

Old St. Joseph's Church

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Faith, Food and Friends Annual Report

The Faith, Food and Friends (FF&F) outreach program is an all-volunteer project that for thirty years has been a part of Old St. Joseph's response to the Gospel's call to feed the hungry and minister to the poor. A noon meal for men is prepared and served in Barbelin Hall on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from late August through the following July, with short closings at Christmas and Easter. From August 2017 through July 2018, FF&F was open on 136 days, and our volunteers prepared and served approximately 6,474 meals.

Our core volunteer support comes from parishioners, neighbors and friends of the parish, with over fifty regular volunteers each week. Our volunteers typically help out one day per week, as their schedules permit. This year we have been delighted to welcome nine new volunteers to our ranks.

Other volunteers come to us from organizations with which FF&F has developed a special relationship. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, we are often joined by two or three Beneficial Bank staffers, who come in on their lunch hour, under the Bank's community service program, to help serve the noon meal. This year, St. Joseph's University provided seven student volunteers for one morning a week for a semester as part of a service learning class. We look forward to continuing this partnership in the coming academic year.

Guest attendance is limited to 63-70 guests to foster fellowship and community. Daily attendance usually runs between 50 and 60 guests, lower earlier in the month and increasing to full capacity

toward the end when guests may have exhausted their government assistance funds. Upon entering at 11:30 AM, the men help themselves to coffee or tea, choose a seat, and have some time to socialize before lunch is served. The meal is plated in the kitchen and



served restaurant style. Afterwards, the men bus their own tables and take care of all kitchen and dining hall clean up. FF&F's typical meal includes a soup course, a salad, a

main course (meat or other protein, a starch and a vegetable) and a dessert. Beverages include coffee, tea, milk, chocolate milk and water. Generous friends donate and serve special meals at different occasions throughout the year.

In addition to serving what our guests tell us are the best meals in town, FF&F provides the following support services for our guests:

- Spirituality Group: Following the Saturday meal, a spirituality discussion group is led on a rotating basis by Father Dougherty SJ or one of three volunteer discussion leaders.

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This Week at Old St. Joseph's

Date		Mass Intention and Presider	Calendar Events	
Mon 17	12:05 PM	<i>Geraldine Marren and Family</i> Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ	6:00 PM	PREP begins
Tues 18	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ	12 Noon 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Food, Faith, and Friends (Barbelin) YA Spirituality Night (Barbelin) CLC 1 (Drexel)
Wed 19	12:05 PM	<i>Michael Smyth (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ	6:30 PM	Centering Prayer
Thurs 20	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ	12 Noon 7:00 PM	Food, Faith, and Friends (Barbelin) Schola Cantorum Rehearsal
Fri 21	12:05 PM	<i>Edward and Mary Britt</i> Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ	5:30 PM	Young Adult Happy Hour (off-site)
Sat 22	12:05 PM 5:30 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ	12 Noon	Food, Faith, and Friends (Barbelin)
Sun 23	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM 6:30 PM	Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM 7:30 PM	Children's Liturgy of the Word Young Adult Fall Hike (rain date) Loyola Choir Rehearsal (Church) YAC Pre-Mass Reflection (Greaton) Cookout Dinner (Barbelin)

Financial Stewardship

Offertory Collection for the week ending September 2
Percent of online giving: 45%

Collection	Regular	Online	Total
Daily Mass	\$226.00	n/a	\$226.00
Sunday Mass	\$4298.00	\$3578.52	\$7876.52.50

Offertory Collection for the week ending September 9
Percent of online giving: 58%

Collection	Regular	Online	Total
Daily Mass	\$148.00	n/a	\$148.00
Sunday Mass	\$4820.00	\$6714.65	\$11,534.65

The week of September 9 includes monthly donations.

The annual collection for Black and Indian Missions, which provides grant support to evangelization among African Americans and Native Americans in the United States will be available online through **September 30**.

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.

Reminder

PREP begins on Monday, September 17, 6:00-7:00 PM at St. Mary's School for 1st-6th graders not in Catholic school. If you haven't yet registered your child, contact Christine Szczepanowski at prep@oldstjoseph.org or 215-923-1733 x123.

- Mail: FF&F serves as a mail drop for guests who wish to use the Church's address as their legal mailing address. This may assist guests in obtaining housing, medical benefits and various forms of assistance.
- Toiletries and Socks: In daily distributions throughout the year, we have provided basic toiletry items (soap, shampoo, razors) and hundreds of pairs of new socks to our guests, thanks to the generosity of our volunteers and numerous parishioners.
- Clothing and Housewares: Although we do not maintain a formal clothing closet, thanks to various one-time donations, we have been able to provide clothing items and shoes to guests in need and miscellaneous linens and houseware to guests moving into new residences. We were also able to distribute gloves, scarves and hats during the winter months.

This year visitors to our program also provided the following to our guests:

- Assistance with voter registration;
- A presentation on the health care services available at the Mary Howard Health Center for the Homeless at 125 S. 9th Street, and
- A presentation by a Pennsylvania Hospital dietician on healthy eating and making good choices in selecting food.

On behalf of everyone connected with FF&F, I offer heartfelt thanks to Old St. Joseph's parish, staff and extended community for the many ways, large and small, in which you support FF&F and affirm and encourage its care for some of the least among us. None of this could happen without each and every FF&F volunteer's generosity and faithful and regular service. Our volunteers bring good cheer, camaraderie and joy in service every day to share with each other and our guests. I also wish to thank our guests and our hard-working guest/volunteers for sharing themselves, their perspectives, their struggles and their hopes and aspirations with all of us.

—Deborah Hluchan
Coordinator, Faith, Food and Friends

**In your prayers,
please remember our sick and homebound brothers and sisters
and our ministry at Pennsylvania Hospital.**

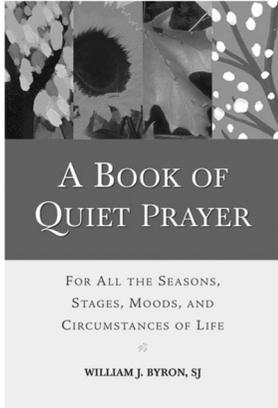
Adeline Acerno, Rick Bravo, Debbie Brooks, Christopher Browne, Tony Corvaia, Melissa Counsellor, Charlotte Croce, Ann Crowther, Simeon Crowther, Fred DiStefano, Pat Farris, Lenny Felixson, John Hart, Fred Hembree, Fr. Mike Hricko SJ, Aaron Hull, Edward Jacobs, Marie Jacobs, Mary Jacobs, Janet Jeitner, 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, Phil O'Connor, Bernie Paquett, Joanna Pearl, Lucy Pearl, Betty Farris Pfeiffer, Colleen Raymond, Kim Reed, Joan Russo, Steve Saunders, Sara Smith, Lydia Staley, Janet Street, Ed Tomezsko, Arlene Tomlin, Craig Walsh, Patricia Yusko, Mickey Zippo.

Bringing Communion to the Homebound

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

Announcements

Half Day Retreat at OSJ



Fr. William Byron, SJ is the author of this year's selection for One Parish, One Book, "***A Book of Quiet Prayer, For All the Seasons, Stages, Moods, And Circumstances of Life.***" It is a short and inviting book that can foster a spirit of prayer and consolation to carry

you through your day. Fr. Byron will lead a half day retreat on October 20 that explores his book, and his personal experiences (spanning nine decades!) at Old St Joseph's later this fall. Details to follow!

Happy Birthday to an OSJ Alum!

Fr. Jerry McAndrews SJ, formerly of Old St. Joseph's, turned 90 in on September 8! If you wish to add your individual voice to the kind wishes and fond remembrances from OSJ, Fr. McAndrew's contact information is available from the parish offices.

Stay in Touch!

Altar servers, extraordinary ministers of holy communion, lectors, and ushers: please add osjministryscheduler@oldstjoseph.org to your email address book, so that important ministry emails don't go to your junk folder. Also, please log in to the Ministry Scheduling Program (<http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/osj>) each week to doublecheck your assignments and see if there are any vacancies that need to be filled. Thank you for your faithful service to your parish!

YA Spirituality Night

How Science Can Enrich Faith: "Nothing we learn about the universe threatens our faith. It only enriches it," comments George Coyne SJ, former director of the Vatican Observatory. Coyne thus suggests to Catholics that the perceived rift between science and religion may be overblown and that modern science provides a marvelous opportunity to reflect upon their faith.

All young adults are invited to join the Young Adult Community Spirituality Night on **Tuesday, September 18, 7:00-9:00 PM in Barbelin Hall** to explore how Catholic views of modern science can enrich our faith. Discussion will be led by OSJ parishioner and young adult Sean Grullon, who holds a PhD in Particle Physics. Spirits and socializing begin at 7:00 PM; discussion starts at 7:30 PM. Questions? Contact Jenn at jennlydic@gmail.com. See you there!

Centering Prayer

The Centering Prayer Group will meet on **Wednesday, September 19, 6:30-8:30 PM** in the Drexel Parlor. Anyone interested in contemplative prayer is welcome to a discussion followed by a period of centering. Questions? Contact Christine at christinesz@gmail.com.

Catholic History Lecture

On **Sunday, September 23 at 2:00 PM**, Dr. Marian Ronan will speak on the history of the Grail movement and its role in promoting women's spiritual development at the American Catholic Historical Society, around the corner at 263 S. 4th Street. Free and open to the public. For information, visit www.amchs.org.

Book Club

Join readers exploring what it means to have faith through the fiction and memoirs of noted Catholic writers. The OSJ Book Club meets on the first Tuesday of every month, beginning on **October 2, 7:30-9:00 PM**, in the Loyola Room. October's book will be Bo Caldwell's *City of Tranquil Light*. New readers are always welcome! For more information, contact Carol Schloss at shlosscarol@gmail.com.

St. Mary Interparochial School Fall Fundraiser

On Saturday, **October 13, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM**, St. Mary Interparochial School will celebrate its twelfth annual "Harvest Hoedown on Locust." Proceeds from this fall fundraiser will support St. Mary IPS' STEAM education and Technology needs. Two awards will also be presented that day, the Harding Alumni Award, recognizing an alumnus who exemplifies excellence in service to the community at large, and the St. Joseph the Worker Award, presented to an individual or organization who has demonstrated exceptional support to St. Mary's IPS. Purchase tickets by October 15 by calling 215-923-7522 or online at <http://www.saintmarys.us/events/harvest-hoedown>.

More About SNAP and You

Last week's parish bulletin introduced the US farm bill and its Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which used to be called food stamps. (Did you miss it? Copies are still available online at oldstjoseph.org). While a House-Senate conference committee is reconciling competing versions of the farm bill and SNAP, here are a few more SNAP facts to consider:

- SNAP provides 10 times more meals than food banks. Often run by religious congregations, other faith-based groups and community organizations, food banks are limited by the charitable donations they receive. Moreover, even when consumers are encouraged to shop

The shelves, there are limits to what is available and how often they can visit. With SNAP, beneficiaries can select the food items that best meet their needs and the needs of their families.

- Two out of three SNAP participants are children, seniors or disabled. The majority of the other participants work, but do not earn enough to pay their bills and feed their families. Many of these individuals earn minimum wage and/or have jobs without steady work hours, which makes it hard to budget.
- Three out of four children in the United States are reached by SNAP.
- The average SNAP benefit provides \$1.40 per meal. Consider that in light of the average cost of your meals.

According to the US Census 2015 numbers, 24% of seniors (three million people) in Pennsylvania benefited from SNAP, including many older adults who are also responsible for grandchildren. SNAP helps these seniors close the gap between their average monthly income of \$1000 per month and their average monthly expenses of \$1100.

A poem by Pedro Neruda concludes, "I ask no more than the justice of eating." Government safety net programs like SNAP are but one small step toward that justice, toward helping everyone provide for their basic needs.

Ready to act now? Email your members of Congress; urge them to support a strong bipartisan farm bill that strengthens the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Let them know why you are speaking up on behalf of hungry people in the US. Don't know who your representatives or Senators are? Names and addresses can be found at:

www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative

www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

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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