

**19 March 2017**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc. **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the LORD heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

**Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

**Second Reading** — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

**Gospel** — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
- Wed:** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
- Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday:** Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]  
*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 20 *St. Joseph's Day*  
12:05pm Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
- Tuesday** March 21  
12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**  
Presider: Fr. Philip Florio, S.J.
- Wed.** March 22  
12:05pm **Louise Owens (D)**  
Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
- Thursday** March 23  
12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**  
Presider: Fr. Philip Florio, S.J.
- Friday** March 24  
12:05pm **Thomas Convery (D)**  
Presider: Fr. Philip Florio, S.J.
- Saturday** March 25  
12:05pm **Edward & Mary Britt Family (D)**  
Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.  
5:30pm Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
- Sunday** March 26  
7:30am Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.  
9:30am Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.  
11:30am Presider: Fr. Brian Frain, S.J.  
6:30pm Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.

**☚ THIS WEEK AT OSJ ☚**

- Tues 21** 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)  
Al-Anon (Drexel)  
7:00p: YAC Spirituality Night
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- Wed 22** 6:30p: Women's Fellowship (Loyola)
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- Thu 23** 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)  
7:00p: Schola Rehearsal (Church)
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- Sat 25** 8:30a: Church Clean-Up (meet in Barbelin)  
12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
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- Sun 26** 9:30a: CLOW (Barbelin)  
10:30a: Social Justice Mtg. (Drexel)  
12:30p: LGBTQIA Group Mtg. (Drexel)  
3:00p: Ars Sacra Event- (Church)  
5:00p: Loyola Choir Rehearsal (Church)  
5:30p: YAC Pre-Mass Reflections (Drexel)  
5:30p: LGBTQIA Group Mtg. (Loyola)

**Please remember our sick and homebound sisters and brothers:** Ed Tomezsko, Sara Orkline, Joanna Pearl, Lucy Pearl, 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 ⌘

**Due to an early bulletin deadline, the offertory figures for the week ending March 12 will be published next week.**

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

Ash Wednesday	Through TODAY 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.

## ⌘ 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 ⌘

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Dear OSJ Family,

This weekend, as we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Lent, we as a parish dedicated to the patronage of Saint Joseph, blessed spouse of Our Lady, the Virgin Mary, and foster-father of Our Lord, in prayer, remember our holy patron. Since March 19, 2017 is the Third Sunday of Lent, the Solemnity of Saint Joseph is transferred to the following Monday, March 20. While celebrating the Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Lent, we will remember Saint Joseph in a special way at our parish patronal celebration on Saturday evening.

When we speak of our holy patron, it is important to recall that our good Saint Joseph never drew attention or the spotlight to himself. Throughout the scriptures, Joseph's voice was a silent one, spoken only in the shadows and his work on the surface was unassuming. We see in Joseph an unpretentious man, who made his living from the work of his hands and the sweat of his brow, but also, and more importantly, we see the earthly father of Jesus who made his mark and earned his place in heaven by his faithful obedience to God's plan for him and for us all – the plan for the salvation of the world in Jesus the Christ.

The sacred scriptures tell us that Joseph was "a just and good man" meaning he practiced justice; he did what was right in the eyes of God. In obeying God and standing by Mary's side, Joseph becomes the first teacher of the Child Jesus, and as a loving father he holds him and guides him and teaches him in the ways of justice, faith and peace.

Could there be a better model for us all of a Christian servant? Saint Joseph: good, just, chaste, faithful and true. How so many of us love that our parish bears his name—the first teacher and the faithful servant!

Today let us ask God to give us the courage and the faith to learn from the example of Saint Joseph, so that the work of our hands may help to advance the mission of the one whom Joseph loved like his own: Jesus the Eternal Word and Prince of Peace.

Happy and Blessed Feast day to all at OSJ! Saint Joseph, pray for us!

In the Lord,

Fr Phil Florio, SJ

## ⌘ A SPECIAL THANK YOU ⌘

**Our most sincere thanks go to the following outgoing coordinators of liturgical ministries:** Donna Soutoukis (Altar Servers), Rich DeFortuna (Lectors) and Christine Szczepanowski (Eucharistic Ministers) for their numerous years of service to the sacred liturgies at OSJ. We are grateful for your dedication and generosity. Thank you, Donna, Rich and Christine.

**We are happy to welcome the following new ministry coordinators:** Lou Ann Bulik (Lectors), Maria Ramirez (Altar Servers) and Bill Stewart (Eucharistic Ministers). Please join me in thanking all of these ministers and please think about joining us in the various liturgical ministries at OSJ.

Thank you and God Bless!

Fr Phil Florio, SJ

## ⌘ PARISH LIFE ⌘



The flowers at the foot of the St. Joseph's statue this weekend were donated in loving memory of **Emilio E. Marcolongo** by his daughter, Lois Marcolongo.

**Join an inclusive conversation for the LGBTQIA community at Old St. Joseph's Church.** We will be talking about what LGBTQIA parishioners want here at the parish, and how we might build a safe place of support, prayer, and community. This is an open dialogue, not a commitment of any support. Conversations will happen at OSJ on March 26 after the 11:30 am Mass (12:30/12:45) in the Drexel Parlor, and before the 6:30 pm Mass (5:30) in the Loyola Room.

John G., LCSW, is the Clinical Supervisor at the Mazzoni Center, in addition to being a former Jesuit volunteer and parishioner, will be facilitating these conversations with the emphasis on open dialogue. Please plan to join us for these important conversations to share your thoughts, feelings, and experiences. Questions? Comments? Please feel free to email John at [jwglcsw@gmail.com](mailto:jwglcsw@gmail.com) or Parish Pastoral Council member Karen D. at [govindasky26@gmail.com](mailto:govindasky26@gmail.com).

**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 the church 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 are available. 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.**

***We are looking for a few good women and men to serve as Ushers during our beautiful liturgies. Scheduling is flexible and training will be provided! Please introduce yourself to an Usher after Mass or sign up online at [www.oldstjoseph.org](http://www.oldstjoseph.org).***



**The OSJ Reading Group will have two sections going forward.** They both meet in the Loyola Room. The next meetings are:

**Tuesday, 4 April, 7:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, 5 April, 12:45 p.m.**

We are reading **Dorothy Day's *The Long Loneliness***. Dorothy Day was a founder of the Catholic Workers' Movement. This is a story about her social activism and her spiritual pilgrimage. For questions, write to [shlosscarol@gmail.com](mailto:shlosscarol@gmail.com).

**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.

**Women Faith and Fellowship:** During the 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 22.** For more information, contact Rana McNamara at [rmcnamara915@comcast.net](mailto:rmcnamara915@comcast.net).

## 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. A free-will offering will be taken.

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!

### **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.

**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 ⌘

**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>.

## ⌘ ADULT ED ⌘

**The Adult Ed Committee** is seeking new members. Representatives will be available after the 9:30 and 11:30 Mass on 4/1/17 to provide information and answer questions. Please consider joining this important Parish Ministry. We are asking for a one year commitment.

## ⌘ YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY ⌘

### **Enhancing Prayer Life**

**Online:** Ever searched online for prayer resources? Ever explored inspiring podcasts, blogs, or



apps for spiritual support? All young adults are invited to join YAC on **Tuesday, March 21**, in Barbelin Hall to discuss a wide variety of resources available that are designed to enhance ourselves both spiritually and in our prayer lives. For those who would like, there will be an opportunity to share any resources that have

had an impact on your life. Spirits will start in Barbelin Hall at 7:00 and our discussion will begin at 7:30 pm. Contact Megan at mprilutski@gmail.com with any questions. 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.

## ⌘ 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)

More information to follow.

## ⌘ AROUND THE CORNER ⌘

**Prayer Service for Immigrants and Refugees:** Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., Presider, **TODAY, 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.

**John W. Hallahan CGHS Alumnae Association is sponsoring their "Annual 50 years and Beyond" luncheon on Wednesday, May 3, 2017** at Connstatter Volksfest-Verein, 9130 Academy Road. Cost is \$35.00 per person and \$25.00 for religious. If you are a graduate of Hallahan for over 50 or more years and are interested in attending this event, please contact, Chairperson, Marge West Kiefski '66 at 215-913-4482 or at mmkiefski@aol.com or the Alumnae Office at 215-568-3081 for more information.

**Whatever Happened to HOPE?** The human experience of life is filled with both joy & suffering. Amid this suffering, we may look at the world and wonder, "Whatever Happened to Hope? How do we reclaim the roots of spirituality in times of struggle?" The answer lies within each of us. When we live the conscious life, we are better able to access such answers. As we prepare for the Paschal feasts of Holy Week, let us gather and engage our highest symbol of hope: the cross, which reminds us of triumph in the presence of human pain. Consider joining us for this evening dinner retreat with Rev. Richard Fragomeni, theologian, author, & Professor at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago on Sunday, April 2, 2017, 6 to 9 pm. Let us tap into the Lenten Journey of purification and enlightenment and learn to see ourselves and our world as God sees: filled with divine love, joy and power.

Join Sacred Doorways at St. Joseph University, McShain Hall, 5th Floor - Haub Executive Center, 333 City Avenue, Merion Station, PA 19066. For further information call 609 702-7858, write [sacreddoorwaysnj@gmail.com](mailto:sacreddoorwaysnj@gmail.com), or register at [www.sacreddoorwaysnj.org](http://www.sacreddoorwaysnj.org).

