

# Old St. Joseph's Church

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December 31, 2017 | The Holy Family Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

## A Holy Land Pilgrimage

Father Brendan Lally, S. J. of Saint Joseph's University is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from June 12 – 22, 2018. Fr. Lally has conducted more than 30 of these pilgrimages and is the ideal leader for this profound spiritual experience.

This past June, I had the privilege of taking this pilgrimage along with an eclectic group of 35 companions. The ten-day trip included four days in Galilee, four days in Jerusalem and two days travel time. The daily schedule began with Mass, followed by a guided tour to many of the significant places that we read about in the New Testament, along with time for both communal prayer and personal reflection. For information about the 2018 pilgrimage including itinerary, pricing, etc., go to [www.pilgrimage.com/stjoseph](http://www.pilgrimage.com/stjoseph).

### The Graces of My Experience

At the beginning of the pilgrimage, Fr. Lally told us that the graces of this experience might be revealed over time. But he said the most obvious grace was simply that we visited the places where Jesus was born, raised, preached, suffered, died, was buried and rose from the dead. That observation has come true for me. On the last day of our stay in Jerusalem, we had a faith-sharing gathering. Following the direction of St. Ignatius, I wrote what came immediately to mind without editing or wondering whether it sounded right. What came to me immediately after this time in the Holy Land were lyrics from the play, "Hamilton," which say "Who lives, who dies, who tells your story." This pilgrimage gave me another dimension into the life of Jesus Christ, whose life and death I learned about in the New Testament. Visiting the Holy Land and going to Cana, Nazareth, Capernaum, the Dead Sea, Old City Jerusalem and Bethlehem, among other places, embellished the story. I used the metaphor of first seeing a movie in black and white and then seeing it in Technicolor. Visiting these places and praying and reflecting there made Jesus more real to me. The power of the whole story of the Son of Man coming to this place in human form and preaching a message which has resonated throughout the world for over 2,000 years is astounding. And doing it in the simplest of environments adds to the beauty and credibility of the story. Even after a lifetime of Catholic upbringing and education nurtured by the spirituality of St. Ignatius, I experienced this pilgrimage as a faith-enriching influence which continues to deepen within me.

I strongly encourage you to visit the website for this pilgrimage and give serious reflection to making this pilgrimage. It is an experience that will change your spiritual life.

John Trumbore, Parishioner



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## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Solemnity of Mary, Monday, January 1

12:05 PM Mass

Rectory Hours: 11 AM – 1 PM

*Relaxed parking in effect 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM*

Solemnity of Mary is *not* a holyday of obligation this year. Our only Mass is 12:05 PM



### ***MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING***

One in five Americans will experience psychiatric symptoms in a given year. Learn the warning signs and how YOU can help!

This 8-hour course teaches how to assist a person experiencing a behavioral health problem. It presents the skills needed to identify, understand and respond to signs of behavioral health challenges, and how First Aid is administered until appropriate treatments and supports are received or until the crisis is resolved.

The program extends over four evenings from **6:30 – 8:30 PM in Barbelin Hall:**

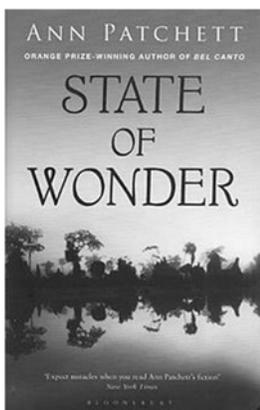
**Monday, January 22**

**Wednesday, January 24**

**Monday, January 29**

**Wednesday, January 31**

The presenter will be parishioner, Stephen Paesani. Everyone completing the full 8 hours will be certified to provide Mental Health First Aid. We need a minimum of 10 people to sign up for the training. **Please RSVP to [adulted@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:adulted@oldstjoseph.org) by Friday January 19, 2018.**



**The OSJ Book Group** will NOT meet in January. We will reassemble on Tuesday, February 6, at 7:30 PM in the Loyola Room. **Our book is *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett.** This novel takes a Midwesterner to the Amazon in search of a lost colleague, a journey that calls all her values into question.

**The OSJ Book Group** consists of avid readers, lively discussion and provides a chance to examine spiritual values in the context of fictional narratives. It meets once a month and provides parishioners with both intellectual challenge and a chance to know each other through sharing their reading experience. If you are interested, please contact [shlosscarol@gmail.com](mailto:shlosscarol@gmail.com) or simply pick up a copy of the book and come.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Resolve to get more involved in your parish in 2018! **Our beautiful liturgies need Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors and Ushers!** Scheduling is flexible and training will be provided! Sign up through the Ministry Scheduling Program at [www.oldstjoseph.org](http://www.oldstjoseph.org). That's the Magis!

There will be no Coffee Hour after the 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses on Sunday, December 31.  
Coffee Hours will resume on Sunday, January 7.

Dear OSJ Parishioners,

It is with a bittersweet heart that I tell you I will no longer be the administrative assistant here at OSJ. I have accepted a position with another nonprofit in Philadelphia, and my last day was December 29.

I want to thank you for all the support and kindness you have showed me over my two-year tenure here at Old St. Joseph's. I have learned a lot not only as your administrative assistant but as an outsider looking in, and working in, a religion different from my own.

I have seen parishioners come together to beautify the church for celebrations—I will miss the bright smell of lilies that immerses OSJ at Easter—and I have seen a steady stream of caring from parishioners who work with our outreach program. I have also witnessed this community gather to support each other in times of tragic loss. Along with the skills I have garnered here, I will take these memories with me and hold them as a standard of what community looks like, and what it feels like.

While I will no longer work at OSJ, please know that I will not be far from the Alley and that this won't be the last you will see or hear from me (look for my bulletin essay in the next few weeks!).

Best wishes for a happy, healthy, and bright New Year. And thank you again,

Eleanor Margaret Barba

## YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY

**YAC Holiday Break:** There will be no YAC Pre-Mass Reflection Group on Sunday, December 31. The group will resume in the new year at 5:30 PM in Greaton Parlor on Sunday, January 7. Our spirituality nights will resume on Tuesday, January 9. Questions? Email us at [osjyac@gmail.com](mailto:osjyac@gmail.com)

## Relaxed Parking Update:

The city had not renewed our Sunday relaxed parking on Walnut St. between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sts. Relaxed parking is now only on the west side of South 4<sup>th</sup> Street between Walnut and Spruce and on the north side of the 400 block of Locust Street (yellow placard). The placard for the 4<sup>th</sup> St and Locust St parking (directly below) is available in the vestibule of the church and online. If you have any of the pink Walnut St. placards (bottom) in your car please dispose of them. **You will be ticketed if you park on Walnut St.**

Attending services at  
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321 Willings Alley, Philadelphia PA

LOCATIONS FOR PARKING: Both sides of 4<sup>th</sup> Street from Walnut to Spruce Streets & both sides of Locust Street from 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Streets. 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. This notice may only be used during 1.) Weekend Sunday Masses including the Saturday evening Vigil. 2.) Weddings falling on a Saturday or Sunday 3.) Holyday or special evening masses and/or receptions but not before 6:30pm which is the end of rush hour, Mon. thru Fri., except on holidays. 4.) Funeral Viewing and/or Mass.

~~Walnut Street Parking Relaxation Notice  
Attending **Sunday Morning Services** at  
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~~This notice may be used for relaxed parking on the **NORTH SIDE OF WALNUT STREET BETWEEN 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> 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.~~

Thank you!



**Dear Parishioners,**

**Thank you for including Aquinas Center in the Giving Tree this Advent.** Your generosity benefited three families with small children, two from Mexico and one that arrived from Nepal on Dec 21. This refugee family, which includes an infant less than two months old, has fled the very worst that humans do to each other. Thank you for making room in your hearts for those, who like the Holy Family, have had to migrate under threat of violence.

Peace and blessings in 2018!

Bethany J. Welch, Ph.D.  
 Parishioner & Executive Director  
 Aquinas Center

**Please remember our sick and homebound sisters and brothers:**

Richard Polosky  
 Jack Lees  
 Mildred Barnett  
 Arlene Vattimo  
 Catherine Keddie  
 Rick Bravo  
 Bernardo Goldrosson  
 MaryLou Jennings  
 D. Minter  
 Joseph Burke

Allen May  
 Deborah Brooks  
 Ed Tomezsko  
 Louis Balestrucci  
 Jerry McAndrews SJ  
 April DeMatto  
 Lydia Staley  
 Jennifer Moore  
 Marie Jacobs  
 Patricia Yusko  
 Karen Lockyer

Ann Frances Tozzi  
 Louise CoCo  
 Sara Orkline  
 Adeline Acerno  
 James McBride  
 Jerry McBride  
 Joanna Pearl  
 Lucy Pearl  
 Marjorie Heald  
 Joan Nichol

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

Offertory Collection for the week ending December 17

Percentage of Online Giving: 53%

Collection	Regular	Online	Total
Daily Mass	\$294.00	n/a	<b>\$294.00</b>
Sunday Mass	\$4,166.00	\$4,688.00	<b>\$8,854.00</b>

## WEEKLY READINGS



### Readings from...

Monday: Numbers 6; Psalm 67; Galatians 4; Luke 2  
 Tuesday: 1 John 2; Psalm 98; John 1  
 Wednesday: 1 John 2 and 3; Psalm 98; John 1  
 Thursday: 1 John 3; Psalm 98; John 1  
 Friday: 1 John 3; Psalm 100; John 1  
 Saturday: 1 John 5; Psalm 147; Mark 1  
 Sunday: Isaiah 60; Psalm 72; Ephesians 3; Matthew 2  
 Complete text of the daily readings can be found at  
[www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://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](http://www.oldstjoseph.org) and click on the **Online Giving** tab underneath the Important Links column.

## 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? Visit our Vocation Website at <https://jesuitvocations.org/>**  
 (If you have a friend who may be interested, do him the favor of passing this along to him.)

Date	Mass Intention and Presider	Calendar Events
Mon 1 New Year's Day	<i>Solemnity of Mary</i> 12:05 PM Presider: Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J.	
Tues 2	12:05 PM <i>James &amp; Katherine Henderson</i> Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.	12 Noon: Food, Faith, and Friends (Barbelin) Al-Anon (Drexel) 6:30 PM: CLC2 (Drexel)
Wed 3	12:05 PM <i>Nellie M. Brown (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.	6:30 PM: Women Faith and Fellowship (Loyola)
Thurs 4	12:05 PM <i>Edward &amp; Mary Britt Family (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.	12 Noon: Food, Faith, and Friends (Barbelin) 7:00 PM: Schola Rehearsal (Barbelin)
Fri 5	12:05 PM <i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.	
Sat 6	12:05 PM <i>Jenna Burleigh</i> Presider: Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J. 5:30 PM Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.	12 Noon: Food, Faith, and Friends (Barbelin)
Sun 7	7:30 AM Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J. 9:30 AM Presider: Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J. 11:30 AM Presider: Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J. 6:30 PM Presider: Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J.	9:30 AM: CLOW (Barbelin) 10:30 AM: Adult Ed Mtg. (Drexel) 11:00 AM: Ignatian Spirituality (Loyola) 5:30 PM: Loyola Choir Rehearsal (Church) YAC Pre-Mass Reflection (Greaton)

# 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, on the bookcases in the back of the church 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 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.

## OSJ Staff

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

([pastor@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:pastor@oldstjoseph.org))

**Parochial Vicar: Fr. Edward O'Donnell, S.J.**

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## OSJ Councils and Boards

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

Rana McNamara (co-chair), Richard Le (co-chair)

**Parish Finance Council:** Paul Shay (chair)

**Historic Preservation Corporation Board:** Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J. (President)

## Parish Committees and Chairpersons

**Adult Education:** Rita O'Brien and Jeanmarie Zippo ([adulted@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:adulted@oldstjoseph.org))

**Parish Life:** Joe Casey ([joetcasey@aol.com](mailto:joetcasey@aol.com))

**Ignatian Spirituality and Formation:** John Bitterman ([osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org))

**Social Justice:** Bethany Welch ([socialjustice@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:socialjustice@oldstjoseph.org))

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