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Happy Father's Day

A Prayer for Fathers Day

*Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all fathers
as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.
Amen.*

On this Father's Day we congratulate and honor all the fathers in our community, and all the men who play the role of protecting life and fostering well-being in any way.

I remember my father coming back from Church on Sunday and complaining that the priests always pay a lot of attention to Mother's Day, but give short shrift to Father's Day. Let that not happen here at Old St. Joe's. That was an unusual complaint coming from my father who was usually quite self-effacing, though his complaint about the content of a sermon was not uncommon—something that still sends trepidation through my bones when I prepare to preach!

Little did my father know that decades later the observance of Father's Day could be politically controversial. Are we just honoring the remnants of patriarchal society, some feminists complain. Well, while we don't mean to endorse patriarchy, this day is a good occasion to reflect upon the genuine vocation of fatherhood.

It is much better to stick to the real portrait of fatherhood in the Bible. Jesus had a

loving relationship with his Father, which was his favorite way of pointing to God. One of the many places in Scripture that captures Jesus' sense of fatherhood is in the parable of the Prodigal Son. The father is the patient, loving, faithful advocate for his sons – one of whom is a squandering fool and the other a self-righteous narcissist who can think of no one but himself. I don't know what this says about the father's parenting skills, but it speaks volumes about the father's faithful love and complete abdication of pride. The father is a powerful figure in the story precisely because he has bent all his strength to caring for his sons.



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I’ve been struck by the number of fathers who hold their infant children at Mass on Sunday morning. In the “old days,” I guess, the custom would be to just hand the child off “to the wife” for her to bear the burden. But today, fortunately, most young couples see the burden of child rearing as a shared responsibility. That’s not to say that this is a brand new idea. One of my fondest memories as a small child is being carried upstairs to bed by my father when I was too tired to walk on my own. As I grew older, I got way too heavy for him to accomplish that feat. But he continued to do it, nevertheless, in other ways. And for that, I’m very grateful to him.

At least two of our recent presidents lament the fact that they were deprived of the presence of their fathers. It was a handicap they were forever speaking of needing to overcome. Whatever your experience of your father was like, let us today honor with gratitude the role that so many men have played as fathers of their children.

Father Walter F. Modrys, S.J.

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The bread
that I will
give is
my flesh
for the life
of the world

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Never forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of slavery and fed you with manna in the desert (Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, Jerusalem (Psalm 147).

Second Reading — Because the loaf of bread is one, we who partake of it, though we are many, are one body (1 Corinthians 10:16-17).

Gospel — Jesus said to the crowds, “I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever” (John 6:51-58).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48
Wed: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15
Friday: Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10;
1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30
Saturday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17;
1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15;
Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
Sunday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35;
Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

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

✠ **MASSSES FOR THE WEEK** ✠

Monday June 19
12:05pm **Old St. Joseph’s Memorial Society**
Presider: Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J.
Tuesday June 20
12:05pm **Thomas Christopher O’Donoghue (D)**
Presider: Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J.
Wed. June 21
12:05pm **Old St. Joseph’s Memorial Society**
Presider: Fr. Ed O’Donnell, S.J.
Thursday June 22
12:05pm **Joseph Nowak (D)**
Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
Friday June 23
12:05pm **Edward & Mary Britt Family (D)**
Presider: Fr. Ed O’Donnell, S.J.
Saturday June 24
12:05pm **Cyrus C. Convery (D)**
Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
5:30pm Presider: Fr. Ed O’Donnell, S.J.
Sunday June 25
7:30am Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
9:30am Presider: Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J.
11:30am Presider: Fr. Ed O’Donnell, S.J.
6:30pm Presider: Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J.

✠ THIS WEEK AT OSJ ✠

Tues 20	12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin) Al-Anon (Drexel)
Wed 21	6:30p: Centering Prayer (Drexel)
Thu 22	12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
Sat 24	12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin) 9:30a: CLOW (Barbelin)
Sun 25	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: Fr. James W. Moore, S.J., Carly Jacobs, John Chisholm, Steven May, April DiGiovanni, Margery Covello, Richard Polosky, Dr. Stephen Reznak, Eleanor De Meis, Sharon Sylvester, Katherine Downs, Avram Aumick, Jerry McAndrews SJ, Ed Tomezsko, Sara Orkline, Joanna Pearl, Lucy Pearl, Adeline Acerno, James McBride, Jerry McBride, Kristin Morrow, Marie Malloy, Karen Lockyer, Fr. Nicholas Waseline OSFS, April DeMatto, Mariella Carnovale, Thomas Hart, D. Minter, 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 homebound parishioners. Volunteers are also Eucharistic Ministers who bring communion to the homebound. To request a home visit, call 267-457-2256 or e-mail joanslavin@aol.com

✠ FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP ✠

Due to an early bulletin deadline, we will publish the totals for the week ending June 11, in the next week's Bulletin.

✠ 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).

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.

✠ SECOND COLLECTION ✠

Next weekend, **June 24/25**, we will take up a second collection will be for **Peter's Pence**, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

✠ WELCOME ✠

Welcome new parishioners. Thank you for joining our parish community!

Deborah Brooks

James Gavin & Kathleen Catanese

Alexis & Matthew Eichenlaus

✠ PARISH LIFE ✠



OSJ Student Receive Recognition

Siobhan Arechavala, daughter of Anthony and Maureen Arechavala, received Honors for the fourth semester (6th grade) at Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, located in Bryn Mawr. Please congratulate Siobhan when you see her.

The flowers at the Sacred Heart Altar for the **Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, June 23**, will be donated by **Lois Marcolongo**, in memory for her mother **Rita Marcolongo**.

Women Faith and Fellowship: Join us for some fellowship! We will meet for brunch on Sunday, July 9, at 10:00 AM at Frieda's on Walnut Street. For more information, please contact Rana McNamara at rmcnamara915@comcast.net.

The centering prayer group will meet on Wednesday, June 21 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.

A word of appreciation: Today, with the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, the **Schola Cantorum** wraps up its 2016/2017 Season.

It has been an unusual and emotional year. We began under the loving and skillful hand of director Pat Montenegro, and carried on through his unexpected death to the end of the season. It has been a privilege to share the last part of this year with you: to journey through Holy Week; to make our prayers for Pat and his family with our shared music; and to greet out new pastor, Fr. Modrys.

Whatever the new season and new search will bring in the fall of 2017, it is fitting at this moment to say again a word of thanks and appreciation. **You have brought depth and beauty to OSJ worship, and we are grateful.**

-Marianne Lipson, Interim Music Director

Children's Liturgy of the Word: We will take a summer recess of celebrating CLOW after **June 18**. We will resume on **September 10**. The CLOW Leaders wish all our children a summer blessed with joy.

If you or anyone you know would like to become a Catholic, contact Father Ed O'Donnell at eodonnell@oldstjoseph.org or through the parish office.

✝ **PREP** ✝

Volunteer opportunity: Our parish PREP program (formerly CCD) is in need of a fifth-grade teacher for next year. Classes meet on Mondays from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, September through May. All materials, support, and a small stipend are provided. This is a great opportunity to

share your faith with our kids and help form the next generation of Catholics. If you're interested or would like more information, contact Christine Szczepanowski, Coordinator of Religious Education at 215-923-1733 x 123, 267-250-3049 (cell), or prep@oldstjoseph.org.

Parish
Religious
Education
Program

Attention Parents: Registration for PREP (formerly CCD) is in process. If your child will be in 1st through 6th grades in a non-Catholic school next year, he or she should be enrolled in the program for religious formation and sacramental preparation. Classes meet on Mondays from 6:00 to 7:00 PM beginning September 11. Registration forms are available at the entrance to the church, or in the parish office. You can also download a copy from the OSJ website www.oldstjoseph.org. Contact Christine Szczepanowski, Coordinator of Religious Education at 215-923-1733 x123, 267-250-3049 (cell), or prep@oldstjoseph.org for more information.

✝ **ELDERSHIP COMMUNITY** ✝

Trip to Fishtown on Wednesday, June 21, 11:00 AM: We are planning to meet at Old St. Joe's and will travel together north



to the Fishtown neighborhood for a private tour of a former hospital that has been transformed into a senior citizen housing complex. Parishioner Ted Robb, who was the force behind this project, will join us. Following the tour, we will break for lunch, either in the park or at a local restaurant. Roundtrip transportation will be provided by the Eldership Community. Contact Joan Slavin at joanslavin@aol.com reserve your spot on this trip.



Old St. Joe's Eldership Community and Penn's Village are collaborating to bring you information on a topic of critical interest to older adults and to those who care about them. Many of us wonder whether **converting a portion of our home equity into cash** is a safe and wise option for ourselves and our parents. Greg McDermott, now with Trident Mortgage Company, has worked for twelve years with seniors evaluating this option for more comfortable retirement. He will help us understand what a Home Equity Conversion Mortgage really is, how we can protect ourselves by selecting government-regulated

and insured programs, and compare these mortgages with alternatives such as reverse mortgages and lines of credit.

Marie Scarpulla, long-standing OSJ parishioner, and Schola member, with Berkshire Hathaway Realtors, will discuss downsizing, "right-sizing," "aging in place," and the financial advantages of homeownership for retirees. Marie has a Seniors Real Estate Specialist (SRES) designation and has helped seniors with retirement planning, real estate portfolio planning, and estate sales for ten years. We will meet in **Barbelin Hall at Old St. Joseph's, July 12 from 5-7 PM.** All are welcome. Please RSVP by scarpulla.phillrealtor@gmail.com, or 484-478-3481.

✠ YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY ✠



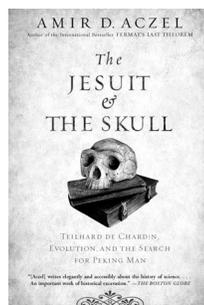
Summer YAC Welcome! Come welcome the start of summer with YAC on **Sunday,**

June 25. Young adults from all churches are invited to join YAC at **Independence Beer Garden (100 S Independence Hall S) after the 6:30 Mass** at Old St. Joseph's Church. We'll enjoy drinks, snacks, and great fellowship outside while we also welcome the newest ACESJU (Alliance for Catholic Education at St. Joseph's University) cohort. Rain site will be 2nd Story Brewing Company (117 Chestnut St at 2nd). Have questions? Email osjyac@gmail.com. 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 proclaimed 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.

✠ ADULT ED ✠

Adult Ed Summer Reading: *The Jesuit and the Skull: Teilhard de Chardin, the Evolution and the Search for the Peking Man* by Amir D. Aczel. Please join the Adult Ed Committee for a discussion in Barbelin Hall on **Sunday, September 17, at 1:00 PM.** Book is available in multiple formats online at Barnes and Noble,



Amazon, and Books-A-Million. Please contact the Adult Ed Committee at aduled@oldstjoseph.org with any questions.

Overview of *The Jesuit and the Skull*: In 1929, French Jesuit priest Pierre Teilhard de Chardin was a part of a group of scientists that uncovered a skull that became known as Peking Man, a key evolutionary link that left Teilhard torn between science and his ancient faith, and would leave him ostracized by his beloved Catholic Church. His struggle is at the heart of *The Jesuit and the Skull*, which takes readers across continents and cultures in a fascinating exploration of one of the twentieth century's most important discoveries, and one of the world's most provocative pieces of evidence in the roiling debate between creationism and evolution.

✠ A LITTLE HUMOR ✠



St. Ignatius' Prayer for Generosity

Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous.

Teach me to serve you as you deserve:

To give and not to count the cost,

To fight and not to heed the wounds,

To toil and not to seek for rest,

To labor and not to ask for any reward,

Save that of knowing that I am doing your will.

✠ INFORMATION ✠

Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Friday: 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Mass Times

Monday through Saturday: 12:05 PM

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday: 5:30 PM

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM and 6:30 PM

Holy Days: 12:05 and 7:30 PM

Medical Emergency

In the event of a medical emergency when the need for a priest is urgent, please call the rectory.

Hearing Enhancements

Old St. Joseph's is equipped with an audio hearing loop. Switch on the T-coil function of your device to use the loop. Booklets with the Sunday readings are in the rear of the church.

Registration

Persons who want to register as parishioners should complete a parish registration form and return it to the rectory office by mail or in person. Registration forms are available in the rectory office during normal office hours, in the pamphlet racks in the church vestibules and online at www.oldstjoseph.org.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday through Saturday: 11:30 AM to noon and by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Persons wanting to arrange for a baptism should call Fr. Dougherty at the parish offices at least two months before the desired date to arrange catechesis and the baptism celebration.

Sacrament of Anointing

The Sacrament of Anointing (the sacrament of the sick) is administered during the 12:05 PM Mass on the first Saturday of each month. Homebound or hospitalized persons wanting to receive the Sacrament of Anointing should call the parish office.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Persons wanting to be married in the parish should call Fr. O'Donnell at the parish offices at least nine months before the desired date.

Rite of Christian Initiation

Unbaptized adults who are considering baptism into the Catholic Church, baptized Catholics who have received no other sacraments and who want to be confirmed and to receive First Eucharist, and baptized non-Catholics who are considering full communion in the Catholic Church should call Fr. O'Donnell at the parish office.

To arrange Mass of Christian Burial, the funeral director should call the parish office.

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