

Old St. Joseph's Church

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A Message from Father Modrys SJ

I recently invited Ms. BJ Brown to join our parish staff as a pastoral associate. I am very pleased to announce that she has accepted my invitation.

Many of you have already met BJ in her position as an administrative assistant, serving largely as the receptionist in the rectory. When we hired BJ for that position, I knew she was highly qualified to assume greater responsibilities. I realized she needed some time to get settled. And so when the time was right, I asked her to step up as a pastoral associate.

In this new position, BJ will be working closely with me and with all of you. I am asking her to coordinate our continuing efforts to respond to the many challenges Pope Francis has put before us—to address social justice issues, to relate our faith to the world around us, to grow in recognizing Christ in one another. Much of her attention will be devoted to supporting the work of our many parish committees and helping to coordinate their efforts on behalf of the parish. As a laywoman joining Christine Szczepanowski, BJ will bring a much appreciated perspective to our parish staff.

I hope that you will enthusiastically work with BJ and welcome her warmly to her new position. I am proud now to present BJ's description of her impressive background and credentials.

—Father Walter F. Modrys, SJ
Pastor

A Bostonian by birth and a Virginian by adoption, I am now happy to call Philadelphia—and Old St. Joseph's—home. After earning a BA in Religious Studies and Philosophy from the University of Virginia, I spent time as a Jesuit Volunteer in West Virginia and an intern at Bread for the World in New York City, before heading to Cambridge MA for my Master of Divinity degree from the Weston (Jesuit) School of Theology. I spent six happy and eventful years with the Office of Justice and Peace in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond (VA), helping parishes develop their social ministries and serving as staff to Bishop Walter F. Sullivan on Catholic social teaching, peacemaking, criminal justice issues and death penalty abolition, and the concerns of women in the Church.

As the mother of three now young adult children, I also have acquired a diverse set of organizational, creative and coaching skills: chairing school district committees, costuming the entire chorus of a school musical, coaxing reluctant learners to find and follow their passions, and baking the cookies that are the first to disappear from the potluck table.

I am grateful for the welcome I have already received at Old St. Joseph and excited to have the privilege of accompanying this portion of the People of God as they seek to understand and live out their faith in this time and place.

—BJ Brown
Pastoral Associate



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Announcements

Centering Prayer

The Centering Prayer Group will meet on **Wednesday, July 18 from 6:30 PM—8:30 PM** in the Drexel Parlor. Anyone interested in contemplative prayer is welcome to a discussion of centering prayer followed by a period of centering. Questions? Contact Louis Oschmann, 267-872-0568 or louosch@aol.com.

New Language for Old Truths

is the theme of a retreat led by Fr. Tony Flannery CSsR which will be held at the Jesuit Center for Spiritual Growth in Wernersville PA this **November 9-11**. For those interested in LGBT issues and those concerned about church reform, the retreat will provide a sound theological and spiritual base to ground their work. For more information, contact info@newwaysministry.org or 301-277-5674.

Parish Feast Day!

Please join us as we celebrate the Feast of St. Ignatius on **Tuesday, July 31** beginning with Mass at **6:00 PM**, and followed by dinner immediately afterwards. A limited number of tickets are now on sale at the front desk of the parish offices. Tickets are \$10 for adults; children eat for free. Volunteers are needed for food prep, set up, clean up, and to serve dinner; donations of wine and desserts are also most welcome! Please contact Joe Casey at joetcasey@aol.com or 215-843-3573 to volunteer or for further information.

Saint Mary's Interparochial School is seeking a full-time fourth grade teacher. Interested PA certified teachers are invited to contact principal Jayda Pugliese at jpugliese@saintmarys.us for details about applying.

A note from OSJ music director Mark Bani. . .

Dear Friends,

I invite you to Macy's at 13th and Market Streets to hear me on the Wanamaker Organ—the largest pipe organ in the world. The head organist has invited me to play for some of the summer recitals. The best place to hear the organ is in the center of the Grand Court just inside the main entrances. Each recital is 45 minutes long. I hope you can attend!

—Mark Bani, Music Director

The concert dates are: **Tuesday, July 24, 12:00 Noon, and 5:30 PM; Tuesday, Aug. 7, 12:00 Noon and 5:30 PM; Tuesday, Aug. 14, 12:00 Noon and 5:30 PM; Thursday Aug. 16, 12:00 Noon; Monday, Aug. 20, 12:00 Noon and 5:30 PM; Saturday, Sept. 1, 12:00 Noon; Monday, Sept. 3, 12:00 Noon and 5:30 PM; Tuesday, Sept. 4, 12:00 Noon and 5:30 PM and Wednesday, Sept. 5, 7:00 PM. This final performance will be broadcast live on WRTI 90.1 FM.**

Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Ushers: updates are due **today** for the August 1—September 30 ministry schedule. *New volunteers are always welcome to sign up;* go to oldstjoseph.org and click on the Ministry Scheduling Program. Thank you!

An Ignatian Spirituality and Leadership Conference

will be held at Saint Joseph's University on **July 30 from 8:00 AM—4:00 PM**. Speakers will include Rt. Rev. Frank T. Griswold III, William Bryon SJ and Dr. Michael Canaris on "Loyola's Final Four: Ignatian Insights for a Global 21st Century Church." For more information please contact the SJU Office of Mission Programs at pesnouf@sju.edu or 610-660-3290.

This Week at Old St. Joseph's

Date		Mass Intention and Presider	Calendar Events	
Mon 16	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ		
Tues 17	12:05 PM	<i>Edward and Mary Britt (D)</i> Presider: Fr. O'Donnell	12 Noon	Food, Faith, and Friends (Barbelin)
Wed 18	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ	6:30 PM	Centering Prayer (Drexel)
Thurs 19	12:05 PM	<i>Geraldine Marren and Family</i> Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ	12 Noon	Food, Faith, and Friends (Barbelin)
Fri 20	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ		
Sat 21	12:05 PM	<i>Dominic and Josephine Siravo (D)</i> Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ	12 Noon	Food, Faith, and Friends (Barbelin)
	5:30 PM	Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ		
Sun 22	7:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ		
	9:30 AM	Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ		
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Ruff SJ	5:30 PM	Loyola Choir Rehearsal (Church)
	6:30 PM	Presider: Fr. O'Donnell	5:30 PM	YAC Pre-Mass Reflection (Greaton)

Please remember our sick and homebound brothers and sisters and our ministry at Pennsylvania Hospital.

Adeline Acerno	Rick Bravo	Debbie Brooks
Christopher Browne	Charlotte Croce	Ann Crowther
Tony Corvaia	Pat Farris	Lenny Felixson
Marjorie Dugan	Fr. Mike Hricko SJ	Edward Jacobs
John Hart	Marie Jacobs	Catherine Keddie
Mary Jacobs	Jerry McAndrews SJ	James McBride
Jack Lees	Christine Mari-Mazzola	Allen May
Jerry McBride	D. Minter	Stephen Paesani
Angelo Miczza	Lucy Pearl	Joan Russo
Joanna Pearl	Lydia Staley	Ed Tomezsko
Craig Walsh		Patricia Yusko

Financial Stewardship

Due to deadline constraints, the offertory collection for the week ending July 8 will be published later this month.

*The **Peter's Pence** collection is active on OSJ's online giving website until July 15.*

*The **CCHD** collection is active until July 29.*

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday through Saturday: 11:30 AM to noon or 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.

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