

# Old St. Joseph's Church

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## YOU: The central part of our liturgies

When I joined Old Saint Joseph's Church in December 2007, I had been looking for a new spiritual home for several years. I wanted a place with serious liturgies, engaging sermons and a welcoming environment. Going from church to church to church, there always seemed to be something lacking. Then I stepped into Old Saint Joseph's Church and I knew this was the place to which God was calling me. I felt at home, at last.

For a few years, I would religiously (pun intended) attend Mass every week and put my offering in the collection. I made it a point to attend a different Mass time each week for a broader experience to get to know more people at-large. I thought it best not to get involved in anything, not until I had my bearings at least.

Then, one day when we were short of Ushers, someone tapped me on the shoulder and asked me if I would be willing to help with greeting people and serving during Mass. I gladly accepted and over the next several years, this introvert found himself more and more getting out of his comfort zone and expanding his horizons—exactly what the great Jesuits teach us!

Today, I am the Ministry Leader for Ushers and am also responsible for managing the scheduling for all of our liturgical ministries. I joyfully do all of this pro-bono, for the greater glory of God. However, we need more people to answer that tap on the shoulder. That is where YOU come in—the glue (notice there is a “u” in there too!) that holds our parish together. YOUR active participation is a vital part of our sacred liturgies!

We welcome and invite you to step up to serve in a liturgical ministry: as an Altar Server, or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or Lector, or Usher. Scheduling is flexible and training will be provided! It's quick and easy to sign up: go to [www.oldstjoseph.org](http://www.oldstjoseph.org) and click Ministry Scheduling Program.

We're looking forward to seeing you soon! If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at [osjministry-scheduler@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:osjministry-scheduler@oldstjoseph.org). Thank you for your faithful service to your parish! *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam!*

—Nikola Sizgorich

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*Pastor's Note:* I asked Nik to write a bulletin essay because I thought he could best speak to the contribution that our lay ministers make to our liturgical worship. Every time I celebrate Mass I am reminded how great a privilege it is to minister—in any capacity—to God's people. When people protest that they cannot come forward because they feel they are not worthy and don't want to look like a hypocrite, I always remind them that no one feels that more than the priest himself at the liturgy. The priest prays, *Lord, wash away my iniquity; cleanse me from my sin.* So, come on forward and join the rest of us.

## Announcements

**Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Ushers:** The ministry schedule for June 1—July 31 has been posted online; please log in to review your upcoming assignments. *We also invite new volunteers to sign up* (see *Pastor's Note above!*) through the Ministry Scheduling Program at [www.oldstjoseph.org](http://www.oldstjoseph.org).

### Parish Cook-Out Next Sunday!

All are invited to the monthly Parish Cook-Out next **Sunday, June 10 at 6:30 PM** in courtyard, weather permitting (or in Barbelin Hall, if not!) Join us for good food and good company!

### Taizé Prayer Night

Back by popular demand: All Young Adults are welcome to a night of musical prayer and meditation on **Tuesday, June 12th from 7:00 PM—9:00 PM** to be led by members of our community in **Barbelin Hall**. Taizé prayer is a beautiful and unique tradition of meditative chanting of short phrases from the Bible and other texts in a variety of languages. Have any questions? Reach out to Jenn at [jennlydic@gmail.com](mailto:jennlydic@gmail.com).

The Sisters of Life invite you to a **Holy Hour for Life** at 7:00 PM on June 28 at St. Malachy's Catholic Church, 1429 N. 11<sup>th</sup> Street. A social hour will follow; rsvp to [philly@sistersoflife.org](mailto:philly@sistersoflife.org).

## *Reflections for June*

**Did you know** that an average of 75 weddings take place every year at Old St. Joseph's? And so, for June, some thoughts on marriage from Pope Francis, published in a Bulletin of the Holy See Press Office, July 29, 2016:

*When I meet someone who is getting married ... I say to them, 'You are the ones who have courage!' Because it is not easy to form a family, not easy to commit your life forever; it takes courage. And I am proud that you are courageous. . .*

*Sometimes people ask me what to do so that our families can go on and overcome difficulties. I suggest to them to use three words, three words which express three attitudes ... three words which can help you to live out your married life, because in married life there are difficulties. Marriage is something so beautiful and so wonderful that we have to look after it, because it is forever. And the three words are: 'May I?', 'Thank you', and 'I'm sorry'. 'May I?': always ask your spouse, wife to husband and husband to wife, 'What do you think? What shall we do?'. Never trample on the other. 'May I?'*

*The second word: be appreciative. How many times the husband needs to say to his wife, 'Thank you'. And how many times the wife must say to her husband, 'Thank you'. Thank each other, because the sacrament of marriage is conferred by the two spouses, one to the other. This sacramental relationship is maintained with gratitude. 'Grazie'.*

*The third word is 'I'm sorry'. It is a very difficult word to say. In marriage there is always some misunderstanding between husband and wife. Knowing how to recognize that and to apologize, to ask forgiveness, does a lot of good.*

**Did you know** that June 10 will be Philadelphia's 30<sup>th</sup> celebration of Pride Day? Again, some thoughts for reflection from Pope Francis, via Bishop Matteo Zuppi of Bologna, Italy, as published in [americamedia.org](http://americamedia.org) on May 29, 2018:

*The words of Pope Francis in **Amoris Laetitia** urge us to adopt a wider perspective, one that translates the same timeless doctrine into new pastoral journeys. "Families should be given respectful pastoral guidance, so that those who manifest a homosexual orientation can receive the assistance they need to understand and fully carry out God's will in their lives" (**Amoris Laetitia**, No. 250). As Pope Francis has reminded us many times, in pastoral settings we are not called to content ourselves with the simple application of moral norms. We must decide instead upon a true and patient accompaniment ("To accompany, To discern; To integrate..."), one that favors the comprehension and vital engagement of the Gospel message on the part of every person, but without reducing it.*

Please remember our sick and homebound sisters and brothers

Rick Bravo  
Christine Mari-Mazzola  
Pat Farris  
Allen May  
Debbie Brooks  
James McBride  
Fr. Mike Hricko SJ  
Marjorie Dugan  
Stephen Paesani  
Joan Russo

Ed Tomezsko  
Mary Jacobs  
Jerry McAndrews SJ  
Lydia Staley  
Charlotte Croce  
Jack Lees  
Catherine Keddie  
Jerry McBride  
Adeline Acerno  
Renny Felixson

Tony Corvaia  
JoAnna Pearl  
Lucy Pearl  
Marie Jacobs  
Edward Jacobs  
John Hart  
Patricia Yusko  
Angelo Miczza  
D. Minter  
Ann Crowther

Please pray also for our ministry at Pennsylvania Hospital

*Note from the Pastor*

**Bringing Communion to the Homebound**

When people are ill or indisposed and confined to home, they can remain connected to our shared worship by receiving Communion at home. If you or a family member, friend or neighbor (with their approval of course), would like to receive Communion at home, contact the Parish Rectory so that we can arrange for a parish Eucharistic Minister to visit.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) will take a summer break beginning today, **June 3, until September 16**. If, come fall, you would like to be part of this ministry to the children of Old St. Joseph's as a leader or musician, please contact Peggy Connolly at [pmcon@comast.net](mailto:pmcon@comast.net) or look for her at the coffee hour after Sunday

*If you or anyone you know would like to become a Catholic, contact Father Ed O'Donnell at [eodonnell@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:eodonnell@oldstjoseph.org). The process begins in the fall.*



The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is this coming Friday, June 8. The flowers on the Sacred Heart Altar this week are being donated by Lois Marcolongo in loving memory of her mother Rita C. Marcolongo.

# This Week at Old St. Joseph's

Date	Mass Intention and Presider	Calendar Events
Mon 4	12:05 PM: <i>James and Katherine Henderson (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ	
Tues 5	12:05 PM: <i>Edward and Mary Britt Family</i> Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ	10:30 AM: Eldership Planning Meeting (Loyola) 12 Noon: Food, Faith, and Friends (Barbelin) 7:30 PM: Book Group (Loyola)
Wed 6	12:05 PM: <i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ	6:30 PM: Women's Group
Thurs 7	12:05 PM: <i>Matthew J. Brown (D)</i> Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ	12 Noon: Food, Faith, and Friends (Barbelin)
Fri 8	12:05 PM: <i>Nancy Randolph (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ	
Sat 9	12:05 PM: <i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ 5:30 PM: Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ	12 Noon: Food, Faith, and Friends (Barbelin)
Sun 10	7:30 AM: Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ 9:30 AM: Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ 11:30 AM: Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ 6:30 PM: Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ	1:00 PM: Liturgy Meeting (Drexel) 5:30 PM: Loyola Choir Rehearsal (Church) 5:30 PM: YAC Pre-Mass Reflection (Greateon) 6:30 PM: Parish Cook-Out (Barbelin)

***This Week's Readings*** ~The daily readings are posted online in English and Spanish by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org). Click on the calendar on the right side the home page or **click on Bible in the green header** and you will find text and audio as well as links to daily video reflections. While there, you can subscribe to daily emails of the readings on the RSS Feed.

## Financial Stewardship

Offertory Collection for the week ending May 27

Percent of online giving: 42%

Collection	Regular	Online	Total
<b>Daily Mass</b>	\$284.00	n/a	<b>\$284.00</b>
<b>Sunday Mass</b>	\$4,508.00	\$3,207.50	<b>\$7,715.50</b>

*Old St. Joseph's provides Online Giving, a convenient, safe, and flexible way to make one time or recurring donations to the fund of your choice—Sunday Offering, FF&F, and so on. Sign up on our parish website on the Online Giving tab under Important Links*

# 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.

## The 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 SJ

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## OSJ Councils and Boards

**Parish Pastoral Council:** *(osjpc@oldstjoseph.org)*, Rana McNamara and Richard Le, co-chairs

**Parish Finance Council:** Paul Shay, chair

**Historic Preservation Corporation Board:** Fr. Walter Modrys SJ, president.

## Parish Committees and Chairpersons

**Adult Education:** Rita O'Brien and Jeanmarie Zippo

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