

9 April 2017

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



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 **TODAY'S READINGS** 

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22)

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]).

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 **READINGS FOR THE WEEK** 

- Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: **Lord's Supper:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Saturday: Gn 1:1 -- 2:2; Ps 104: 1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; Gn 22: 1-18; Ps 16: 5, 8, 9-10, 11; Ex 14:15 -- 15:1; Ps 15: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Ez 36: 16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42: 3, 5, Ps 43: 3, 4; Epistle: Rom 6: 3-11 Gospel: Mt 28: 1-10
Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22

23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10, Lk 24:13-35

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

 **MASSES FOR THE WEEK** 

- Monday April 10
12:05pm **Dec. Mrbs. Of the Fioravanti Family (D)**
Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
- Tuesday April 11
12:05pm **Edward & Mary Britt Family (D)**
Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
- Wed. April 12
12:05pm **Benefactors of the Maryland Province**
Presider: Fr. Philip Florio, S.J.
- Thursday April 13 *Holy Thursday*
11:30am Confessions Only
Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
7:30pm Presider: Fr. Philip Florio, S.J.
- Friday April 14 *Good Friday*
12:05pm Stations of the Cross
Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
3:00pm The Lord's Passion & Death
Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
- Saturday April 15 *Holy Saturday*
7:30pm The Great Vigil of Easter
Presider: Fr. Philip Florio, S.J.
- Sunday April 16 *Easter Sunday*
7:30am Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
9:30am Presider: Fr. Philip Florio, S.J.
11:30am Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
Note: No 6:30 Mass

 **THIS WEEK AT OSJ** 

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| Tues
11 | 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
Al-Anon (Drexel)
6:30p: CLC2 (Drexel)
7:00p: Pre-Baptism Class (Drexel) |
| Wed
12 | 1:00p: Eldership Workshop (Barbelin)
6:30p: Women's Fellowship (Loyola)
7:30p: CLC1 (Drexel) |
| Thu
13 | 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin) |
| Sat
15 | 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin) |
| Sun
16 | 10:30a: Easter Egg Hunt (North Park) |

Please remember our sick and homebound sisters and brothers: Katherine Downs, 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

Due to an early bulletin deadline, we will publish the totals for the week ending April 2 in the next week's Bulletin.

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

Easter Flowers	Through Today April 9
Easter Music	Through Today 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: SPENDING TIME
Stewardship of time is one of the three interlinked dimensions of our call to stewardship. Just as with our financial resources, we talk about spending time, saving time, and wasting time. But how well do we

steward our time, or use it in a way that reflects our gratitude to God for every hour of every day? According to the latest government survey, the average American spends about five hours of "spare" time each in these activities: 2.8 hours watching TV ♦ 38 minutes socializing and communicating ♦ 20 minutes reading ♦ 20 minutes using the computer for fun ♦ 17 minutes participating in sports, exercise, active recreation ♦ 16 minutes relaxing and thinking ♦ 20 minutes on "other activities" (*Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics*) How do you use your leisure time? Where do your priorities lie? How much time do you give back to God—in prayer, study, volunteering in the parish? "Teach us to count our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart." (Psalm 90:12)

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL UPDATE Our Stewardship Appeal continues to be very well received by the people of Old St. Joseph's. To date, **82** households have increased their weekly contribution in response to the letter from Fr. Florio representing a combined weekly increase of **\$964.62**. The average increase in the weekly offering is **\$11.76**. If you have not already done so, please return 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

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Dear OSJ Family,

Today, as we stand a week from our great celebration of Easter, the Church worldwide commemorates "Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our

Lord". In all four Gospel accounts, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, Jesus's entry into Jerusalem occurs a week before his Resurrection from the dead. With that, today marks the start of "Holy Week" that most sacred week in our liturgical calendar where we prayerfully recall and venerate Christ's saving Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

Per the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem, where he was to ultimately suffer and die at Calvary, riding on a simple donkey. Hailed as the "Messiah", the people there laid down their cloaks and waved palm branches before him as a sign of honor and respect. The scriptures record that as he passed by them, they sang a segment of Psalm 118: 26 , which we sing at each celebration of the Mass , Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna (Praise God) in the Highest!

Interestingly, many scripture scholars maintain that the symbolism of Our Lord riding on a donkey may refer to the Eastern tradition that a donkey is an animal of peace, versus the horse, which was viewed as an animal of war. A king would have ridden a horse when he was fixed on war and ridden a donkey to symbolize his arrival in peace. Jesus' entry to Jerusalem would have thus symbolized his entry as the " King of Peace" not as a war-waging king.

Additionally, in Biblical times, the waving of palm branches before a person represented a gesture of honor and reverence. A palm branch was viewed as a symbol of triumph, victory and of eternal life. It is only fitting that here, at the celebration of the Eucharist, we bless and carry our palm branches today to honor our King of Peace, Jesus Christ!

Also, the palm branch later was adapted by our Church not only to represent the entry of our King of Peace but also as a symbol of our Holy Martyrs, those women and men who gave their lives in following Jesus, and their spiritual victory or triumph over death. In the book of Revelation 7:9 the white-clad multitude of saints and martyrs stand before the throne of God holding palm branches crying out in a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Finally, the priest's vestments for today, and the altar frontals, are deep scarlet red, the color of blood, indicating the supreme redemptive sacrifice Christ was entering the city to fulfill: his Passion and Resurrection in Jerusalem.

Today, then, as we consider these great symbols of our holy faith, and we carry to our homes our blessed palms, let us not be afraid to run out and to greet our King of Peace and to cry out with joy:

*Blessed is He that comes
in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!*

Blessed Holy Week,
Fr Phil Florio, SJ
Pastor

WELCOME

Congratulations to Michael Abraham, Jalyssa Eliason, and Sally Yuan who will be 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.

PARISH LIFE

Requiescat in pace



Joseph Nowak

Longtime OSJ parishioner Joseph Nowak passed away on March 29, 2017. His memorial Mass was celebrated at Old St. Joseph's on Wednesday, April 5. We extend our heartfelt condolences to her family and friends.

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.

➔ 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. ←

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

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.

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.**

All are invited by the OSJ Young Adult Community to join in the parish monthly Sunday **Cook-In in Barbelin Hall, TODAY after the 6:30pm Sunday Mass on April 9.** Come and enjoy good food and good company!



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 Lambilotte, 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.

A word about the portraits of the Blessed Mother at the church entrance: Each of the five weeks of Lent saw a new portrait, from the same period of history as represented by the composer of the music that the Schola presented that Sunday. From the Renaissance to the Twentieth Century, these portraits showed us what Mary might have looked like to these composers. Thank you, Carol Shloss, for sharing your insights with us, and for designing those beautiful prints!

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.

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

☞ 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.

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.

☞ 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 American Catholic Historical Society (263 S. 4th St) RSVP required. For information, visit www.amchs.org.

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 ☞

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, followed by a dinner with townsfolk and members of International Opera Theater. Visit holy sanctuaries in Orvieto, Florence, and Assisi. Spend time in Rome with Papal visit (schedule allowing), visit St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican museums, Sistine Chapel and the Pantheon. See the Basilicas of St. John Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Walls, and St. Mary Major-with mass co-celebrated by Father Sodano throughout the pilgrimage. **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>.

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