

# Old St. Joseph's Church

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## Food for Thought

*With midterm elections barely three months away, media coverage is already becoming part of our daily diet. The following passages from Popes Francis, Benedict XVI and John Paul II, as highlighted by US Conference of Catholic Bishops' Forming Consciences for Faith Citizenship campaign, offer food for thought as we prepare to exercise our rights as citizens and moral duties as Christians in the voting booth this November:*

Pope Francis, ***Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)***, no. 183:

An authentic faith... always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it. We love this magnificent planet on which God has put us, and we love the human family which dwells here, with all its tragedies and struggles, its hopes and aspirations, its strengths and weaknesses. The earth is our common home and all of us are brothers and sister. If indeed "the just ordering of society and of the state is a central responsibility of politics," the Church "cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice."

Pope Benedict XVI, ***Deus Caritas Est (God is Love)***, no. 29

The direct duty to work for a just ordering of society, on the other hand, is proper to the lay faithful. As citizens of the State, they are called to take part in public life in a personal capacity. So they cannot relinquish their participation "in the many different economic, social, legislative, administrative and cultural areas, which are

intended to promote organically and institutionally the common." The mission of the lay faithful is therefore to configure social life correctly, respecting its legitimate autonomy and cooperating with other citizens according to their respective competences and fulfilling their own responsibility. Even if the specific expressions of ecclesial charity can never be confused with the activity of the State, it still remains true that charity must animate the entire lives of the lay faithful and therefore also their political activity, lived as "social charity."

Pope John Paul II, ***Ecclesia in America (The Church in America)***, no. 27.

For the Christian people of America conversion to the Gospel means to revise "all the different areas and aspects of life, especially those related to the social order and the pursuit of the common good." It will be especially necessary "to nurture the growing awareness in society of the dignity of every person and, therefore, to promote in the community a sense of the duty to participate in political life in harmony with the Gospel."



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# This Week at Old St. Joseph's

Date	Mass Intention and Presider	Calendar Events
Mon 13	12:05 PM <i>James McDevitt (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ	
Tues 14	12:05 PM <i>Benefactors of the Maryland Province</i> Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ	7:00 PM Pre-Baptism Class (Drexel)
Wed 15	12:05 PM <i>The Assumption of the Bl. Virgin Mary</i> Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ	
Thurs 16	12:05 PM <i>Geraldine Marren and Family</i> Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ	
Fri 17	12:05 PM <i>Edward and Mary Britt (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ	5:30 PM YAC Happy Hour (off-site)
Sat 18	12:05 PM <i>Charles Manino (D)</i> Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ 5:30 PM Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ	
Sun 19	7:30 AM Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ 9:30 AM Presider: Fr. Ruff SJ 11:30 AM Presider: Fr. Ruff SJ 6:30 PM Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ	5:30 PM Loyola Choir Rehearsal (Church) 5:30 PM YAC Pre-Mass Reflection (Greaton)

## Financial Stewardship

Offertory Collection for the week ending August 5  
Percent of online giving: 52%

Collection	Regular	Online	Total
<b>Daily Mass</b>	\$196.00	n/a	<b>\$196.00</b>
<b>Sunday Mass</b>	\$5790.00	\$6325.50*	<b>\$12,115.50</b>
<b>Campaign for Human Development</b>			<b>\$2112.00</b>

*\*The monthly online donations were received this week.*

The annual collection on behalf of the Catholic University of America will be taken up next weekend, August 18-19, and will be available online from August 10 to September 9.

*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*

In your prayers,  
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, Fred DiStefano, Pat  
Farris, Lenny Felixson, Marjorie Dugan, Fr.  
Mike Hricko SJ, Edward Jacobs, John Hart,  
Marie Jacobs, Catherine Keddie, Mary Jacobs,  
Janet Jeitner, Jerry McAndrews SJ, James  
McBride, Jack Lees, Christine Mari-Mazzola,  
Allen May, Jerry McBride, D. Minter,  
Catherine O'Brien, Angelo Miczza, Lucy Pearl,  
Joan Russo, Joanna Pearl, Lydia Staley, Janet  
Street, Ed Tomezsko, Craig Walsh, Patricia  
Yusko, Mickey Zippo.

# Announcements

**The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, a Holy Day of Obligation, will be celebrated at Old St. Joseph's on **Wednesday, August 15 with Masses at 12:05 PM and 7:30 PM**. Note to Online Donors: The Assumption collection is active on the Online Giving site thru 9/2.



## **Light in the Darkness — A Vigil for Immigrant Families**

The **Ignatian Solidarity Network** and the **Campaign for Hospitality** invite you to consider keeping a candle burning in your home as a sign of solidarity and a reminder that we are called to prayer and action on behalf of immigrant families. Ignatiansolidarity.net includes this prayer for the lighting of a vigil candle:

*God of compassion,  
We seek your protection and comfort for  
immigrant families.  
For families separated by violence and  
destruction, forced to flee their homes and  
everything they know;  
For the asylum-seeking families separated in the  
name of border security;  
For parents who send their children alone to a  
new land in hope of building a future for them;  
For families separated here in our country by  
deportation;  
Provide solace and peace to these families.  
Comfort them in their time of sorrow.  
Guide those in positions of power toward  
compassion.  
Grant us the courage and compassion to be a  
presence of welcome, of radical hospitality for the  
most vulnerable in our midst.  
Amen.*

Other resources for study and action include: **Share the Journey**, a joint project of Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services. Sharejourney.org is a rich source of personal stories, educational resources, and action alerts on behalf of migrants and refugees fleeing war, poverty and persecution. **Justice for Immigrants**, a campaign of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, also features church teaching and policy statements about migrants and refugees.

**Volunteer Teachers Needed:** The Sisters of Saint Joseph Welcome Center, at 728 East Allegheny Avenue, Philadelphia, 19134, is looking for volunteers to **help teach English as a Second Language and/or Citizenship Preparation** one evening a week. Since 2003, the Welcome Center has served the needs of newcomers to our country, community and neighborhood with classes, social services and accompaniment as our new friends get acclimated. Classes are at 5:00-6:30 PM or 6:30- 8:00 PM. Interested? Please call 215-634-1696 or email [kmcshane15@gmail.com](mailto:kmcshane15@gmail.com). Thank you!



*Requiescat in pace*

**Eleanor DeMeis**, sister of OSJ parishioner Karen DeMeis, passed away on Tuesday, July 31, 2018. Her Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here at Old St. Joseph on

Friday August 3. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Eleanor's sisters Karen, Rose, and Terre, and to their family and friends.

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her; may her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

**Bus Trip to New York's Ferragosto Festival!** The St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi Lodge of the Sons of Italy is running a bus trip on Sunday, Sept. 9 to the Ferragosta Festival on Arthur Ave. in the Bronx, New York's *Little Italy*. The cost is \$45 per person. Bus departs at 9:30AM from Broad & Reed Sts. with a second pickup at 9:45AM at 7<sup>th</sup> & Christinan. Free parking in parking lot across from Baldi Funeral Home. Bus leaves NY at 4:15PM. If interested, send check payable to "St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi Lodge" and mail to Victor Baldi, 1331 S. Broad St., Phila. 19147 or cal 215-888-7051.

**OSJ YAC August Happy Hour:** All young adults are invited to join the young adult community for our August Happy Hour on Friday, August 17th, starting at 5:30pm. Please email us at [osjyac@gmail.com](mailto:osjyac@gmail.com), check out our e-newsletter or look at our Facebook page at [oldsaintjoesya](https://www.facebook.com/oldsaintjoesya) to find out more details, including location. Hope to see you there!

# 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 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.

## Pastor

Fr. Walter Modrys SJ ([pastor@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:pastor@oldstjoseph.org))

## Parochial Vicar

Fr. Edward O'Donnell SJ ([eodonnell@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:eodonnell@oldstjoseph.org))

## In Residence

Br. Robert Carson SJ

Fr. Edward Dougherty SJ ([dougherty@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:dougherty@oldstjoseph.org))

## Pastoral Associate

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## Director of Music

Mark Bani ([music@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:music@oldstjoseph.org))

## Parish Offices

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## PREP Coordinator

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## Faith, Food & Friends Director

Deborah Hluchan ([faithandfriends@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:faithandfriends@oldstjoseph.org))

## Parish Pastoral Council

Rana McNamara and Richard Le, co-chairs  
([osjpc@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:osjpc@oldstjoseph.org))

## Parish Finance Council

Paul Shay, chair

## Historic Preservation Corporation Board

Fr. Walter Modrys SJ, president.

## Adult Education

Rita O'Brien and Jeanmarie Zippo  
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## Parish Life

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

## Ignatian Spirituality and Formation

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## Altar Servers

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## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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## Hospital Ministry

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## Lectors

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## Children's Liturgy of the Word

Peggy Connolly ([pmcon@comcast.net](mailto:pmcon@comcast.net))