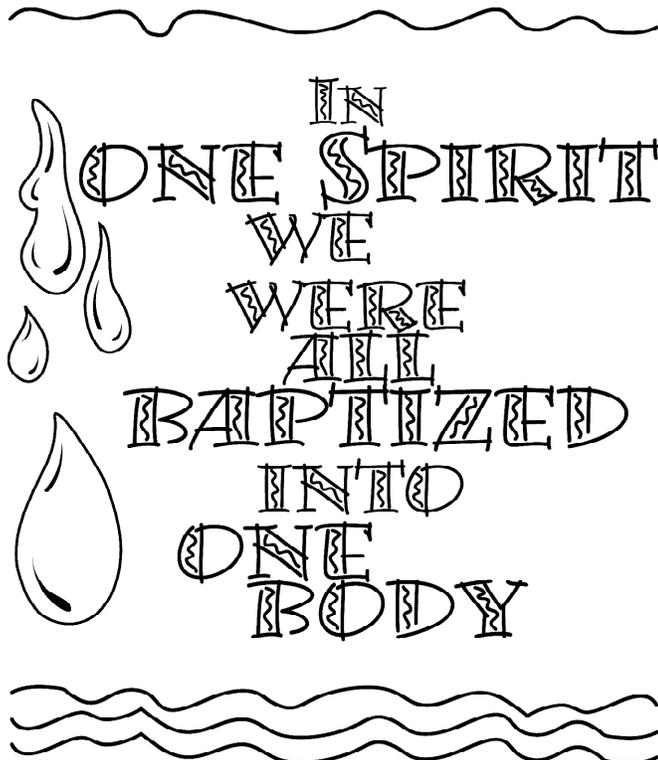


4 June 2017
Pentecost Sunday



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 **TODAY'S READINGS** 

First Reading — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13).

Gospel — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23).

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 **READINGS FOR THE WEEK** 

Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8; Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-6; Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-2, 7-9; Mk 12:13-17

Wed: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Ps 25:2-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10; Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8; Mk 12:38-44

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18 *Complete text of the daily lectionary readings can be found at www.usccb.org/bible/readings*

✠ **MASSES FOR THE WEEK** ✠

Monday June 5
12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**
Presider: Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J.

Tuesday June 6
12:05pm **William Schoener (D)**
Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.

Wed. June 7
12:05pm **Claire Brandau (D)**
Presider: Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J.

Thursday June 8
12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**
Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.

Friday June 9
12:05pm **Edward & Mary Britt Family (D)**
Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.

Saturday June 10
12:05pm **Kathrine Russell (D)**
Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
5:30pm Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.

Sunday June 11
7:30am Presider: Fr. Walter Modrys, 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) Al-Anon (Drexel)
06	6:30p: CLC2 (Drexel)
Thu	12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
08	7:00p: Schola Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:30p: PIC Planning Mtg. (Drexel)
Sat	12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
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Sun	11:00a: Spirituality Formation Mtg. (Loyola)
11	5:00p: Loyola Choir Rehearsal (Church) 6:30p: YAC Pre-Mass Reflections (Drexel)

Please remember our sick and homebound sisters and brothers: 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 comprises 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 May 28, 2017

Collection	Regular	Online	Total
Daily Mass	\$208.00	n/a	\$208.00
Sunday Mass	\$5,569.00	\$3,318.00	\$8,887.00

Percentage of online donations: 37%

† ONLINE GIVING †

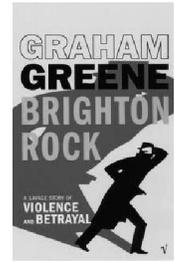
Old St. Joseph's provides Online Giving – a convenient, flexible and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation to the fund of your choice (e.g., Sunday Offertory, FF&F, HPC).

To sign up for Online Giving go to our website: www.oldstjoseph.org and click on the **Online Giving** tab underneath the Important Links column.

† PARISH LIFE †

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

The OSJ Reading Group will hold its last meeting of the year on **Tuesday, June 6 at 7:30 PM**. We meet in the Loyola Room. The book will be Graham Greene's *Brighton's Rock*, a "chilling expose of violence and gang warfare" set in the twentieth century English seaside.



All are invited by the OSJ Young Adult Community to join in the parish monthly Sunday **Cook-Out in the courtyard, after the 6:30 PM Sunday Mass, TODAY June 4**. Come and enjoy good food and good company!

† 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.

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, they should be 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, in the parish office, or you can 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 †

Eldership needs a few good men: We are now casting for our staged reading of *The Jeweler's Shop* by St. John Paul II. We have a great cast lined up so far, and

we are still looking 2 young men who are between the age of 20 to 30. The parts for the young men in the play are wonderful, and since this is a reading, you will not need to memorize lines. Also, the rehearsal schedule will be short. We will only have one performance on July 14. Join us; we are going to have a great time! Contact Joan Slavin at joanslavin@aol.com if you are interested.

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.



On Wednesday, June 14, Eldership will meet following Mass for a short prayer session for members of our parish community. Please join us following the 12:05 Mass in the church.

✠ YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY ✠



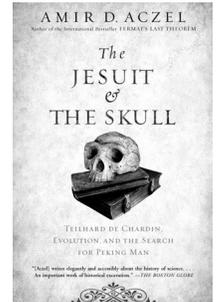
June OSJ YAC Happy Hour: The Parks on Tap program, a seasonal pop-up beer garden that rotates between 20 parks in the city, is one of the best things about the summer in Philly. OSJ YAC is hopping onboard **June 9** as Parks on Tap lands in Matthias Baldwin Park (423 N 19th St), a historic green area

in Fairmount. Join us starting at **5:30 pm** to sip on beers from local brewers like Evil Genius and Spring House, snack on sandwiches from a custom smoker truck, and catch some rays on the lawn. Alternate rain location: nearby pub Kite and Key. Contact Chris (g.chris.ross@gmail.com) with any questions. 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.

✠ 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 adulated@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.

✠ RELAXED PARKING ✠

Since the city has allowed us additional relaxed parking on Walnut Street for our Sunday morning Masses (this does not include the Vigil or 6:30pm Masses) we now have two different parking notices which need to be used when parking on the appropriate streets.

Walnut Street Parking Relaxation Notice
Attending Sunday Morning Services at
Old St. Joseph's Church
 321 Willings Alley, Philadelphia PA

This notice may be used for relaxed parking on the **NORTH SIDE OF WALNUT STREET BETWEEN 3RD & 4TH STREETS ONLY AND BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 AM AND 1:00PM ON SUNDAYS AND MAY NOT BE USED ON ANY OTHER DAY OR ON ANY OTHER STREET.** The bearer of this certificate understands that this does not include flagrant parking violations such as parking across a driveway or crosswalk; on the footway; next to a fire hydrant; double-parking, etc.

Our pink “Walnut Street Parking Relaxation Notice” (above) sign can be used on the north side of the 300 block Walnut Street **between the hours of 7am and 1pm on Sundays ONLY.**



Our yellow “Attending Services at Old St. Joseph’s Church” sign (above) can only be used for relaxed parking on South 4th Street between Walnut and Spruce and on the north side of the 400 block of Locust Street and can be used for any Sunday Mass (Vigil, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 & 6:30).

Please plan to keep copies of both notices in your car and remember to display the correct sign on your dashboard depending on which Mass you attend and on which street you park.

✠ **PENTECOST: The Gift** ✠

By Terrence Klein, originally published May 16, 2013, americamagazine.org

No less a theologian than Saint Thomas Aquinas lamented that, when it comes to understanding the Holy Spirit, our problems begin with the name (*Summa Theologiae* I:36.1) . Think of all things that can be called *holy*, or how often one might speak of a *spirit*. Even with the two words conjoined, the mind still searches for an image. As Aquinas noted, to speak of a Father and a Son is to employ terms of relationship that we understand, even if we fail to comprehend fully this Father and this Son. But the words *Holy Spirit* conjoin a highly ambiguous noun with a terribly broad adjective without producing much of a picture.

Nine hundred years before Aquinas, Saint Hilary of Poitiers offered an apt term for this third person of the Godhead, or at least a helpful metaphor. He simply called the Holy Spirit, "the Gift." In his *Commentary on the Gospel of Matthew*, Hilary wrote that Christ commanded his disciples *to baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: that is, in a confession of the Author, and of the Only-begotten, and of the Gift. There is one*

Author of all; for God the Father, from whom are all things is one. And the Only-begotten, our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, is one. And the Spirit, the Gift in all things, is one. (2,1).

It's a beautiful, powerful insight into the Person of the Holy Spirit. In the Western Church, the Spirit is often spoken of as a Gift, one whom the Father and the Son bring forth and share, something like parents and a child.

Regardless of the mystery within the Godhead, certainly, speaking of the Holy Spirit as *the Gift* highlights a presence in our lives. Isn't that what the Church teaches when she speaks of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit? They aren't bestowed as external donations. They're a gift of self, our sharing in the very life of the Holy Spirit.

Consider them again, and look within your life for the presence of this Divine Person:

WISDOM: A young woman chooses to become a teacher, not because it will make her rich, but because it will make her a better person.

UNDERSTANDING: An aide in a nursing home holds a hand and listens patiently to an old person's list of ailments, knowing that the medicine needed at this moment isn't a pill. It's a sympathetic ear.

COUNSEL: Or "right judgement." A husband dallies in going home. He has a drink before he faces wife and kids. A woman at the bar seems oblivious to the ring on his finger, but he sees it and remembers that he has more at home than a barfly can offer.

FORTITUDE: Or "courage." Like all of these gifts, one can sometimes see its origin in our own, well formed human nature, as when a police officer or a fire fighter run towards, rather than away, from trouble. Sometimes, the courage comes so suddenly, we can't help but to discern the presence of the one Saint Hilary called "the Gift." A young woman in high school sees another student ridiculed for her clothes, her weight, her sexuality. (Does it matter?) Instead of adding to the taunts of the tormenters, she joins the young woman at table.

KNOWLEDGE: We understand the meaning of God, and the decision we make are calculated accordingly. Think of Army Chaplain Father Emil Kapaun, allowing himself to be captured in the Korean War, rather than abandon his soldiers. He dies after months of torture, made even more virulent by his captors, because he refuses to stop caring for, and praying with, those soldiers.

PIETY: Or "reverence." An astute critic of the Church, one who can easily see the institution's shortcomings, one who understands the prejudices

and fears that keep the Church from being what it should, nevertheless shows up, Sunday after Sunday, because he knows that he himself is in desperate need of God's holiness.

FEAR OF THE LORD: Or "wonder and awe." A young man chastely kisses his girl friend for the first time. Sitting on the hood of his car, as he and she look up at the stars, he can't help but to marvel at the God who created both stars and love.

Some might contest my allocation of the sexes and their situations. Fine. Flip them at will. You will never exhaust the flow of the Gift, who surges as sap through the branches of Christ's vine.

Saint Thomas was right. The words *Holy Spirit* don't tell us much. And of course, in some ways, the words *Father* and *Son* might even limit our understanding. Rather than engage in abstract speculation, think of the gifts you've received: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. You weren't simply receiving something from a stranger. You were coming to know, in your own story, a person, the Holy Spirit, the one whom Saint Hilary called, "the Gift."

Acts 2: 1-11 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13 John 20: 19-23

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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