

Dear Researcher:

Thank you for contacting the Archives and Special Collections at Saint Joseph's University regarding research for baptisms and marriages from the sacramental registers of Old St. Joseph's Church in Philadelphia. Baptism and marriage registers are available for Old St. Joseph's Church from 1758 on. SJU has housed the original registers for baptisms PRIOR TO February 1963 and marriages PRIOR TO January 1, 1974 since 2009.

Baptism and marriage register information for Old Saint Joseph's Church from 1758 to 1917 is now available online through a public/private partnership between the [Catholic Historical Research Center](#) of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the genealogical research service [FindMyPast](#). You can search the complete genealogical database of records for free, but a membership or a "pay as you go" account is required to retrieve a transcript or record copy, if available. The service gives you the ability to conduct research beyond the Old Saint Joseph's Church registers and includes other parishes in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, where baptisms or marriages may have taken place.

Requests for baptism and marriage records available through [FindMyPast](#) will no longer be accepted for research by Old Saint Joseph's Church or the Archives and Special Collections at Saint Joseph's University. *Other questions related to the history of Old Joseph's Church will continue to be answered.*

Requests for baptism records from 1917 to February 1963, or marriage records from 1917 to January 1, 1974, will continue to be answered by the Archives and Special Collections. A \$25.00 fee, made payable to Saint Joseph's University, is charged for researching these materials since the work requires the allocation of staff time. No guarantee is made to the existence within the registers of the records that you request. Copies of any materials found will be mailed or e-mailed to you. Please provide as much information as possible.

Requests will not be accepted by telephone or e-mail.

Mail your completed form with payment to:

Archives and Special Collections, Post Learning Commons and Drexel Library
Attention: OSJ Baptism and Marriage Record Research
Saint Joseph's University
5600 City Ave, Philadelphia, PA. 19131

Please allow 10 to 14 days for an initial response to your initial inquiry. It may take longer due to the University's academic schedule, vacations and/or staffing.

Please select the type of record that you are requesting (baptism or marriage):

Baptism _____

Person's name: _____

Date of birth or baptism: _____

Parents' names: _____

Priest's name, if known: _____

Witnesses, if known: _____

Place lived at the time of baptism, if known: _____

Any other information that you may have that will be helpful:

Marriage _____

Date of marriage: _____

Priest's name, if known: _____

Witnesses, if known: _____

Place lived at the time of marriage, if known: _____

Any other information that you may have that will be helpful:

Your Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____