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All are welcome and respected here.

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June 25, 2017 | Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## *Have a good Vacation*



Like most things in life, putting together a good vacation takes a little effort and maybe some skill.

First off, good for you if you can take some time off. You're fortunate. Not everyone can do that. Not to lay a "guilt trip" on anyone, but a little gratitude is not out of place if your circumstances allow you to get away.

I remember my first vacation as a Jesuit. I had already been in the Novitiate (the first two years of Jesuit training) for 10 months before the Jesuits broached the subject of a little vacation. It seemed like everything in the Novitiate required an "orientation" beforehand – and "villa," as it was called, was no exception. The priest in charge, whose imposing title was the "Novice Master," summoned all of us novices together and started laying down the special rules that we were to follow. By the world's standards, it wasn't really much of a break – two weeks with no classes and a few afternoon cook outs. But he said one thing that was quite striking and I've always remembered it. He said, "Brothers, you may find that you pray

differently during villa. It may be a time of special graces."

That's an interesting idea that I guess most people don't associate with vacation. It's not included in any of the ads you see on TV for an amusement park or a Caribbean cruise. But, really, when you think about it, it makes some sense. Vacation is a time for a change of scenery, to break the routine, get some rest, and maybe get a different perspective on what is going on in your life. Possibly, that experience can make us vulnerable to the Lord's graces. You never know.

I remember hearing about a secular counterpart of this truth. In 1940, just before the US entered World War II, Great Britain was desperately in need of military assistance, but the isolationist Congress was blocking all American aid. During this perilous time, Franklin Roosevelt went on a long vacation – too long, even his staff thought. But when he finally returned to the White House, he had come up with the Lend Lease proposal, which circumvented the Congressional restrictions and helped to save England in its hour of greatest need. None of the hard workers in Washington that summer had conceived of such a novel idea.

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So if you're planning a vacation this summer, I hope you return with some great thoughts. even more, maybe with some new found graces from the Lord. Give it a try. And by the way, while you're away, don't forget to remember to keep supporting OSJ. Unfortunately, our bill collectors never take a vacation from their appointed rounds.

Father Walter F. Modrys, S.J.  
Pastor



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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22; Mt 7:1-5  
Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14  
Wed: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mt 7:15-20  
Thursday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19  
Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19  
Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 8:1-4  
Saturday: Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-50, 53-55; Mt 8:5-17  
Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

Complete text of the daily lectionary readings can be found at [www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings)

## ✠ MASSES FOR THE WEEK ✠

Monday June 26 .....  
12:05pm **John Drew Kovacs (D)**  
Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.  
Tuesday June 27 .....  
12:05pm **Theresa Mary Dukes (D)**  
Presider: Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J.  
Wed. June 28 .....  
12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**  
Presider: Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J.  
Thursday June 29 .....  
12:05pm **Edward & Mary Britt Family (D)**  
Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.  
Friday June 30 .....  
12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**  
Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.  
Saturday July 1 .....  
12:05pm **Haruto Kan (D) (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)**  
Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.  
5:30pm Presider: Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J.  
Sunday July 2 .....  
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. Ed Dougherty, S.J.

## ✠ THIS WEEK AT OSJ ✠

Tues 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)  
27 Al-Anon (Drexel)  
7:00p: PIC Event (Barbelin)  
Wed 6:30p: Women Fellowship Grp. (Drexel)  
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Thu 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)  
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Sat 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)  
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Sun 10:30a: Adult Ed Meeting (Drexel)  
02 5:00p: Loyola Choir Rehearsal (Church)  
6:30p: YAC Pre-Mass Reflections (Drexel)

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## ✠ SECOND COLLECTION ✠

Today, we will take up a second collection for **Peter's Pence**, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).

## ✠ PARISH LIFE ✠



We will be taking a summer break from the Coffee Hours that are held after the 9:30 and 11:30 AM Sunday Masses from **Sunday, July 16 to Sunday, September 3**. The last Sunday Coffee Hour before our break will be **July 9**. Coffee Hours will resume on **September 10**. Thank you to our Hospitality Ministers who dedicate themselves to this service year round.

## ✠ FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP ✠

Offertory Collection for the week ending June 11, 2017

Collection	Regular	Online	Total
Daily Mass	\$289.00	n/a	<b>\$289.00</b>
Sunday Mass	\$3,929.00	\$3,745.50	<b>\$7,674.50</b>

*Percentage of online donations: 49%*

Offertory Collection for the week ending June 18, 2017

Collection	Regular	Online	Total
Daily Mass	\$211.00	n/a	<b>\$211.00</b>
Sunday Mass	\$5,599.50	\$3,228.00	<b>\$8,827.50</b>

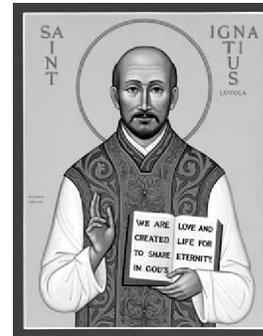
*Percentage of online donations: 37%*

## ✠ 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](http://www.oldstjoseph.org) and click on the **Online Giving** tab underneath the Important Links column.

## Save the Date!



Our annual Celebration for the **Feast of St. Ignatius** will be on **Monday, July 31** with Mass at 6:00 PM and dinner immediately after.

**Women Faith and Fellowship:** Join us on **Wednesday, June 28, at 6:30 PM** for informal faith sharing. Our meeting will be in the Drexel Parlor. Also, mark your calendar for a brunch on **July 9 at 10:00 AM**. We will meet at Frieda's for some fellowship. For more information, please contact Rana McNamara at [rmcnamara915@comcast.net](mailto:rmcnamara915@comcast.net).

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

**A word of appreciation:** Last week, with the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, the **Schola Cantorum** wrapped 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

**Bulletin correction from last week:** The flowers at the Sacred Heart Altar for the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, June 23, were donated by Lois Marcolongo *in honor of* her mother, Rita Marcolongo.

✝ **PREP** ✝

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**R**eligious  
**E**ducation  
**P**rogram

**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](mailto:prep@oldstjoseph.org).

**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](http://www.oldstjoseph.org). Contact Christine Szczepanowski, Coordinator of Religious Education at 215-923-1733 x123, 267-250-3049 (cell), or [prep@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:prep@oldstjoseph.org) for more information.

✝ **ELDERSHIP COMMUNITY** ✝



**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.phillyrealtor@gmail.com](mailto:scarpulla.phillyrealtor@gmail.com), or 484-478-3481.

## ✠ YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY ✠

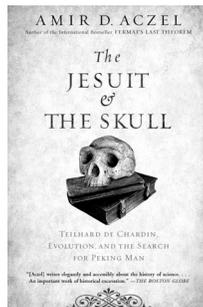
**Summer YAC Welcome!** Come welcome the start of summer with YAC **TODAY, Sunday, June 25**. Young adults from all churches are invited to join YAC at **Independence Beer Garden (100 S Independence Hall S) after the 6:30 Mass** at Old St. Joseph's Church. We'll enjoy drinks, snacks, and great fellowship 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [adulded@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:adulded@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.

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## ✝ 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](http://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.

### OSJ Staff

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