

# Old St. Joseph's Church

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## Liturgy and Liturgical Celebration

"All are welcome here" is taken from the Mission Statement of our parish. It is concise, yet it conveys a very powerful message: no one is excluded. We are members of the one family of God, here to worship the One God.

I am happy to be part of the OSJ family. I have been working as liturgy coordinator here for over a year, so allow me to ask a few important questions. First, the most basic question: What is liturgy? And second, how do we celebrate the liturgy?

By definition, according to present day usage, liturgy is the official public worship of the Church. It is therefore to be distinguished from private devotion. The term "liturgy" is the special title we give to the Eucharist and the administration of the other sacraments as well as the Liturgy of the Hours, which is also called the Divine Office. No matter how large or small the gathering, liturgy is always celebrated in the name of the Church.

The Eucharist is the most publicly celebrated and familiar liturgy throughout the world. And this has been the case throughout the history of the Church. This is because the Eucharist is the heart of Christian worship and the center of Christian life. It is celebrated on weekdays, Sundays, Feasts and Solemnities. The word "Eucharist" literally means "Thanksgiving," and thus expresses our privilege and obligation to raise our hearts and voices in a joyful expression of our "Thank You" to God at all times!

How do we celebrate the liturgy? According to the Catholic Catechism, the liturgy is an "action" of *Christus Totus*, a Latin term meaning "the whole Christ." This means that the liturgy is a celebration by the entire community, the Body of Christ, united with its Head. Liturgical services thus pertain to the whole Body of the Church. They manifest and have effects upon the whole body. Yet they touch individual members of the Church in various ways depending on the actual participation of each person.

At weekday Mass, a small congregation of people who live or work in the neighborhood join together to celebrate the Eucharist. In doing so, they take to heart Jesus' mandate, "Do this in memory of me." On the weekends parishioners gather at the five regularly scheduled masses. Of course, on feast-days, major solemnities and holidays, many visitors are accustomed to join our regular parishioners because of their special attachment to Old Saint Joseph's.

Keeping in mind the above description of the liturgy, we at OSJ publicly celebrate the Eucharistic Liturgy using a variety of styles. Always we worship in memory of Jesus with respect, enthusiasm, eagerness, love and active participation. But the liturgical instructions we receive from the Church encourage a proper adaptation to the needs of the particular congregation.

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The word "style" refers to this proper adaptation and applies mostly to the variety of Sunday celebrations.

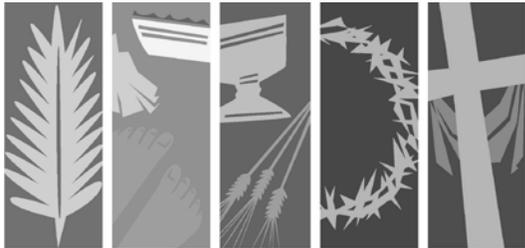
At the vigil Mass on Saturday evening and the first celebration early on Sunday morning, the liturgical style is rather quiet and reserved. The "Family" Mass later on Sunday morning at 9:30 AM is different. Here as part of this celebration we provide a special program for younger children called CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word). A bit later in the morning, there is a Eucharist at which the celebration is enhanced by a more elaborate ritual, which may include incense, Latin hymns, and special robes for the altar servers. Our Sunday evening Mass takes on a more contemporary tone, with singing accompanied by guitars, flutes and violins.

Many parishioners offer their talents to enhance our public worship, serving as ushers, singers, musicians, lectors, extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and altar servers. We are grateful for their generosity and love for OSJ. However, we would like more of our parishioners, especially those who are new to the parish, to become actively involved in the celebration of the liturgy. With the variety of ways to serve, there is "something for everyone." We can provide whatever training is needed, so please don't hesitate to contact me. Together we can make the liturgy at OSJ an even more vibrant prayer of praise.

Sister Asunta Thanh, acj

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Tuesday Evening Lenten Series  
Continues



*presented by* FR. MODRYS

March 13: *The History of Reconciliation*

March 27: *Communal Penance Service*

The lecture will take place in Barbelin Hall  
and the Penance Service will be held in the  
church. Both will begin at 7:30 PM

***Note: We have relaxed parking for this series!***

## Lenten Choral Vespers



We invite you to join us here at Old St. Joseph's for a choral Lenten Vespers Service this Sunday, Feb. 25 at 4:00 PM. In addition to the singing of the Antiphons and Psalms, the Schola Cantorum will present choral music by Howells and Berger. Organ music will include Barber's *Adagio for Strings*. Please join us for this ancient prayer of the church and an opportunity for Lenten reflection and prayer.

*Memorial Service for Robert Knorr* has been rescheduled to April 28, 2018 at 10:00 AM.

## Lenten Scripture Study

Fr. Dougherty will continue with the Book of Qoheleth, also called Ecclesiastes, on Thursdays in the Drexel parlor at 1:00 pm:

March 1, 15, 22, & 29.

All are invited!

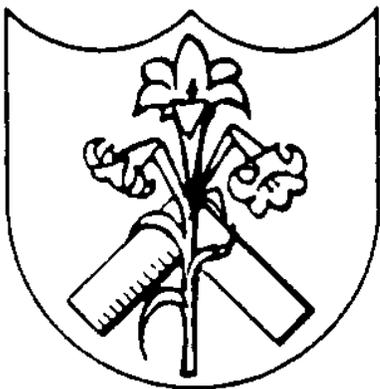
*NOTE: There will be no session on March 8*

## Eldership

Join us on March 4, from 6 to 8 p.m., for a traditional St. Patrick's Day Celebration at the Plough and the Stars, 123 Chestnut St. (entrance on 2nd Street). There will be live Irish music, traditional Irish food and, of course, plenty of Guinness and Jameson to purchase. We have tables reserved for us right by the fireplace. See you there!

## Feast Day!

Come celebrate the **Feast of St. Joseph** on Monday, March 19, 2018 with Mass at 6:00 PM followed by dinner at 7:00 PM in Barbelin Hall. A limited number of 130 tickets are on sale now in the front office of the rectory. Tickets are \$10 for adults; children eat for free. Donations of wine and desserts, and volunteers for food preparation, set up, serving, and cleanup would be greatly appreciated! Most of these opportunities will be on Sunday, March 18, after the 11:30 am Mass and coffee hour. Please contact Joe Casey at [joetcasey@aol.com](mailto:joetcasey@aol.com) or 215-843-3573 to volunteer. Thank you! See you there!



## Book Reading Group

Join us on Tuesday, March 6 from 7:30-9:00 PM in the Loyola Room of the Parish Hall to discuss our next book, the New York Times bestseller and Mann Booker Prize-winning *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders. This superb, surprising novel is spun from a newspaper article, which reported that President Abraham Lincoln repeatedly visited the body of his dead son, Willie, in the Georgetown Cemetery during the first year of the Civil War. It is a moving father/son story and it imagines the complicated process of letting go of life... from both the perspective of the grieving father and his departed son. "Bardo" is the term for a transition state of the soul in the Tibetan tradition.

Pick up a copy of the book and join us, or for further information contact Carol Schloss at [shlosscarol@gmail.com](mailto:shlosscarol@gmail.com).

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

Karen Lockyer	Ed Tomezsko	Tony Corvaia
Rick Bravo	Mary Jacobs	Joanna Pearl
Joseph Burke	Jerry McAndrews SJ	Lucy Pearl
Christine Mari-Mazzola	Lydia Staley	Marie Jacobs
	Charlotte Croce	
Pray also for our ministry at Pennsylvania Hospital.		
<i>Names will be removed after 4 weeks unless a request is renewed.</i>		



*Note from the Pastor*

### Bringing Communion to the Homebound

When people are ill or indisposed and so confined to home, one of the things they most miss is attending mass and receiving communion. Parish volunteers serve as Eucharistic Ministers to bring Communion to the homebound. If you – or someone you know as a family member, friend or neighbor – have such a need and would like to receive Communion, contact the Parish Rectory so that we can arrange a visit. It's easy. Just call the Rectory, even on behalf of someone else (with their approval, of course).

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection for the week ending February 18  
 Percentage of Online Giving: 41%

Collection	Regular	Online	Total
Daily Mass	\$268.00	n/a	<b>\$268.00</b>
Sunday Mass	\$4,633.00	\$3223.00	<b>\$7856.00</b>
Ash Wednesday	\$1200.00	\$221.00	<b>\$1421.00</b>
<i>Active through March 4; Percentage of Online Giving: 16%</i>			
Aging & Ill Priests	\$1163.00	\$210.00	<b>\$1373.00</b>
<i>Active through March 11; Percentage of Online Giving: 15%</i>			

## 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.

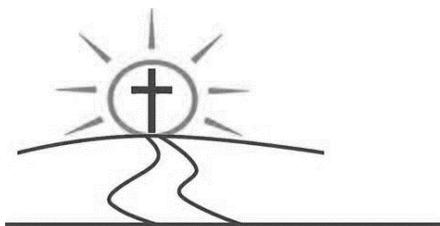
## Weekly Readings

Monday: Deuteronomy 9; Psalm 79; Luke 6  
 Tuesday: Isaiah 1; Psalm 50; Matthew 23  
 Wednesday: Jeremiah 18; Psalm 31; Matthew 20  
 Thursday: Jeremiah 17; Psalm 1; Luke 16  
 Friday: Genesis 37; Psalm 105; Matthew 21  
 Saturday: Micah 7; Psalm 103; Luke 15  
 Sunday: Exodus 20; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1; John 2

*Complete text of the daily readings can be found at  
[www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings).*

## RCIA Scrutiny Rites

Brief rites of prayer and blessing for our candidates for the Rite of Christian Initiation will be celebrated on March 4 at 9:30 am, March 11 at 6:30 pm, and March 17 at 5:30 pm. Readings for these Masses will include the Gospels used in the early church for these rites: the stories of the Samaritan women at the well (John 4), the man born blind (John 9) and the raising of Lazarus (John 11).



Date	Mass Intention and Presider	Calendar Events
Mon 26	12:05 PM <i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J.	6:00 PM PREP (St. Mary's)
Tues 27	12:05 PM <i>Philip F. Barone (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.	12 Noon: Food, Faith, and Friends (Barbelin) Al-Anon (Drexel) 7:00 PM: Parish Pastoral Council (Loyola)
Wed 28	12:05 PM <i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.	7:00 PM: PREP Talk for Parents on First Reconciliation (Barbelin)
Thurs Mar 1	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) 7:15 PM: RCIA (Drexel)
Fri 2	12:05 PM <i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.	
Sat 3	12:05 PM <i>Arthur L. Farris (D)</i> <i>Anointing of the Sick</i> Presider: Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J. 5:30 PM Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.	12 Noon: Food, Faith, and Friends (Barbelin)
Sun 4	7:30 AM Presider: Fr. Walter F. Modrys, S.J. 9:30 AM Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J. 11:30 AM Presider: Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J. 6:30 PM Presider: Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J.	9:00 AM: CLOW (Barbelin) 10:30 AM: Adult Ed (Drexel) Ignatian Spirit (Loyola) 4:00 PM: Contemplative Leaders in Action (Drexel) 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**

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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](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.**

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## **OSJ Councils and Boards**

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

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