

Old St. Joseph's Church

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Armistice

During one of my first conversations with some Old St. Joseph's Parishioners, I mentioned I was a Quaker. Their reply was "well, that must mean you're all peace and love." While I do like to hold myself to these values, I find it shocking when another Christian makes this remark. If one follows Christ's teaching then shouldn't they also be "all peace and love"?

This weekend, while the United States recognizes Veterans day, the rest of the world celebrates Armistice day. The holiday marks the anniversary of when the Allies of World War I and Germany signed an armistice at "the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month" in 1918, ending WWI. It is a day to commemorate Veterans and to remember those slain by warfare. It is also a day to recognize and honor peace. A year after the war ended. President Wilson wrote this to his countrymen:

To us in America the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled . . . with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of nations.

World War I was dubbed the War to End War, which we know is a false title. The world has been plagued with strife and warfare greater than ever imagined possible by those who lay under poppies in Flanders Field. While this world continues to see war, what I find hopeful is work for peace that continues as steadily, and this work is done by folks from all faiths. To me, peace is the backbone of all religions.

We can find teachings of peace in all religions:

Judaism: *Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore (Isaiah 2:4).*

Islam: *Those who spend in prosperity and adversity, and those who suppress anger and pardon men; and Allah loves those who do good. (Al Quran 3:135).*

Hinduism: *The one who loves all intensely begins perceiving in all living beings a part of himself. He becomes a lover of all, a part and parcel of the Universal Joy. He flows with the stream of happiness, and is enriched by each soul. (Yajur Veda).*

Teachings of peace are, of course, prevalent in Christian theology:

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons and daughters of your Father who is in heaven. (Matt 5:44)

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We can also find people of all faiths working hard in ending war. While drafting this essay I was reminded of Msgr. Michael Doyle—a priest in the Diocese of Camden. Msgr. Doyle was part of the Camden 28—a group of activists who planned to raid a draft board during the Vietnam War. He continues to be an advocate for peace in the world, and more impressively in Camden—a city that has declined and maintains a high crime rate. As my brother, who worked for the Msgr. Doyle’s housing nonprofit, The Heart of Camden, noted: “He walks the walk.”

George Fox, the founder of the Religious Society of Friends, said, “I lived in the virtue of that life and power that took away the occasion of all wars... I told them I was come into the covenant of peace which was before wars and strife were.” In a way I cannot abide by this quote because to me a time of peace before wars and strife seems impossible—it’s not something I know, only something I can imagine. It’s also something I strive for. I urge others to find the message of “all peace and love” in their faith and to live that virtue as their God and their teachings tell them. Then, we’d all be working for peace.

Eleanor Margaret
Administrative Assistant

UPCOMING EVENTS

Join Fr. Dougherty for a Scripture Study on the book of Deuteronomy on Thursdays at 1:00 PM.

The remaining dates are **November 16 and 30**. The group meets in the Drexel Parlor.

Centering Prayer: The centering prayer group will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 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 christinesz52@gmail.com or 267-250-3049.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Financial Report: If you did not receive a bulletin last week, please find our Financial Report for the 2017 Fiscal Year in the back of the church. The Financial Report is also available online.



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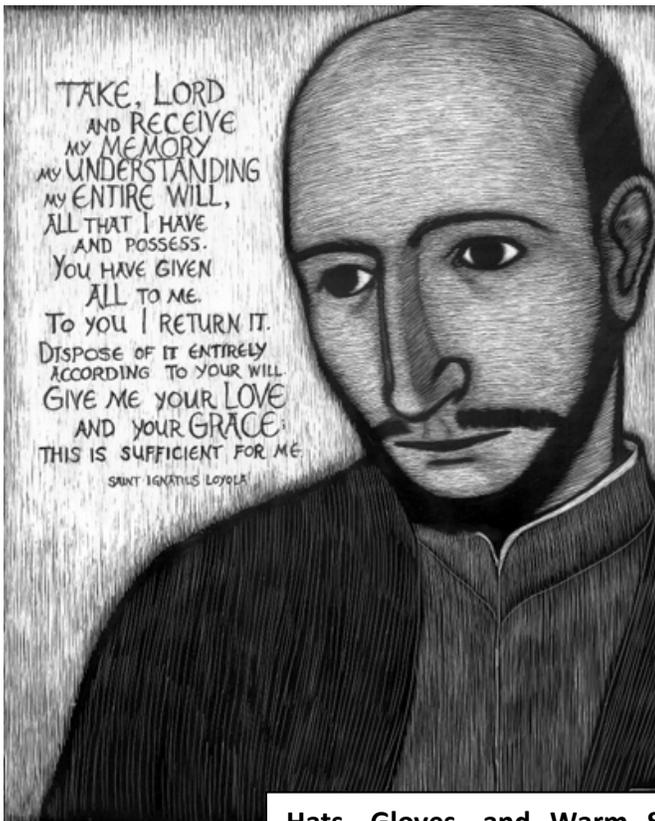
November is the month of the Holy Souls. As is our custom, the 2014 Book of Remembrance has been placed on the Blessed Mother’s altar. In it you may inscribe the names of those deceased whom you would like to be remembered during the month.

Ignatian Daily Examen: The examen is a prayerful reflection made toward the end of each day. Its purpose is to assist in discovering how God has been present in one's life and how to learn to be more responsive to His presence. Copies of the examen printed on card stock available in the back of the church.



Confirmation

Bishop Edward Deliman will preside at and confirm 34 of our young people at the 11:30 Mass on November 19. All are welcome. Please be advised this will increase the attendance.



Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Ushers: Please update your profile by **November 15** for the December/January ministry schedule. We're also looking for new volunteers; scheduling is flexible and training will be provided! Sign up through the Ministry Scheduling Program at www.oldstjoseph.org. Thank you!

YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY

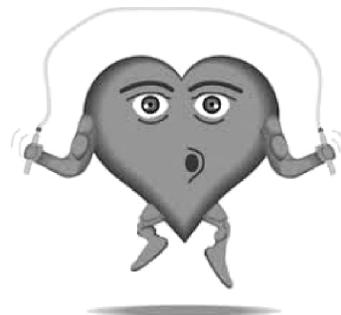
The OSJ Young Adult Community (YAC) is an inclusive community of people in their 20s and 30s, single and married. To learn more about our upcoming events, find us on Facebook at Old St Joseph's Young Adult Community or sign up for our weekly e-newsletter by

Hats, Gloves, and Warm Socks Collection: Cold weather should arrive soon, and YAC is responding to the need for warm clothing by coordinating a drive with Food, Faith and Friends. We are looking for donations of men's gloves, warm socks, hats, and scarves. Donations can be dropped off at YAC spirituality nights, pre-mass reflection groups, and at both the November and December Cook-Ins. The next cook-in is Sunday, December 10, after the 6:30pm Mass. Please email Megan at mprilutski@gmail.com with any questions.



AROUND THE CORNER

On Tuesday, November 14, there will be a free educational seminar, "**Heart Failure Aware**," at **East Passyunk Community Recreation Center** (1025 Mifflin St). This program will provide information to help patients and their caregivers better identify, manage, and understand heart failure. Attendees are welcome to bring a loved one or caregiver. **Please register today by calling 1-866-218-5602 or online at hfaware.com**



Want to Join the Jesuits?

In every generation, God calls people to follow Jesus as dedicated disciples. If you are a man young in spirit, have you ever thought about following that call as a Jesuit priest or brother? **The Society of Jesus is ready to help you discern if the Jesuit life is what God wants for you.** For almost 500 years Jesuits have been serving the Church in pastoral ministry, in education, as missionaries – or wherever the need is greatest. For Jesuits, that is their mission.

Want to explore this opportunity for you? Visit our Vocation Website at <https://jesuitvocations.org/> Explore the future! (If you have a friend who may be interested, do him the favor of passing this along to him.)

Are You Feeling Broken or Hurt because of Separation or Divorce? The Church is here for you. Come journey with Rose Sweet, national Catholic speaker as she brings heart, hope, and humor to her talks. Join us on **Saturday, November 18, at 9 AM** for this full-day Retreat and find the path to healing, answers to some tough questions, and practical ways to move forward. The retreat will take place at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1920 N 63rd St, Phila., PA and is \$25. **Call (215) 870-9913 or visit www.nonnatus.org for registration or more information.**

Please remember our sick and homebound sisters and brothers:

Rick Bravo	Deborah Brooks	Colleen Raymond	Sara Orkline
Bernardo Goldrosson	Allen May	Sean Pearson	Adeline Acerno
MaryLou Jennings	Anna Krachman	Lynda Blum-Kahn,	James McBride
April DeMatto	Richard Polosky	Michael Sheston	Jerry McBride
Lydia Staley	Ed Tomezsko	Garry Moros	Joanna Pearl
Jennifer Moore	Ava Iezzi	Patricia Yusko	Lucy Pearl
D. Minter	Sharon Sylvester	Brice Verdier	Marjorie Heald
Joseph Burke	Jack Lees	Mary Jacobs	Marie Jacobs.
Louis Balestrucci	Roberto Pupo	Jerry McAndrews SJ	

Pray also for our ministry at Pennsylvania Hospital.

Names will be removed after 4 weeks unless a request is renewed.



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

Please see next week's bulletin for the **Offertory Collection of the week ending November 5, 2017**



WEEKLY READINGS

Readings from...

Monday: Wisdom 1; Psalm 139; Luke 17
Tuesday: Wisdom 2 and 3; Psalm 34; Luke 17
Wed: Wisdom 6; Psalm 82; Luke 17
Thursday: Wisdom 7 and 8; Psalm 119; Luke 17
Friday: Wisdom 13; Psalm 19; Luke 17
Saturday: Wisdom 18; Psalm 105; Luke 18:1-8
Sunday: Proverbs 31; Psalm 128; 1 Thessalonians 5; Matthew 25

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

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

You will be receiving an Archdiocesan solicitation for St. Charles Borromeo's annual seminary collection in the mail. St Charles Borromeo Seminary remains one of the outstanding schools of Sacred Theology in the United States. In its desire to be of service to the Church, the Seminary places the formation of young men discerning a call to life as a priest as a first priority.

In more recent years many seminaries have come to play a more comprehensive role in intellectual formation of all Catholics in their respective localities. St. Charles Borromeo Seminary embraces this dual role, as a hub of priestly formation and a center of intellectual life for all.

Thank you for your generosity.

Date	Mass Intention and Presider	Calendar Events
Mon 13	12:05 PM <i>Edward & Mary Britt Family (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J.	6:00 PM: PREP (St. Mary's)
Tues 14	12:05 PM <i>Benefactors of the Maryland Province</i> Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.	12 Noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin) Al-Anon (Drexel) 7:00 PM: YAC Spirituality Night (Barbelin) Pre-Baptism Class (Drexel)
Wed 15	12:05 PM <i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.	6:30 PM: Centering Prayer (Drexel) Women Fellowship (Greaton)
Thurs 16	12:05 PM <i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.	12 Noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin) 1:00 PM: Scripture Study (Drexel) 7:00 PM: Schola Rehearsal (Barbelin)
Fri 17	12:05 PM <i>Geraldine Marren & Family (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.	
Sat 18	12:05 PM <i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J. 5:30 PM Presider: Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J.	12 Noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
Sun 19	7:30 AM Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J. 9:30 AM Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J. 11:30 AM Presider: Bishop Edward Deliman 6:30 PM Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.	9:30 AM: CLOW (Barbelin) 10:30 AM: Social Justice Meeting (Drexel) 5:30 PM: Loyola Choir Rehearsal (Church) YAC Weekly Reflections (Drexel)

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, on the bookcases in the back of the church 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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