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All are welcome and respected here.

September 10, 2017 | The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Three Evenings With Pope Francis

Everyone, even his critics, feels the challenge that Pope Francis keeps putting before us.

He is breathing a new energy into the Catholic Church. But beyond that, people of other faith communities—or even people who don't consider themselves particularly religious—are noticing the call to rise above the cynical and discouraging influences that surround us. Francis stands as a symbol of another vision, reminding us of the potential within the human community to adopt a different way of treating one another. He speaks about every dimension of human experience: from global issues such as how we care for the earth that is our home and how nations relate within the international community to intensely personal behaviors such as how the family is to be a place of nourishment.

There are three major documents Pope Francis has published that express the main themes of his pontificate. Every time I approach these documents, I find deeper truths. My first interest is to appropriate these deeper truths, applying them to my own life and ministry. But then I want to share them with others, especially by opening up the text for others to read and study and understand. Though Pope Francis has the skill to speak in a manner that is more “down to earth” than what we usually find in formal Church documents, nevertheless it is still true that few people would characterize his writing as an “easy read.” So it's highly useful to review the documents together with others who want to encounter the deeper truths that the Pope is offering us.

That is why one of the first endeavors I wish to make in my ministry as pastor of Old St Joseph's is to offer three presentations dedicated to Pope Francis and his writings.



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On Wednesday night, September 27, after a brief overview of Francis' personal history and Jesuit background, we will turn our attention to *Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)*. In this remarkable document Pope Francis gives an impassioned account of his vision of the Church. What Francis says about the Church is not inconsistent with what the Vatican Council and previous Popes have offered. But Francis brings a refreshing emphasis to the central role of evangelization in a Church that he wants to be less centralized and more open to local initiatives. How does this affect us? Certainly, by making the Church more welcoming and accessible, Francis shifts more responsibility onto us as members of the Church. Nowhere is this responsibility greater than in the way we reach out to the poor and most vulnerable among us.

My own impression of Francis' style is that his strong convictions and personal touches tend to conceal the underlying system that guides his approach. I am therefore attracted to presenting a structured development of his thought. So in my presentations I try to bring out this feature of the Pope's writing. This interest of mine will be especially apparent when on October 4 when we consider the Pope's writing on the environment in *Laudato si (On Care for Our Common Home)*, a document which I argue presents a whole gamut of values that undergird an all encompassing radical life style, not just a specific approach to isolated environmental issues. And this systematic approach will be clearly seen on October 11 in the way Francis employs Ignatian discernment in *Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love)* to propose a more flexible approach to some pressing pastoral problems that are very close to home to many people in our own parish community.

So come out to meet Pope Francis on the three Wednesday evenings starting at the end of September. I'm sure we will all find a lot to think about, and even more to pray over, and then hopefully to live out in our daily lives.

Wednesday, September 27 - *Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the gospel)*

Wednesday, October 4 - *Laudato si (On Care for Our Common Home)*

Wednesday, October 11 - *Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love)*

(All presentations begin at 7:30 PM in Barbelin Hall.)

Walter F. Modrys, S.J.
Pastor



READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Readings from:

Monday: Colossians 1; Psalms 62; Luke 6

Tuesday: Colossians 2; Psalms 145; Luke 6

Wed: Colossians 3; Psalms 145; Luke 6

Thursday: Numbers 21; Psalms 78; Philippians 2; John 3

Friday: 1 Timothy 1; Psalms 16; John 19 or Luke 2

Saturday: 1 Timothy 1; Psalms 113; Luke 6

Sunday: Sirach 27; Psalms 103; Romans 14; Matthew 18

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

✠ THIS WEEK AT OSJ ✠

Mon 11	6:00p: PREP (St. Mary's)
Tues 12	12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin) Al-Anon (Drexel) 7:00p: Pre-Baptism Class (Drexel) Parish Council Meeting (Loyola)
Thu 14	12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin) 7:00p: PIC Planning Meeting (Drexel)
Sat 16	11:00a: Liturgy Meeting (Loyola) 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
Sun 17	9:30a: CLOW (Barbelin) 1:00p: Summer Reading Mtg. (Barbelin) 5:00p: Loyola Choir Rehearsal (Church) 6:30p: YAC Pre-Mass Reflections (Drexel)

✠ MASSES FOR THE WEEK ✠

Monday	September 11
12:05pm	Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society Presider: Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J.
Tuesday	September 12
12:05pm	Greg Gale (D) Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
Wed.	September 13
12:05pm	Edward & Mary Britt Family (D) Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
Thursday	September 14
12:05pm	Benefactors of the Maryland Province Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
Friday	September 15
12:05pm	Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.

Saturday September 16

12:05pm **Helen McDevitt (D)**

Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.

5:30pm Presider: Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J.

Sunday September 17

7:30am Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, 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.

Please remember our sick and homebound sisters and brothers: Allen May, Anna Krachman, Richard Polosky, Ed Tomezsko, Ava Iezzi, Sharon Sylvester, Jack Lees, Roberto Pupo, Colleen Raymond, Sean Pearson, Lynda Blum-Kahn, Michael Sheston, Garry Moros, Patricia Yusko, Cynthia Locke, Brice Verdier, Mary Jacobs, Jerry McAndrews SJ, Sara Orkline, Joanna Pearl, Lucy Pearl, Marjorie Heald, Marie Jacobs. Pray also for our ministry at Pennsylvania Hospital. **Names will be removed after 4 weeks unless a request is renewed.**

The Parish Home Ministry: Eldership Community volunteers who are Eucharistic Ministers are available to visit homebound parishioners. These volunteers bring communion to the homebound. To request a home visit, please call the rectory office.

✠ FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP ✠

**Offertory Collection for the week ending
September 3, 2017**

Collection	Regular	Online	Total
Daily Mass	\$283.00	n/a	\$283.00
Sunday Mass	\$3,909.00	\$3,325.00	\$7,234.00

Percentage of online donations: 46%

✠ 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 ✠

Today we will take up a Second Collection for the **Black and Indian Mission**. This Collection has for the last 131 years changed the landscape of evangelization and education efforts for Native Americans, Alaskan Americans, and African Americans throughout the United States. Our financial support of the Collection is the mechanism that affects the Church's evangelization efforts. Never have the needs of the Native American, Alaskan American and African American communities been so great. Please note for Online Givers that **contributions can be made online through September 24**. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Hurricane Harvey Relief: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked that we take up an emergency collection to meet the humanitarian and Church needs caused by Hurricane Harvey. Next weekend, **September 16/17**, we will take up this collection with proceeds going to Catholic Charities USA.. **Online Givers, please note that contributions to this collection can be given online through October 3.**

✠ PARISH LIFE ✠

Gracious Farewell from Music Director, Marianne Lipson:

About 500 years ago, Thomas Campion wrote this:

Tune thy music to thy heart;

Sing thy joy with thanks, and so thy sorrow;

Though devotion needs not art,

Sometimes of the poor the rich may borrow.

My (latest) interim service began last spring in sorrow, as we all grieved together at the loss of the wonderful Pat Montenegro. From the end of Lent, through an extraordinary Holy Week, and on beyond Easter, I have been privileged to share in the deeply felt prayer of this community. The Schola, the Loyola Choir, the cantors, and many others have given most generously to keep the liturgical life as musical and vibrant as I have ever known it. The singing of the assemblies, even through the "quiet" summer months, has been truly wonderful.

I know incoming director Mark Bani will rejoice in you, as I have. I want to take my leave not just with deepest thanks for your warmth, but to renew the invitation to anyone who has ever thought, "Maybe I should try the choir or something some time." If you

have any interest in serving the parish with your voice, please prayerfully consider it, and reach out to Mark.

Gratefully,
Marianne

Mary DiDonato, aunt of OSJ Parishioner Dennis Scott, passed away on Tuesday, August 29, at the age of 102. Her Funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, at St. Philip Neri Church, Lafayette Hill, PA. Please keep Dennis and his family in your prayers.



The centering prayer group will meet on Wednesday, September 20, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM in the Drexel Parlor. 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.

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 this year, he or she should join the program for religious formation and sacramental preparation. Registration forms are available at the entrance to the church or in the parish office. Forms can be downloaded from the OSJ website www.oldstjoseph.org. For more information (especially for 6th grader children who have not previously enrolled) contact Christine Szczepanowski, Coordinator of Religious Education at 215-923-1733, 267-250-3049 (c), or prep@oldstjoseph.org.



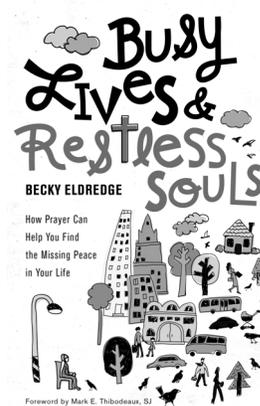
OSJ Young Adult Community invites everyone to join in the parish monthly **Sunday Cook-Out in the courtyard, TODAY, September 10, after the 6:30 PM Sunday Mass.** Come and enjoy good food and good company.

✠ IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY ✠

The Ignatian Spirituality Committee offers ways to gain a deeper understanding of Ignatian Spirituality. Participate in one or more of these opportunities:

One Book, One Parish Series:

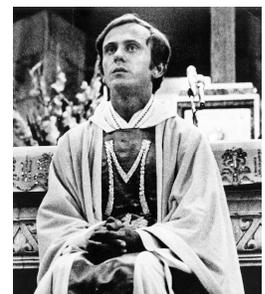
The selection this year is *Busy Lives & Restless Souls* by Becky Eldredge. Loyola Press says: "In her book, Becky Eldredge shares principles of Ignatian spirituality in a fresh way to equip us with prayer tools that are accessible and practical within the relentless realities of our daily routines. Just as important, she shows us how we can bring our



relationship with God to life by becoming what St. Ignatius called 'contemplatives in action.'" **The book can be purchased after Mass September 9 and 10 for a reduced price of \$10.00.** The book is widely available through Amazon and other online book retailers.

Half Day Retreat on the Examen & Reflection on *Busy Lives & Restless Souls* on October 21 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM: Fr. Dan Ruff, S.J. will lead a half day retreat that explores the Examen, a technique of prayerful reflection on the events of the day in order to detect God's presence and discern his direction for us. We will also spend time reflecting on the One Book One Parish selection, *Busy Lives & Restless Souls*, in small group settings. NOTE: Participants are encouraged to read the book before-hand, but it is NOT mandatory to participate in the retreat. **Please RSVP to osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org by Tuesday, October 17.**

Presentation on Blessed Fr. Popieluszko by Judith Kelly—October 15 at 1:30 PM in Barbelin Hall: This very special presentation is presented by Judith Kelly, author of *Just Call Me Jerzy*, on Fr. Popieluszko, a leader of the Social Justice movement. He was associated with the opposition Solidarity trade union. On his



travels in the U.S., Fr. Popieluszko offered Mass at our very own OSJ! Please contact osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org with any questions.

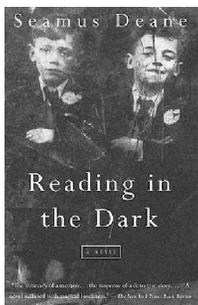
✝ SOCIAL JUSTICE ✝

Catholic Immigrant and Refugee Coalition Convening: September 22 from 9:30 AM-4 PM at Grace Hall, Cabrini University. Personal stories of migration. Explore education, advocacy, and accompaniment opportunities. Devote time for prayer for those on the move. This event is coordinated by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Catholic Social Services and Welcome the Refugee. Opening remarks from Auxiliary Bishop Edward Deliman. Parking and lunch included. \$20 registration fee.

Register online at www.welcomethererefugee.org and follow link to Event Registration in upper right hand corner. Further information: Bethany Welch at 267-702-3454 or bwelch@staquinas.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.** The 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.



The Old Saint Joseph's Book Group will begin its 3rd year on Tuesday, October 10, in the Loyola Room at 7:30 PM. Our first book for the season is *Reading in the Dark* by Seamus Deane. This novel is highly acclaimed, was awarded the Guardian fiction prize, and was short listed for the Booker Prize. It gives us a "mesmerizing picture of childhood set against the violence of Northern Ireland in the 1940s and 1950s." A great read! **New members are welcome.**

✝ AROUND THE CORNER ✝

Catholic History Lecture: On Sunday, September 17, 2:00 PM, Dr. Maggie McGuinness of La Salle University will speak on **St. Katharine Drexel** and the ministry of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament in Philadelphia at the American Catholic Historical Society (263 South 4th Street). House opens at 1:30. Free and open to the public. For information, please visit www.amchs.org.



On Saturday, October 14, St. Mary Interparochial School will celebrate its tenth annual Harvest Hoedown on Locust from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, featuring square dancing, hayrides, delicious food, live music, face painting, moon bounce, game garden, and a petting zoo. To purchase tickets, please call the school at 215-923-7522 or purchase tickets online at <http://www.saintmarys.us/events/harvest-hoedown>. All proceeds from this fundraising event benefit the students of St. Mary Interparochial School through scholarships, enrichment programs, technology, and capital improvements. The Hoedown will take place **on Locust Street between Fourth and Fifth Streets.** All are welcome to this rain or shine event, so please join us for a fun day!

Sisters' Night: Friday, September 22, 6 – 9 PM, Villa Maria House of Studies, 1140 King Road, Immaculata, PA. Young women (16-35) are invited to share informally with IHM Sisters. Join us for a fun night of prayer, cookout, and wiffle ball! For further information contact Sister Marianne, 610-889-1553 or ihmvoc@gmail.com.

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. The process begins shortly.

✠ 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

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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 office 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 office 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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