

16 April 2017
Easter Sunday of the Ressurection of the Lord



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) or

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or Matthew 28:1-10 (or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
Jn 20:11-18
- Wed: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27;
Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;

1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31
Complete text of the daily lectionary readings can be found at www.usccb.org/bible/readings

† MASSES FOR THE WEEK †

- Monday April 17
12:05pm **T.V. Whitfield (D)**
Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
- Tuesday April 18
12:05pm **Geraldine Marren & Family**
Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
- Wed. April 19
12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**
Presider: Fr. Philip Florio, S.J.
- Thursday April 20
11:30am **Edward & Mary Britt Family (D)**
Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
- Friday April 21
12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**
Presider: Fr. Philip Florio, S.J.
- Saturday April 22
7:30pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**
Presider: Fr. Philip Florio, S.J.
- 5:30pm Presider: Fr. Philip Florio, S.J.
- Sunday April 23
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.
11:30am Presider: Fr. Stokley, S.J.

† THIS WEEK AT OSJ †

- Tues 18 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
Al-Anon (Drexel)
7:00p: YAC Spirituality Night (Barbelin)
- Wed 19 6:30p: Centering Prayer (Drexel)
Women's Fellowship (Loyola)
- Thu 20 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
7:00p: Schola Rehearsal (Church)
- Sat 22 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
- Sun 23 9:30a: CLOW (Barbelin)
10:30a: Social Justice Mtg (Drexel)
5:00p: Loyola Choir Rehearsal (Church)
6:30p: YAC Pre-Mass Reflections (Drexel)



Please remember our sick and homebound sisters and brothers: Eleanor De Meis, Sharon Sylvester, Katherine Downs, Avram Aumick, Jerry McAndrews SJ, Irene Stone, Ed Tomezko, 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.

The Parish Home Ministry is comprised of Eldership Community volunteers who are available to visit parishioners who are homebound. Volunteers are also Eucharistic Ministers who can bring communion to those who wish to receive. To request a home visit, call 267-457-2256 or e-mail joanslavin@aol.com

† FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP †

Offertory for the week ending April 2, 2017

Collection	Regular	Online	Total
Daily Mass	\$234.00	n/a	\$234.00
Sunday Mass	\$7,038.00	\$3,367.00	\$10,405.00

Online Giving contributed 32% of the Sunday offertory.

Due to an early bulletin deadline, we will publish the totals for the week ending April 9 in the next week's Bulletin.

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

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: YOU ARE GIFTED: We are used to hearing the timer "gifted" applied to people of exceptional ability or talent. Yet each of us is gifted. Through God's grace, each of us has strengths, gifts, talents, and abilities without which the Body of Christ, the Church, is incomplete. This key dimension of stewardship—the use of our gifts in service to others—is the one many Catholics have the most trouble with. We can see ourselves, with prayer and sacrifice, giving more of our time and our treasure. But talent? That's for those *other* people, the "gifted" ones, we think. The term "talent" for a gift with which we have been entrusted by God comes from Jesus' Parable of the Talents, where it originally meant a valuable coin. Like the stewards in the parable, entrusted with valuable commodities by our Master, will we hide them away in fear, or invest them for great return? Spend some time this week thinking about the gifts that you alone can share with our parish community and the wider world—and then make a plan to share them. *As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.*" (1 Peter 4:10).

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL UPDATE: Our Stewardship Appeal continues to meet with success. To date, **98** households have increased their weekly contribution in response to the letter from Fr. Florio representing a combined weekly increase of **\$1,102.60**. The average increase in the weekly offering is **\$11.37**. If you have not already done so, please use the Special Response form to indicate your new level of giving, and 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 †

AMDG

Dear OSJ Family,

The Lord is Risen; indeed, He is Risen! Today our Church celebrates, with great joy, the principal feast of the liturgical year, Easter. Pope Leo I in the 4th century described Easter as the "greatest feast (festum festorum) and the very center of our holy faith." Easter is also referred to as Pascha from the ancient Greek and Latin from which the word Paschal is derived. Whatever word we employ to describe today's great feast, it remains for us, the Church, the grand festival celebrating and commemorating God's great love for us in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead!

For us Catholic Christians, Easter, the Day of Resurrection, is marked by the use of various liturgical symbols rooted in the scriptures and in our sacred tradition. These include the pronounced singing of the Alleluia, Hebrew for "Praise the Lord" (Tobit 13:17), after forty days of refraining from using that meaningful word, the ringing of bells that signify "making a joyful noise to the Lord", (Psalm 98:4) and the Paschal greeting, The Lord is Risen, indeed He is Risen!(Matthew 28:6) We also see our sanctuary adorned with white lilies, a symbol of the Resurrection, as the new, pure, flower blooms, like Christ, bringing new life and a pleasing aroma! (Song of Solomon 2:1) The Easter Candle, that represents Christ as the "Light of the World" (John 8:12), the very light that "dispels all darkness" remains by the pulpit throughout the Easter season.

Additionally, the vestments of the priest, and the altar frontal, are white symbolizing great rejoicing, life, light, purity, and triumph. (Revelation 7:14) Indeed, the Resurrection of Our Lord is God's triumph of light over darkness, of joy over sorrow, of love over hatred, of life over death!

It is important to remember that Easter is not just one day but an entire "season" of the Church's liturgical year. The Easter Season or "Eastertide" is, in fact, a period of fifty days lasting from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. It is celebrated as a single joyful feast, truly as the "great Lord's Day". Each Sunday of

the season is treated as a Sunday of Easter, and, after the Sunday of the Resurrection, they are named Second Sunday of Easter, Third Sunday of Easter, etc. up to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, while the whole fifty-day period concludes with Pentecost Sunday. Finally there are additional symbols and customs that mark Eastertide across the Christian world, including one of our favorites in the US; Easter baskets filled with candy (a treat after the days of fasting in Lent) and Easter eggs, a symbol of the empty tomb and the new life that emerges from it. And of course there is the infamous Easter bunny, a symbol of fertility and new life....all of which should point to Jesus Christ and to His Resurrection, the Lord's victory of life over death!

On behalf of the Jesuits, the parish staff, and our various volunteers, ministers, councils and committees at OSJ, I wish you and yours a very Blessed and Happy Easter!

The Lord is Risen; indeed, He is Risen!

Fr. Phil Florio, SJ

Pastor

† PARISH LIFE †

Requiescat in pace

Pat Montenegro

Old St. Joseph's Music Director, Pasquale (Pat) Montenegro passed away after a brief illness on April 6, 2017. His memorial Mass was celebrated at Epiphany of Our Lord, in South Philadelphia, on April 10. Pat's warmth, kindness and, above all, his love and passion for music were great gifts to this Parish. He will be so missed.



We extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife Lauren, and their three lovely daughters.

To support the Montenegro Family, we have started a fund. If you wish to donate, please write a check to Old St. Joseph's and in the memo write "Montenegro Fund" and mail it to the church (321 Willings Alley, Phila., PA 19106).

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

WELCOME

Congratulations to Michael Abraham, Jalyssa Eliason, and Sally Yuan baptized at the Easter Vigil, and to Gillian Clark, Kacie DeOms, and Leilani Nemeroff who will be received into the Catholic Church at the 11:30 Mass on April 23.

→ **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. ←**

Welcoming Returning Catholics – Volunteers Requested: To complement Old St. Joseph's ongoing outreach and evangelization, the OSJ Young Adult Community and Eldership Council are partnering to start a peer outreach program to welcome and guide adults returning to the Catholic Church. **We are currently seeking volunteer peer companions to help initiate this program.**

Volunteer peer companions should be Catholics mature in their faith. They should be willing to accompany those returning in both sacramental and spiritual life, especially with the sacraments of Eucharist and reconciliation. They will act as resources on both parish life and life as a practicing Catholic. They are not expected to have any formal training; instead, this should be a peer relationship, with one Catholic helping another in their journey back to Christ. Time commitment would vary depending on the relationship developed with the returning individual.

If interested in volunteering, becoming involved or sharing questions or comments, please contact Megan at mprilutski@gmail.com.



The centering prayer group will meet on Wednesday, April 19 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.

Women Faith and Fellowship meets every other Wednesday to read and discuss the Bible. We read and reflect upon readings of Scripture to deepen and strengthen our faith. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 19. **For more information, contact Rana McNamara, rmcnamara915@comcast.net**

The OSJ Reading Group now has two sections, one daytime, one evening. **The book for May will be Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved by Beauty** by Kate Hennessy.

Kate Hennessy is Dorothy Day's granddaughter. We got so involved in Dorothy Day's life and the Catholic Workers' Movement at our last session that we decided to continue our exploration through this newly published "beautifully written, deeply revealing" memoir. Meeting dates are:

Tuesday, 2 May: 7:30 pm
Wednesday, 3 May: 12:45 pm.

Both groups meet in the Loyola Room. **Contact: shlosscarol@gmail.com**



Parish Pastoral Council election season is coming up! Nomination forms will be available in the back of the Parish starting **April 29** and can be dropped off at the Parish Office, or can be emailed to osjpc@oldstjoseph.org. Questions can be directed to osjpc@oldstjoseph.org, or to Tom Nailor, PPC co-chair, at (203) 940-2790, or in-person. The term is 3 years (Fall 2017-Spring 2020), and any nominee should be a member of the Parish, regularly practicing at the Parish liturgically, interested in advising the Pastor, represent the voices of Parishioners, and working with the Parish Pastoral Council to enrich and enliven our Parish! Past accomplishments of the Parish Pastoral Council include our On-Line Giving Program, our Welcoming Committee, the Parish Survey, and others.



† 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 †

Prayer Group: On the second Wednesday of each month, at 11:45 a.m., members of the Old St. Joseph's Eldership Community pray together before the 12:05 p.m. mass. To have your intention included, send the information to joanslavin@aol.com



Calling all Actors! This coming June, the Old St. Joseph's Eldership Community would like to showcase a reading of the play *The Jeweler's Shop* by St. John Paul II. All actors (and directors!) are asked to step stage front and let joanslavin@aol.com know of your interest in helping to make this happen.

† YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY †

YAC Welcomes Back Fr. Phil Florio! You've seen him in the courtyard. You've heard him on the pulpit. Now all young adults are invited to come welcome back our own OSJ pastor, Fr. Phil Florio SJ back to YAC on **Tuesday, April 18th from 7-9 pm in Barbelin Hall**. Take some time to learn more about him and his journey back to Philadelphia as we prepare to wish him well soon on his new journey as Provincial Assistant for Vocation Ministry for the Maryland and USA Northeast Provinces. 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 †

On Tuesday, April 18, at 6 PM, Dr. Jack Downey of La Salle University will speak on "**The Subversive Holiness of Dorothy Day**" at the Americna Catholic Historical Societ (263 S. 4th St) RSVP required. For information, visit www.amchs.org.

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, 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!**

† INTERFAITH †

14th Annual Philadelphia Interfaith Walk for Peace and Reconciliation: Listening in Humility, Walking in Strength Sunday Afternoon, April 30, 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. West Oak Lane Community of Philadelphia, beginning at Masjidullah, 7401 Limekiln Pike: An optional pre-walk gathering is scheduled to begin at Al Aqsa Islamic Society, 1501 Germantown Ave. at 12:30 p.m. Men and women are welcome to enter their respective sections of the mosque to join in the prayers. Women entering the mosque are asked to dress modestly with arms and legs covered and to wear a head covering. Buses will be provided to take people to the beginning of the walk at Masjidullah in the West Oak Lane community. The buses will accompany the walk for those who find walking difficult and will return participants to Al Aqsa at the conclusion of the walk. The Interfaith Walk for Peace and Reconciliation is a RAIN OR SHINE event! Participation in the walk and the dinner is completely free of charge. There will be an opportunity to make a contribution to help cover the cost of food and buses. This is not a demonstration or a march. We walk in peace and unity; no political signs or banners are permitted. After the walk in the West Oak Lane community we will return to the Masjidullah for dialogue and a delicious vegetarian meal.

† MISCELLANEOUS †

Join Father Thomas Sodano, pastor of Saint Joseph Church in Collingdale, PA and International Opera Theater (director, Karen Saillant Bygott, OSJ parishioner) on a once in a lifetime pilgrimage to Fátima and Italy! Have Mass at the Capelinha in Portugal where Our Lady appeared, be part of candlelight processions, venerate Eucharistic Miracles, and see where the children of Fatima lived. Attend a world premiere cantata at the first shrine to Fatima in all of Italy, with children from Philadelphia performing *The Children of Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun*, sung in Latin and Italian. **To make a reservation, contact Canterbury Pilgrimages today at 800-653-0017. Limited space available. To ensure your place, register today!** See more at: <https://tinyurl.com/n38nhen>.