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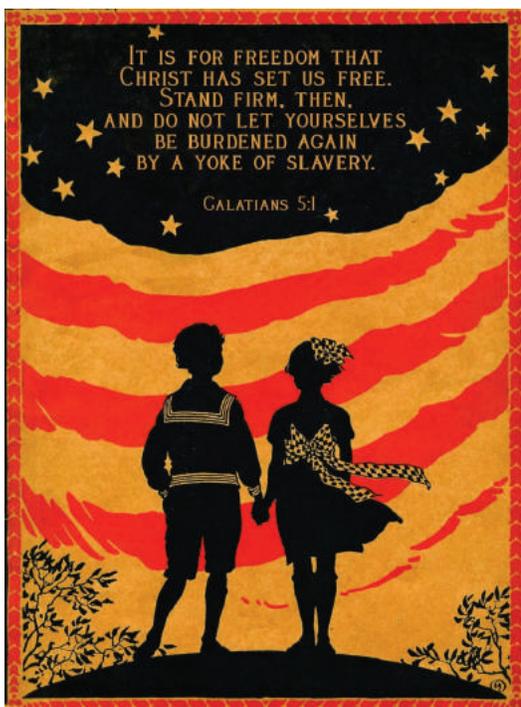
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All are welcome and respected here.

July 2, 2017 | Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY



A friend of mine teaches political science in a college in New York City. I have spent many a lunch listening to him eulogize James Madison. When his students complain, “It’s hard for the government to get anything done,” my friend loves to retort, “Right, Madison wanted to make it that way.”

I love hearing about this stuff—the founding of our country and the composition of the Constitution. So I hope you’ll excuse me if I still walk around this neighborhood with a lump in my throat, realizing that this is the place where it all came to the fore. The cradle of liberty indeed.

I’m reminded of similar feelings I experienced last spring when I was teaching a course on the Second Vatican Council. We were studying the Declaration on Religious Freedom, *Dignitatis Humanae*, one of the most important documents issued by the Council. On this July 4th weekend I find myself here in Philadelphia, reflecting on our Church’s strong affirmation of a principal right guaranteed in our US Constitution—the right to religious freedom. True, the Church’s statement issued in 1965, almost two centuries after the Constitution, was a little late. But perhaps the Church goes even deeper to give a firmer foundation to religious freedom.

The First Amendment says simply, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...” Those were truly revolutionary words in 1789, and we can be justly proud as Americans that our country led the way to enshrining this right in the legal framework of our government.

This bold statement offers no conclusive rationale justifying the recognition of this right. Certainly in our minds, the tranquility of the social order requires this limitation on government action. Our sense of fairness and respect for other people impels us to acknowledge this legitimate claim on freedom. But is there anything about the human person or the nature of truth itself that requires this freedom? That’s the question the Church answered in the Vatican Council document.

You’ll have to read the Vatican document—it’s not very long—to get the full answer, but here’s the basic idea:

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Independence Day Hours

Tuesday, July 4, 2017

Confessions: 11:30 AM

Mass: 12:05 PM

Rectory Hours: 11:00 AM ~ 1:00 PM

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First, what is it about religious truth that requires that we be free? "The truth cannot impose itself except by virtue of its own truth," the Council says, "as it makes its entrance into the mind at once quietly and with power." Religious truth, therefore, cannot be coerced without losing its own integrity. If forced on another, it is necessarily corrupted because it is robbed of its own inherent power.

Second, what is it about the nature of the human person that demands this freedom? "The very dignity of the human person," the Council claims, "as this dignity is known through the revealed word of God and by reason itself" is the foundation of religious freedom.

Religious Freedom, like so many of the rights recognized in our Constitution, ultimately rests on deeper truths and values that point beyond the limits that our secular culture imposes on civic discourse. Perhaps the framers themselves intuited this. And maybe that is why so many commentators warn that we citizens must always be vigilant, not with muskets trained on our government, but with consciences that are clear and spirits that are open to transcendent truths. Let's think about that this Fourth of July.

Walter F. Modrys, S.J.

Whoever  
receives  
me  
receives  
the one  
who  
sent  
me



- Wed: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34  
Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8  
Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13  
Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17;  
Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14;  
Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

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 July 3  
12:05pm **James & Katherine Henderson (D)**  
Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
- Tuesday July 4  
12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**  
Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
- Wed. July 5  
12:05pm **Edward & Mary Britt Family (D)**  
Presider: Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J.
- Thursday July 6  
12:05pm **Joseph "Pepe" Cruz-Vizcaino (D)**  
Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
- Friday July 7  
12:05pm **Matthew J. Brown (D)**  
Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
- Saturday July 8  
12:05pm **Dennis Linehan, S.J. (D)**  
Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.  
5:30pm Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
- Sunday July 9  
7:30am Presider: Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J.  
9:30am Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.  
11:30am Presider: Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J.  
6:30pm Presider: Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J.

## ✠ THIS WEEK AT OSJ ✠

- Tues 12noon: Al-Anon (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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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK



- Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29  
Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27;

Sun 11:00a: Spirituality Formation Mtg.  
 (Loyola)  
 09 5:00p: Loyola Choir Rehearsal (Church)  
 6:30p: YAC Pre-Mass Reflections (Drexel)

**Please remember our sick and homebound sisters and brothers:** Roberto Pupo, Mary Jacobs, Stephen Malloy, 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 ✠

Offertory Collection for the week ending June 25, 2017

Collection	Regular	Online	Total
Daily Mass	\$247.00	n/a	<b>\$247.00</b>
Sunday Mass	\$5,081.00	\$4,122.20	<b>\$9,203.20</b>

*Percentage of online donations: 49%*

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

Fund	Fund available online
Peter's Pence	Now through July 17
Campaign for Human Dev.	Now through July 30

## ✠ 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.

## ✠ SECOND COLLECTION ✠

**Next week, July 8/9**, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. By supporting this collection you give people a hand up, not a hand out.

Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

## ✠ WELCOME ✠

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

**Courtlyn Carr & Stephen Lorek**

## ✠ PARISH LIFE ✠

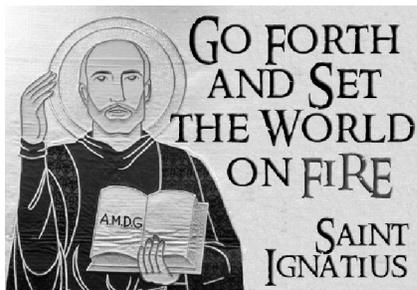
**Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Hospital Ministers, Lectors, and Ushers** are reminded to submit their updates by **July 15** at <http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/osj> for the August/September (and October 1) ministry schedule. **NEW VOLUNTEERS CAN ALSO SIGN UP ONLINE!** Thank you for your faithful service to your parish!



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.

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.

Please join us on **Monday, July 31, 2017** for our annual celebration of the **Feast of St. Ignatius**, the founder of the Jesuits.



Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 PM and dinner will be immediately after in Barbelin Hall. Tickets are \$10 for adults and children are free. Tickets can be purchased at the front desk of the rectory office. Donations of dessert or wine are welcomed.

### OSJ Students Receive Recognition

**Dominic Bitterman**, son of John and Maria Bitterman, received First Honors (a 3.5 GPA or higher) at St Joseph's Preparatory for the school year.

**Kelly King**, daughter of James and Anne King, received Honors (a 3.5 GPA or higher) from Merion Mercy Academy for the second semester of the school year. Please congratulate **Dominic and Kelly** when you see them!

### † 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.

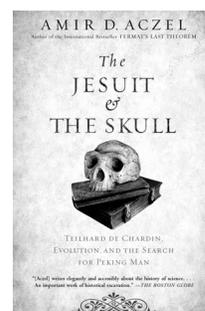
### † YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY †

**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.



Old St. Joseph's Eldership Community Presents

# The Jeweler's Shop

A play by Karol Wojtyla  
(Pope John Paul II)

*"Wojtyla expresses complex theology through the every day speech of common people...about the ups and downs of love and marriage."*

*Village Voice*

*Remarkable and challenging theater...provides tremendous insight into the character of a man whose historical significance would prove to be enormous.....what a gift! -NYTheater.com*

Saturday, July 15

7 PM

&

Sunday, July 16

3 PM

in

Barbelin Hall

**Free Admission**

**&**

**Free Refreshments**

Discussion and talk-back to follow  
the performances

## ✠ 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

**Pastor: Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J.**

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**Parish Pastoral Council:** ([osjpc@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:osjpc@oldstjoseph.org))

Tom Nailor (co-chair), Rana McNamara (co-chair)

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### Parish Committees and Chairpersons

**Adult Education:** Rita O'Brien and Jeanmarie

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