garry Moros, passed away on February 28, 2017. Her funeral Mass was celebrated at St Casimir Church on Saturday March 5, 2017. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Garry and his family.**

*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.

## Music Notes:

March 21 is Johann Sebastian Bach's birthday, and to celebrate our musicians (especially your organist!) will perform a lot of Bach during the entire month to enhance our Liturgies. Bach was the consummate Lutheran, of course, but his music and his spirit are universal in their appeal – Catholic, one might say! So, be on the lookout for some Bach treats.

Please join us on Sunday, March 26 at 3pm as our Ars Sacra at Old St. Joseph's program hosts The Chestnut Street Singers, Philadelphia's Cooperative Chamber Chorus. Their program, entitled Divinity Breathed Forth–The Eternal Hildegard, centers around Christian mystical texts by Hildegard and others, and features music by contemporary composers Frank Ferko and Daniel Elder. As always, Ars Sacra events are free.

Also, the Music Ministry at OSJ is on Twitter! Follow us @OSJMusic, and don't forget to set your notifications so you'll be the first to know about everything that's current in our music program!

**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!



**Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Hospital Ministers, Lectors, Ushers: Please update your profile at <http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/osj> by March 15 for the April/May ministry schedule.**

**New volunteers are also welcome to sign up online to serve in a ministry! 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](mailto: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](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!

**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](mailto: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 Degelman 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 is from May 1-4, 2017, in Faulkner, Maryland, and the second is 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).

## \* SOCIAL JUSTICE \*

**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](http://rebuildingphilly.org))

More information to follow.

## \* AROUND THE CORNER \*

**Prayer Service for Immigrants and Refugees:** Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., President, **Sunday, March 19, 2017. 4:00 PM at Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.** Please join us to support and encourage our brothers and sisters who are immigrants with both your prayers and presence.

**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 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 Sacred 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.**