

Old St. Joseph's Church

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STATEMENT FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA REGARDING THE RELEASE OF THE REPORT OF THE 40TH STATEWIDE GRAND JURY

The Attorney General's investigation and subsequent grand jury report involving six Catholic dioceses in Pennsylvania has been difficult to read. The material is painful for everyone, most especially survivors of sexual abuse and their loved ones. We deeply regret their pain and remain focused on a path toward healing.

It is important to note that the Archdiocese of Philadelphia (AOP) was not subject to the grand jury investigation and is not part of this report. However, that fact in no way eases our responsibility and longstanding efforts to ensure the safety of children and families in our Church environments.

For more than 15 years, the Archdiocese, along with the Church at large, has put in place a wide range of reforms to protect young people. We have a zero-tolerance policy for clergy, lay employees, and volunteers who engage in abuse of children or misconduct with minors and take immediate action when an accusation is made.

(Relevant information can be found at <https://childyouthprotection.org> and <http://archphila.org/archdiocesan-offices/office-of-investigations/>).

Some key points are listed below:

All people working with children, including volunteers, undergo criminal background checks and child abuse clearances.

All AOP clergy, staff and volunteers complete Safe Environment training programs and Mandatory Reporter training programs. Over 110,000 adults have received training to recognize, respond and report abuse since 2003.

All young people in grades K-12 receive age appropriate abuse prevention education.

All employees and volunteers who have contact with children are required to report suspicions of child abuse.

A full-time, professional staff develops policies and trainings based on the law, best practices and the "Standards of Ministerial Behavior and Boundaries" to clearly define acceptable and unacceptable conduct which apply to all Archdiocesan clergy, staff, volunteers, parents and members of parish communities.

An active "Safe Environment Program" is pursued within all of our parishes, schools and youth programs for compliance audits and disseminating information and resources on child abuse prevention. There are 280 designated "Safe Environment Coordinators" diocesan-wide serving parishes, schools and youth ministries.

We encourage the general public to report all suspected child abuse by clergy or anyone participating in an Archdiocesan program to the Commonwealth, local police and to identified Archdiocesan personnel.

We require our Office of Investigations to handle allegations of misconduct and every allegation involving minors is reported to law enforcement, logged, and reviewed to determine whether interim restrictions on ministry or employment are required.

We refer allegations against clergy members involving minors, even those solely involving violations of the Standards of Ministerial Behavior and Boundaries, to the Archdiocesan Review Board, which functions an independent consultative body to the Archbishop.

We submit to regular audits and the USCCB's annual report process, which allows independent auditors to evaluate and scrutinize the Archdiocese's youth protection efforts and response.

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This Week at Old St. Joseph's

Date	Mass Intention and Presider	Calendar Events
Mon 27	12:05 PM <i>Edward and Mary Britt (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ	
Tues 28	12:05 PM <i>Old St. Joseph Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ	12 Noon Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
Wed 29	12:05 PM <i>Conor Patrick Devlin (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ	
Thurs 30	12:05 PM <i>Old St. Joseph Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ	12 Noon Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
Fri 31	12:05 PM <i>Holly Scola Grayson (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ	
Sat 1	12:05 PM <i>Mary McGinnis</i> Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ	12 Noon Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
	5:30 PM Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ	12:30 PM Anointing of the Sick
Sun 2	7:30 AM Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ	
	9:30 AM Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ	11:00 AM Ignatian Spirituality Comm. (Loyola)
	11:30 AM Presider: Fr. Ruff SJ	5:30 PM Loyola Choir Rehearsal (Church)
	6:30 PM Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ	5:30 PM YAC Pre-Mass Reflection (Greaton)

Financial Stewardship

Offertory Collection for the week ending August 18
Percent of online giving: 48%

Collection	Regular	Online	Total
Daily Mass	\$158.00	n/a	\$158.00
Sunday Mass	\$3613.00	\$3340.50	\$6953.50
Feast of the Assumption			\$835.00
Catholic University			\$534.00

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, Tony Corvaia, Charlotte Croce, Ann Crowther, Simeon Crowther, Fred DiStefano, Marjorie Dugan, Pat Farris, Lenny Felixson, John Hart, Fr. Mike Hricko SJ, Edward Jacobs, Marie Jacobs, Mary Jacobs, Janet Jeitner, Catherine Keddie, Jack Lees, David Luerssen, Jerry McAndrews SJ, James McBride, Jerry McBride, Christine Mari-Mazzola, Allen May, Angelo Miczza, D. Minter, Catherine O'Brien, Bernie Paquett, Joanna Pearl, Lucy Pearl, Colleen Raymond, Joan Russo, Sara Smith, Lydia Staley, Janet Street, Ed Tomezsko, Craig Walsh, Patricia Yusko, Mickey Zippo.

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These layers of protection, including the engagement of secular professionals and direct work with law enforcement, have resulted in far fewer abuse incidents in the Archdiocese than found in society as a whole.

In addition to our efforts at abuse prevention, the Archdiocese also provides ongoing, significant support for survivors of abuse and their families. We encourage victims to come forward, and we will continue our extensive efforts to help victims of sexual abuse heal.

Studies have now shown that sexual abuse plagues every aspect of our current culture—from sports and public institutions, to the entertainment industry and politics. Prevention comes from training and constant vigilance. In that light, our path will remain focused on ensuring that children and young people are protected, and wrongdoers are reported to law enforcement.

To report an allegation of sexual abuse, immediately contact your local law enforcement agency and/or the Archdiocesan Office of Investigations at 1-888-930-9010. Mandated reporters are required to call ChildLine, which is staffed by the Department of Public Welfare at 1-800-932-0313.

To report a violation of The Standards of Ministerial Behavior and Boundaries (<http://archphila.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/AOPVA-Standards-of-Minst-Behvrl-0511.pdf>), contact the Archdiocesan Office for Investigations at 1-888-930-9010.

If you need support or assistance, victim services and referrals are available through the Victim Assistance Office of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia at 1-888-800-8780 or www.childyouthprotection.org

For further information regarding efforts on the part of the Archdiocese to protect the children and young people entrusted to her care as well as to assist survivors on their journey to healing, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/AOPpledgetoProtect>.

The above statement, links and contact information are published at the request of Archbishop Charles J. Chaput OFM Cap.

Announcements

Considering Catholicism?

If you or anyone you know would like to become a Catholic, please contact Fr. Ed O'Donnell at eodonnell@oldstjoseph.org. The inquiry process begins soon!

Help Wanted

When **Coffee Hours** resume after the 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses on **September 9**, volunteers will be needed once a month to prepare and serve coffee, juice, and baked goods and to clean up after either the 9:30 or the 11:30 Mass. Training and partners will be provided. Interested? Please contact Joe Casey at joetcasey@aol.com or 215-843-3573.

New Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Ushers are always welcome, especially at the 5:30 PM and 9:30 AM Masses! Learn more at the Ministry Scheduling Program at www.oldstjoseph.org.

Class Reunions

Neumann-Goretti all classes reunion, Saturday, September 29, 4:00-8:00 PM at the Sugar House Casino-Fishtown Hops. For tickets and detailed information, visit themillayclub.org or call the Alumni Office at 215-389-0925.

The Little Flower Class of 1968 will celebrate their 50th reunion on September 23, from 1:00 - 5:00 PM in the Maltese Room in Bensalem. For tickets and more information, contact lfreunion1968@gmail.com or call Carol at 215-431-3852.

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.

Pastor

Fr. Walter Modrys SJ (pastor@oldstjoseph.org)

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Edward O'Donnell SJ (eodonnell@oldstjoseph.org)

In Residence

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