

Old St. Joseph's Church

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January 14, 2018 | The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Remembering Dr. King

This Monday we will observe the birthday of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. So I have found myself reflecting on the influence his life and words have had on my life.

He was unwavering in his commitment to use only peaceful means to advance the cause of civil rights in American society. His tactics of nonviolence and civil disobedience were inspired by Mahatma Gandhi and rooted in his Christian beliefs. I remember as a child listening to his *I Have a Dream* speech before worship in my childhood Quaker meetinghouse. I can still hear the awe-inspiring power and passion in his voice. He believed in peaceful means to a peaceful end, but at the same he vigorously and courageously resisted injustice. He proved that pacifism does not equal passivity. And that it works.

Growing up, my knowledge of Martin Luther King was focused on his work as a civil rights leader. But it was not until I visited his memorial (unveiled in 2011) when I was in college in Washington, DC. that I came to understand how his commitment to justice and peace embraced his whole life and all his energies.

At the monument, the large statue of MLK is surrounded by words he spoke. Two quotations stood out to me as powerful and also new:

I oppose the war in Vietnam because I love America. I speak out against it not in anger, but with anxiety and sorrow in my heart, and above all with a passionate desire to see our beloved country stand as a moral example of the world.
— February 25, 1967, Los Angeles, California

It is not enough to say 'We must not wage war.' It is necessary to love peace and sacrifice for it. We must concentrate not merely on the negative expulsion of war, but on the positive affirmation of peace.
— December 24, 1967, Atlanta, Georgia

With these words inscribed in my journal, I began researching more about the activities of Dr. King after his *I Have a Dream* speech. I found so much more in how he advocated peace — specifically his protests against the war in Vietnam.

Last year marked the 50th anniversary of Dr. King's politically charged speech *Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence* which he delivered at the Riverside Church in Manhattan. He spoke loudly against the Vietnam War. Beyond calls for non-violence, he confessed: *I knew that I could never again raise my voice against the violence of the oppressed in the ghettos without having first spoken clearly to the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today — my own government.* He believed that the war was diverting funds away from social warfare programs at home.

MLK encouraged young men eligible for the draft to sign up as conscientious objectors and called for the United States to stop bombing and announce a cease-fire. He was widely criticized at the time for these statements by many news publications, including the black press. He was censured for directing energy away from what civil



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hurdles lay at home. The *Washington Post* accused him of "diminish(ing) his usefulness to his cause, his country, his people." Nevertheless, Dr. King was unmoved and continued to campaign against the war up to his assassination, which occurred one year to the day after his *Beyond Vietnam* speech.

Dr. King's call to end war in Vietnam is not surprising to me. While it was skimmed over in my history class, it is fitting that a man I have always associated with peace — and a committed Christian — should stand against that conflict. For that conflict, in the years since his 1967 speech in New York, is generally judged to have been misguided and morally wrong.

On this MLK day — almost 50 years after his assassination — I invite you to reflect on the inspiration Dr. King's life offers to us today. To me, he was a man who witnessed — even to the point of giving up his life — to the teachings of Christ. I leave you with one more message from Dr. King:

Like the early Christians, we must move into a sometime hostile world armed with the revolutionary gospel of Jesus Christ. With this powerful gospel we shall boldly challenge the status quo.

—Eleanor Barba (Until recently, Eleanor served as our Administrative Assistant)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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:**

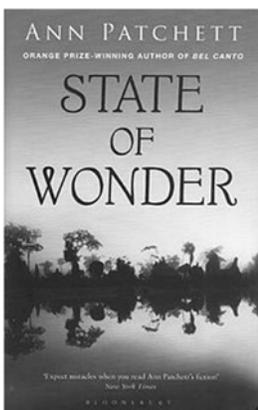
Monday, January 22

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 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 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: www.oldstjoseph.org. That's the Magis!

Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Ushers: remember to update your profile by **January 15th** for the February/March (and Easter Sunday, April 1st) Ministry Schedule. We're also looking for new volunteers; scheduling is flexible and training will be provided! Sign up online through the Ministry Scheduling Program at www.oldstjoseph.org. Thank you!

CENTERING PRAYER: The Centering Prayer group will meet on Wednesday, January 17 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Drexel Parlor of the rectory. The meeting will include discussion of centering prayer followed by evening prayer with a period of centering. Anyone interested in contemplative prayer is welcome to join us. For further information, contact Christine Szczepanowski at christinesz52@gmail.com or 267.250.3049

THANKS



We give our thanks to long-time parishioner Ron Rex Piselli of Piselli Funeral Chapels for the loan of his beautiful antique *Gesu Bambino* statue which adorned our Sacred Heart Altar during the Christmas Season.

YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY

YAC Reflection Group: All are invited to discuss the scripture readings of the upcoming Mass each Sunday at 5:30 PM in the Greaton Parlor. Questions? Email us at osjyac@gmail.com for more information.

January OSJ YAC Happy Hour: For this month's happy hour on **Friday, January 19**, we are staying close to OSJ and heading to Old City's *Plough and the Stars* which is located at **123 Chestnut Street** and features a cozy roaring fireplace. **We will be there starting at 5:30pm and plan to stay until at least 8pm.** The happy hour goes until 7pm and features \$3 Bud & Miller Lites, \$4 craft beer, \$4.50 house merlot and chardonnay, and \$5 Bites. Contact Christopher Ross at 610-952-7317 or g.chris.ross@gmail.com with any questions or to find us at the bar. Hope to see you there!

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

DAY of RECOLLECTION for MARRIED COUPLES

Saturday Feb.10,2018 (10:30 AM concluding with renewal of vows at 5:15 Mass) sponsored by **St. Augustine Parish (250 N. 4th Street, 4th & Vine Sts., Phila.)**. The day, based on Pope Francis' Reflections on "Love in Marriage" will include reflections by married couples, opportunity for discussion and quality time with each other. Lunch will be provided. There is no charge for the day (free will offering welcomed). For further info go to St Augustine's website: www.st-augustinechurch.com.

Limited availability and registration is required. Please send your request to: pastorstaugustine@gmail.com.

Let the love of your life know you would do it all over again.

PARKING UPDATE

The city had not renewed our Sunday relaxed parking on Walnut St. between 3rd and 4th Sts. Relaxed parking is now only on the west side of South 4th Street between Walnut and Spruce and on the north side of the 400 block of Locust Street (yellow placard). The placard for the 4th 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.**

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LOCATIONS FOR PARKING: Both sides of 4th Street from Walnut to Spruce Streets & both sides of Locust Street from 4th to 5th 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
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~~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.~~

Please remember our sick and homebound sisters and brothers:

Richard Polosky	Allen May	Ann Frances Tozzi
Jack Lees	Deborah Brooks	Louise CoCo
Mildred Barnett	Ed Tomezsko	Sara Orcline
Arlene Vattimo	Louis Balestrucci	Adeline Acerno
Catherine Keddie	Jerry McAndrews SJ	James McBride
Rick Bravo	April DeMatto	Jerry McBride
Bernardo Goldrosson	Lydia Staley	Joanna Pearl
MaryLou Jennings	Jennifer Moore	Lucy Pearl
D. Minter	Marie Jacobs	Marjorie Heald
Joseph Burke	Patricia Yusko	Joan Nichol
	Karen Lockyer	

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 January 7

Percentage of Online Giving: 62%

Collection	Regular	Online	Total
Daily Mass	\$124.00	n/a	\$124.00
Sunday Mass	\$4,727.00	*\$7,598.00	*\$12,325.00
<i>*The monthly online donations were received this week.</i>			
Second Collection Fund now active on Online Giving:			
Catholic Relief Services now through February 11			

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.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings from...

Monday: 1 Samuel 15; Psalm 50; Mark 2
 Tuesday: 1 Samuel 16; Psalm 89; Mark 2
 Wednesday: 1 Samuel 17; Psalm 144; Mark 3
 Thursday: 1 Samuel 18; Psalm 56; Mark 3
 Friday: 1 Samuel 24; Psalm 57; Mark 3
 Saturday: 2 Samuel 1; Psalm 80; Mark 3
 Sunday: Jonah 3; Psalm 25; 1 Corinthians 7; Mark 1

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

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND!

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection and CRSC at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Date	Mass Intention and Presider	Calendar Events
Mon 15	12:05 PM Benefactors of the Maryland Province Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.	<i>Martin Luther King Day</i> 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM: Front office hours 11:30 AM: Confessions 12:05 PM: Mass
Tues 16	12:05 PM <i>William Henry & Rose Eells & Family</i> Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.	12 Noon: Food, Faith, and Friends (Barbelin) Al-Anon (Drexel)
Wed 17	12:05 PM Geraldine Marren & Family Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.	6:30 PM: Centering Prayer (Drexel)
Thurs 18	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) 7:00 PM: Schola Rehearsal (Barbelin)
Fri 19	12:05 PM <i>Edward & Mary Britt Family (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.	
Sat 20	12:05 PM <i>Louis May (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J. 5:30 PM Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.	12 Noon: Food, Faith, and Friends (Barbelin)
Sun 21	7:30 AM Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J. 9:30 AM Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J. 11:30 AM Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J. 6:30 PM Presider: Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J.	9:30 AM: CLOW (Barbelin) 5:30 PM: Loyola Choir Rehearsal (Church) YAC Pre-Mass Reflection (Greaton)

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.)

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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