

2 April 2017
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Thus says the LORD GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

Psalms — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

Second Reading — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

Gospel — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name. Many of those who had seen what had happened began to believe in Jesus (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];
Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
- Wed: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;
Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
- Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession);
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

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

⊗ MASSES FOR THE WEEK ⊗

- Monday April 3
12:05pm **James & Katherine Henderson**
Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.

- Tuesday April 4
12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**
Presider: Fr. Philip Florio, S.J.
- Wed. April 5
12:05pm **The Whitfield Family (D)**
Presider: Fr. Philip Florio, S.J.
- Thursday April 6
12:05pm **Edward & Mary Britt Family (D)**
Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
- Friday April 7
12:05pm **Heidi Zippo (D)**
Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
- Saturday April 8
12:05pm **John Traber (D)**
Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
5:30pm Presider: Fr. Dennis McNally, S.J.
- Sunday April 9 *Palm Sunday*
7:30am Presider: Fr. Philip Florio, S.J.
9:30am Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
11:30am Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
6:30pm Presider: Fr. Philip Florio, S.J.

⊗ THIS WEEK AT OSJ ⊗

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| Tues
04 | 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
Al-Anon (Drexel)
6:30p: CLC2 (Drexel)
7:00p: YAC Spirituality Night (Barbelin)
7:30p: Reading Group (Loyola) |
| Wed
05 | 1:00p: Reading Group (Loyola) |
| Thu
06 | 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
7:00p: Schola Rehearsal (Church) |
| Sat
08 | 10:00a: Liturgy Meeting (Loyola)
12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin) |
| Sun
09 | 9:30a: CLOW (Barbelin)
11:00a: Spirituality Formation Mtg (Loyola)
5:00p: 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: Joseph Nowak, Avram Aumick, Jerry McAndrews SJ, 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, 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 26, 2017

Collection	Regular	Online	Total
Daily Mass	\$523.00	n/a	\$523.00
Sunday Mass	\$7,882.00	\$3,505.00	\$11,387.00

Online Giving contributed 31% of the Sunday offertory.

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 REFLECTION: Generations of faith-filled Catholic people have passed on to us the most precious gift that we possess—the gift of faith. As this generation’s “good stewards,” we are obligated to pass on the gift of faith to our children. Children primarily learn through the examples of their parents. Today, many parents are volunteering their time and talents to their churches and community

groups and bringing their children along with them. More and more churches are encouraging children to return a portion of their “treasure”—their allowance or other earnings—with special children’s offering envelopes. As we know from our own experience, it takes a lifetime to develop the habits of good stewardship. God has blessed us in so many marvelous ways. Stewardship is a way of life built around gratitude to God, lived out by returning a portion of the time, talent, and treasure allotted to us. There is no more precious inheritance we can pass on to our children than this lifestyle of gratitude. “If you will give these instructions...you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching you have followed.” (1 Timothy 4:6)

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL UPDATE: Our Stewardship Appeal is being very well received by the people of Old St. Joseph’s. To date, **66** households have increased their weekly contribution in response to our stewardship of treasure program, representing a combined weekly increase of **\$812.36**. Please use the Special Response form to indicate your new level of giving, and then return to your regular envelope packet for succeeding weeks. If you are interested in receiving information on our Electronic Giving Program, please contact the parish office.

⊗ 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 continue on our Lenten journey together as God’s Church, we continue to reflect on our traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that

serve to strengthen us at this holy time of the year. This week I draw our attention to the Lenten practice of almsgiving or giving to and serving others.

It should be obvious by now, that almsgiving is simply a response by us to God, a response that we have come to through prayer and fasting. Like all service, it is an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given us, and a realization that in the Body of Christ, it is never just "me and God." Through prayer and fasting we come to a deeper understanding that the needs of all are the responsibility of all in the Body of Christ. Works of charity and the promotion of justice are integral elements of the Christian way of life we began when we were baptized. The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. All of this helps to build up a more just and loving world.

Here are just some ways that we can practice almsgiving/service to others this Lent at OSJ:

- Catholic Relief Service's RICE BOWL
- Giving to various collections for the Church's Mission's worldwide
- The OSJ Lenten Justice Tree
- Volunteering with OSJ's Faith, Food & Friends Ministry
- Visiting the sick and infirmed in their homes (The Eldership has just begin a new ministry called "Parish Home MInistry" or at Pennsylvania Hospital which the priests of OSJ serve daily.
- Supporting the Archdiocese Annual Catholic Charities Appeal

Truth is that there are countless other ways to offer your time, talent and treasure to needy individuals and organizations during Lent and throughout the year. For other ideas, visit the Archdiocesan Catholic Charities website.

Blessed Lent!
Fr Phil Florio, SJ
Pastor

A Special Word of Thanks

On behalf of OSJ, I offer our ongoing thanks to our dedicated Business Manager, Eric German and the following parishioners who helped to facilitate the church lighting project: Greg Alexander, Chuck Capaldi, Barry Eiswerth, and Bill Waffle. These

generous individuals worked closely with our electrical contractor, and helped to select the finest lighting fixtures possible that will enhance our liturgies and prayer at OSJ. These new LED lights, besides being more brilliant and warmer (the church looks considerably brighter and more beautiful), are more cost efficient and will last for close to 15 years! Thanks to all who made this possible for the good of our parish community, those who volunteered their time and energy, and those who contributed to the lighting project fund. God bless you all!

Gratefully, Fr Phil Florio, SJ

⊗ 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.*** ←

THANK YOU! Last Saturday (March 25) a group of volunteers spent the morning giving our historic worship space a spring cleaning. **When you see them please be sure thank parishioners Nancy Wood, Grace Howe, and Michael & Lauren Volpe.** A special note of thanks to **Bob McCormick**, a member of St. Coleman's in Ardmore.

Join us for Solidarity on Tap, where socializing meets social justice, on Tuesday, April 4, 7 PM at the Fieldhouse (1150 Filbert St). Come enjoy a reflection by our very own Parishioner, Bethany Welch, who is the founding director of the Aquinas Center. Bethany will be sharing a reflection on the theme "Mercy In Action."

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!

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.



Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Hospital Ministers, Lectors, and Ushers are reminded to arrive at least 20 minutes before Mass begins and maintain a quiet prayerful atmosphere in the sacristy and church. This is particularly important during our Holy Week liturgies. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

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

As we approach our Sacred Holy Days, our Music Ministers are working extra hard to prepare the special music that will accompany our worship. Here is a partial list of what you can expect from our Schola and our Loyola Choir:

The Schola will present Gregorio Allegri's *Miserere* on Palm Sunday, as part of a special choral Prelude which will begin at 11:15, and during the Mass

they will sing Pablo Casal's *O Vos Omnes* and William Byrd's *Ave Verum*. Later that evening **The Loyola Choir** will sing Buryl Red's *In Remembrance* at our 6:30 Mass. On Holy Thursday, we will celebrate our second year of combining our choirs, and will perform Maurice Duruflé's *Ubi Caritas* and a repeat of *In Remembrance* by Buryl Red, this time with over 20 voices! At our Good Friday Liturgy we again hear from Casals, the Reproaches will be chanted, and at Communion we will sing the reverent *Panis Angelicus* by Louis Lambert, a Belgian Jesuit.

Now, on to our celebrations on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday! The Schola will offer special music by Luigi Cherubini (an arrangement of his *O filii et filiae*), Samuel Barber (his *Easter Chorale*), and Healey Willan (*O Sacred Feast*) at these festive Masses.

Have you started following our Music Ministry on Twitter yet? 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!

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 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 April 9.** Come and enjoy good food and good company!

⊗ ADULT ED ⊗

The Adult Ed Committee is seeking new members. Representatives will be available after the 9:30 and 11:30 Mass TODAY, April 2, to provide information and answer questions. Please consider joining this important Parish Ministry. We are asking for a one year commitment.

⊗ 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 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, April 20, 7 pm, in the Foley Center.** Dr. Margaret Pfeil, a member of the Theology Department at Notre Dame will conduct a lecture called *The Spirituality of Nonviolence*. Dr. Pfeil has written extensively about Catholic Social Teaching, racism, justice, and peace. In 2013 Dr. Pfeil co-authored the book *The Scandal of White Complicity in U.S. Hyper-Incarceration: A Nonviolent Spirituality of White Resistance*. She will speak to our campus community about the spirituality of nonviolence. **Join us!**

⊗ MISCELLANEOUS ⊗

Catholic Social Services (CSS) has ongoing job opportunities available in its programs that serve individuals with intellectual disabilities at St. Edmond's Home for Children, Divine Providence Village and Don Guanella Village, and its programs serving dependent youth at St. Francis & St. Vincent Homes for Children. Most positions are for entry-level Direct Care Professionals or Youth Care Workers, along with occasional supervisory or professional positions including nurses and social workers. Salaries are competitive and all positions offer excellent benefits packages. Career advancement opportunities and tuition assistance are available for those with superior job performance. We are a mission-driven organization that seeks to hire individuals who appreciate a faith-based Catholic work environment that provides regular opportunities for spiritual enrichment and personal growth. For more information, contact: *For St. Edmond's Home, Divine Providence Village and Don Guanella Village* contact Bud Murphy at 484-472-5048, bmurphy@chs-adphila.org. *For St. Francis & St. Vincent Homes for Children* contact Denise Hilbert at 215-642-3091 dhilbert@chs-adphila.org.