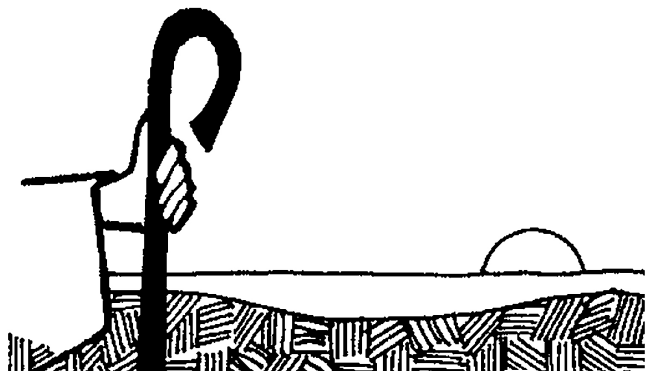


26 March 2017
Fourth Sunday of Lent



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David and remained with him from that day forward (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see! (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38])

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
- Wed: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

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

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

- Monday March 27.....
 12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**
 Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
- Tuesday March 28.....
 12:05pm **Edward & Mary Britt Family (D)**
 Presider: Fr. Philip Florio, S.J.
- Wed. March 29.....
 12:05pm **Nan Storm Sabia (D)**
 Presider: Fr. Philip Florio, S.J.
- Thursday March 30.....
 12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**
 Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
- Friday March 31.....
 12:05pm **Maureen Rissi (D)**
 Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
- Saturday April 1.....
 12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**
 Presider: Fr. Philip Florio, S.J.
 5:30pm Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
- Sunday April 2.....
 7:30am Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
 9:30am Presider: Fr. Philip Florio, S.J.
 11:30am Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
 6:30pm Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J..

● THIS WEEK AT OSJ ●

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| Tues | 28 | 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
Al-Anon (Drexel)
6:30p: CLC2 (Drexel)
7:00p: PIC Event (Barbelin) |
| Thu | 30 | 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
7:00p: Schola Rehearsal (Church) |
| Sat | 01 | 10:00a: Liturgy Workshop (Barbelin) |
| Sun | 02 | 9:30a: CLOW (Barbelin)
5:00p: Loyola Choir Rehearsal (Church)
5:30p: YAC Pre-Mass Reflections (Drexel) |

Please remember our sick and homebound sisters and brothers: Joseph Nowak, Irene Stone, 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 ●

Offertory for the week ending March 12, 2017

Collection	Regular	Online	Total
Daily Mass	\$314.00	n/a	\$314.00
Sunday Mass	\$4,588.00	\$3,236.50	\$7,824.50

Online Giving contributed 41% of the Sunday offertory.

Offertory for the week ending March 19, 2017

Collection	Regular	Online	Total
Daily Mass	\$348.00	n/a	\$348.00
Sunday Mass	\$7,354.50	\$4,157.50	\$11,511.50

Online Giving contributed 36% of the Sunday offertory.

Other Collections

Church in Latin America	\$1,046.00
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Online Givers – Funds have been set up for the following special collections:

Easter Flowers	Now through April 9
Easter Music	Now through April 9
Holy Thursday	Now through April 30
Good Friday – Holy Land	Now through April 30
Easter	Now through May 7

● 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.

● OFFERTORY APPEAL ●

Stewardship Reflections—Resolutions: Each year people throughout the world make New Year's resolutions. For many, these resolutions are short lived and quickly forgotten. At our Baptism and Confirmation, we made New Life resolutions. Our baptismal promises are lifelong commitments to Jesus and the Church. We recognize that all that we possess comes from God. We are God's stewards. We have been empowered to manage the abundant gifts that we have received. As "good stewards," it is our responsibility to give back a portion of the time, talent and treasure we receive from our generous and loving God. Let us recommit ourselves to the Lord by taking the time to plan. Let us make stewardship of time and talent part of our lifestyle, and stewardship of treasure part of our budget. "Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Stewardship Appeal Update: Follow-up letters from Fr. Florio will be mailed to all households from whom we have not yet received a response to our Stewardship Appeal. Please respond as soon as you are able by placing your intention card in the collection basket.

● 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 ●

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Dear OSJ Family,

As we find ourselves more than half way through Lent, and as we continue in this blessed season where we seek to grow in greater faith, hope and love, below are just a few of the opportunities being offered by our parish that can help you in your Lenten Journey:

Weekly Worship/Mass Schedule

Sunday, The Lord's Day

5:30 PM (Saturday, Vigil Mass) ♦ 7:30 AM ♦ 9:30 AM ♦
11:30 AM ♦ 6:30 PM

Weekday Mass

Monday through Saturday 12:05 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday through Saturday 11:30 AM in the Church

The OSJ Lenten Social Justice Tree

OSJ Liturgy Workshop 4/1

"The Central Role of Congregation in Worship" with Fr Dennis Gill of the Archdiocesan Office for Divine Worship

OSJ - Ars Sacra Concert

The Chestnut Street Singers 3/26 at 3pm

Spring Solidarity on Tap 4/4

"Mercy in Action" with Dr. Bethany Welch, Chairperson of the OSJ Social Justice Committee- Field House Tavern

Finally, please join us for Holy Week's Sacred Triduum at OSJ- some of the most beautiful and moving liturgies of the liturgical year:

Holy Thursday

Sacrament of Reconciliation-4/13 at 11:30am-12:30pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper- 4/13 at 7:30pm

Good Friday

- ♦ Station of the Cross- 4/14 at 12 noon
- ♦ The Lord's Passion and Death- 4/14 at 3pm

The Great Vigil of Easter- 4/15 at 7:30pm

Easter Sunday Masses- 4/16

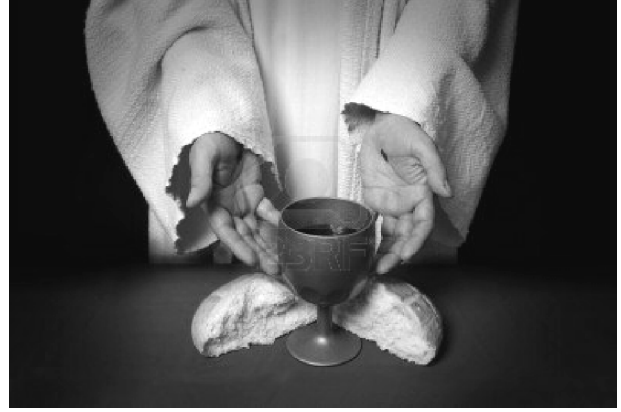
- ♦ 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am.
- ♦ No 6:30pm this week only.

All are welcome, please plan to join us!
Blessed Lent!

Fr. Phil Florio, SJ
Pastor

● PARISH LIFE ●

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.



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**

Volunteers are needed to serve the hospitality after the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening April 15, 2017. Please contact Joe Casey at 215-843-3573 or at joetcasey@aol.com to volunteer. Thank you!



Easter Egg Hunt: The annual Old St. Joseph's Easter Egg Hunt will take place immediately after the 9:30 am mass, weather permitting, on the lawn of the North Park next to the church on Sunday, April 16, 2017. Donations of filled plastic eggs can be dropped off at the front desk of the rectory up until Saturday, April 15. Volunteers are needed to hide the eggs during the 9:30 am mass on Easter Sunday. Please contact Joe Casey at joetcasey@aol.com to volunteer. Thank you!

What a great evening Saturday, March 18th was for those attending the St. Joseph Feast Dinner! Many thanks to all who attended brought a bottle of wine or dessert. Special thanks to Termini's Bakery for the donation of the St. Joseph Cakes (Zeppoles). To the volunteers Luanne Balestrucci, Kathleen Mathis, Jim Moore, Marie Nowak, Gaye Painten, Laura Salvatore, Joan and Peter Slavin, Ellie Stark, Cara Tripodi, Nik Sizgorich, and

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you

Nancy Wood: thank you for the time and talent you gave to preparing, serving and cleaning up for the event. Thanks also to the men of Food, Faith, and Friends who set the tables and chairs up for the dinner.

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 TODAY, 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.

Questions? Comments? Please feel free to email John at jwglcsw@gmail.com or Parish Pastoral Council member Karen D. at govindasky26@gmail.com.

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.



Interfaith Community

How do medical facilities and other health care settings accommodate the religious needs of people of different faiths? Linda Joy Goldner and others will share their Chaplaincy experiences. Please join us for an interesting conversation on **March 28 from 7-9 pm at Old St. Joseph's Church.**

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 run through April 5.

LENTEN CALENDAR CHANGE: Please note that the Social Justice Stations of the Cross that was scheduled for Palm Sunday, April 9 from 2-5 PM has been CANCELLED.



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

Music Notes

Please join us TODAY 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.

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.

● 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>.

● 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.

● ELDERSHIP COMMUNITY ●

Parish Home Ministry: We know that sometimes members of the Old St. Joseph's community may be in need of help because of sickness, hospitalization, etc. The Parish Home Ministry is a group of volunteers from the Eldership Community who are available to offer prayers, emotional support and home visits to our brothers and sisters in Christ. We are also Eucharistic Ministers who can bring the Eucharist to our home bound parishioners. If you would like a visit from one of our members, please do not hesitate to call Joan Slavin at 267-457-2256.

Eldership Community Prayer Group: On the first Wednesday of every month, before the 12:05 pm Mass, members of the Eldership Community pray for intentions submitted to us by parishioners of Old St. Joseph's. If you have a prayer request, please send the information to JoanSlavin@aol.com.

The Eldership Book Group will next meet on April 5 at 1 pm in the Loyola Room. The book we will be discussing is *The Long Loneliness* by Dorothy Day. Bring a brown bag lunch and we will provide a drink and small dessert.

***Lifting the Artistic Spirit and Tapping the Artist Within*, a workshop for artists and non-artists alike, will be held on Wednesday April 12 (1 PM – 4 PM) in Barbelin Hall** at Old St. Joseph's Church. The session will be led by Celeste Mokrzycki, S.S.J. who affirms that creativity is a gift from God and, therefore,

everyone can link their spirituality with their own artistic creations. The workshop will include time for participants' artistic design and time for prayer. Registration is limited.

● YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY ●

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April YAC Happy Hour!

Join YAC for our April happy hour on **Friday, April 7** starting at 5:30 pm as we head to Bar Hygge in Fairmount.

Bar Hygge is a new cozy, industrial-style neighborhood brewpub serving local beer and incredibly delicious meat, cheese, and/or veggie sharing boards.

We'll have space reserved in the Hygge Room on the left, so look for us there or ask for YAC. Come spend the evening with great food and beverages and even better company! If you have questions or suggestions for future happy hour locations, please email Jenn at jennlydic@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

YAC Heads to the Field House: For one Tuesday Night only, YAC moves from Barbelin Hall and heads to the Field House for Solidarity on Tap along with other Jesuit-affiliated groups and organizations. Solidarity on Tap is a simple gathering at a local pub intended for socializing and social justice. Come enjoy a reflection by our very own YAC member, Bethany Welch, on Tuesday, April 4 from 7 to 9 pm. Bethany is also the founding director of the Aquinas Center and will be sharing a reflection on the theme "Mercy In Action."

● 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.