

# Old St. Joseph's Church

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## Lift Every Voice!



What I remember best about my internship year at Bread for the World is Friday morning worship.

Bread for the World was still a very young organization that year, housed in a barely converted warehouse at

32 Union Square East in Manhattan. Rev. Art Simon, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, had joined with other pastors in the neighborhood to find a way to prevent the hunger that brought so many people to their church doorsteps in the late 1970's. (Small world side note: Fr. Bill Byron SJ was on Bread for the World's first Board of Directors). By the time I showed up in 1981, Bread for the World had already had some remarkable successes, encouraging Christians to speak out to their elected representatives through Offerings of Letters.

But you can read all about that at their website, [bread.org](http://bread.org). Come back with me in memory to Friday mornings when I was one of a handful of Catholics in a room full of other Christians, in chairs along the perimeter of a conference room, perched on the sills of the high, old windows, or cross-legged on the floor if you were young or late. We read Scripture and shared reflections and offered prayer, but what I remember most of all is singing. Everyone else knew and sang all the verses of all the hymns. I loved how a room full of harmonies sounded the great Amen in many, but one voice.

Today, Bread for the World acknowledges that globally, hunger has been cut in half over the last 25 years. On the other hand, in 2016, the number of people worldwide who could not rely on adequate nutrition started to creep back up. Philadelphia's poverty rate is double that of the US as a whole: 25.7%; it is the poorest of the ten most populous cities in the US. Moreover, Philadelphia's food insecurity rate is 21%. Food insecurity is a term coined by the US Department of Agriculture to point toward a more persistent problem than simple craving or need. It means lacking consistent access to enough food for a healthy, active life.

Philadelphia's food insecurity doesn't just look like the guests at OSJ's Faith, Food and Friends. Many more of Philadelphia's hungry look like students who rely on free school lunches and afterschool programs with free snacks, or like someone wearing scrubs and the ID tag of a home health aide rushing from one bus to another on the way to a job that doesn't consistently provide 40 hours a week or an hourly wage that supports a household. Many of the people who are hungry in Philadelphia are working but barely able to feed and safely house their families, even with government assistance like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and earned income tax credits.

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# This Week at Old St. Joseph's

Date	Mass Intention and Presider	Calendar Events
Mon 1	12:05 PM <i>Old St. Joseph Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ	6:00 PM PREP
Tues 2	12:05 PM <i>James &amp; Katherine Henderson (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ	12 Noon Faith, Food, and Friends (Barbelin) 6:30 PM CLC 2 (Greaton) 7:00 PM YA Community Spirituality Night (off-site) 7:30 PM Book Group (Loyola)
Wed 3	12:05 PM <i>Edward &amp; Mary Britt Families(D)</i> Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ	7:00 PM Welcoming LGBT Catholics & Families; Video and Discussion (Barbelin)
Thurs 4	12:05 PM <i>Old St. Joseph Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ	12 Noon Faith, Food, and Friends (Barbelin) 7:00 PM Schola Cantorum Rehearsal
Fri 5	12:05 PM <i>Jane Martelli</i> Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ	12:30 PM Litany of the Sacred Heart (Church)
Sat 6	12:05 PM <i>Margaret Kelley Arroyo (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ 5:30 PM Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ	12 Noon Faith, Food, and Friends (Barbelin) 12:30 PM Anointing of the Sick (Church)
Sun 7	7:30 AM Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ 9:30 AM Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ 11:30 AM Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ 6:30 PM Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ	<i>Bread for the World Advocacy Sunday</i> 9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word 11:00 AM Ignatian Spirituality Committee (Loyola) 5:30 PM Loyola Choir Rehearsal (Church) 5:30 PM YAC Pre-Mass Reflection (Greaton) 6:30 PM Welcome to New Volunteers 7:30 PM Cook-in Dinner (Barbelin)

## Financial Stewardship

Offertory Collection for the week ending  
September 23  
Percent of online giving: 22%

Collection	Regular	Online	Total
<b>Daily Mass</b>	\$206.00	n/a	\$206.00
<b>Sunday Mass</b>	\$6166.00	\$1775.00	\$7941.00

The annual collection for Black and Indian Missions will be available online through **today**. The Missionary Cooperative Appeal will be online through **October 14**.

*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, Melissa Counsellor, Charlotte Croce, Ann Crowther, Simeon Crowther, Fred DiStefano, Pat Farris, Lenny Felixson, Fred Hembree, Fr. Mike Hricko SJ, Aaron Hull, Edward Jacobs, Marie Jacobs, Mary Jacobs, Janet Jeitner, Catherine Keddie, Jack Lees, David Luerssen, Fr. 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, Mida Skalamera, Sara Smith, Lydia Staley, Janet Street, Ed Tomezsko, Arlene Tomlin, Craig Walsh, Patricia Yusko, Mickey Zippo.

—Lift Every Voice

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One of my intern jobs at Bread for the World was typing and proofreading the background papers intended to help members see the true face of hunger in the US. But the statistics and analysis that remain discouragingly familiar almost 40 years on fade alongside the Scriptures that we read together on Friday mornings: the instruction to leave a share unharvested for 'the poor and the sojourner' to glean in Leviticus 19:9-10; the multiplication of loaves in 2 Kings 4: 42-44 and all four Gospels; the parable of the rich man and Lazarus in Luke 16:19-31. Full disclosure: as an intern, I also typed and proofread the worship aids. But it was reading and praying those scriptures together on Friday mornings that led me to understand that to love God and seek justice meant raising my voice not only in song, but also on behalf of people whose voices are weak, drowned out or ignored.

And so I invite you to add your voice to mine, in Old St. Joseph's Offering of Letters next weekend. Write or email your representative in the US House and your Senators. Tell them that it is a disgrace that one in five of your fellow Philadelphians can't rely on adequate food. Tell them that your faith moves you to advocate on their behalf. Speak briefly about broad goals like making ending hunger a national priority, or about specific issues like protecting the integrity of SNAP. Bread for the World reports that a recent survey of congressional offices found that it takes only seven personal letters from constituents for them to start tracking an issue. Be one of those seven.

Here is what to do:

1. Go to [bread.org](http://bread.org). Click on the banner reading Protect SNAP in the Farm Bill/Act Now. Fill out the form to automatically send an email you can personalize to your member of Congress.
2. Or join us at coffee hour after the 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses or the cookout after the 6:30 PM Mass next weekend to write your representative and senator a brief letter. Names, addresses, writing materials, and moral support will be provided.
3. Got a busy day next Sunday? Write a letter this week and bring it with you to drop it in the collection basket. For guidance, click on Activist Corner at [bread.org](http://bread.org).

I look forward to next Sunday, when I expect to be time warped into a place much like where I was on Friday mornings at Bread for the World in 1981. I look forward to worshipping with a community called to be a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decisionmakers to end hunger at home and abroad. See you next week!

—BJ Brown  
Pastoral Associate

*The image on the front is of BJ's 1981 Bread for the World  
lapel pin.*

# Announcements

## Missionary Co-op Plan Appeal

The Diocese of Yaounde, Cameroon will benefit from **today's** Missionary Cooperation Appeal Plan second collection at Old St. Joseph's. This special collection is administered by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's Pontifical Mission Societies and supports mission work in over a thousand dioceses around the world, especially in places where Christianity is new. Thank you for your generosity!

## Book Club

The OSJ Book Club will meet **October 2, 7:30-9:00 PM**, in the Loyola Room to discuss Bo Caldwell's *City of Tranquil Light*. New readers are always welcome! For more information, contact Carol Schloss at [shlosscarol@gmail.com](mailto:shlosscarol@gmail.com).

## Open House

Roman Catholic High School is holding an Open House for prospective students and their families on **Sunday, October 14 from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM**. Details about Roman Catholic's scholarship entrance exam and visitation days are available at 215-627-1270 x. 146 or [Admissions@RomanCatholicHS.com](mailto:Admissions@RomanCatholicHS.com).

## Transitus

The Capuchin Franciscan Friars at St. John the Evangelist Church celebrate the Transitus to mark St. Francis' passage from earthly life to eternal life each year on the night before his feast day. All are invited to St. John the Evangelist Church to remember St. Francis with prayers, readings, and music on **Wednesday, October 3 at 6:00 PM** in the upper church at 21 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia.

## Reunion

The 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion of West Philadelphia Catholic Girls High School Class of 1969 will be **September 15, 2019 12:00-4:00 PM** at Drexelbrook's Mansion House Contact Jeane Hugues Milligan at [wcmgh1969@yahoo.com](mailto:wcmgh1969@yahoo.com) for more information.

## Save the Date for Advent by Candlelight!

Women Faith and Fellowship invites all women in the parish to join together in hospitality and friendship to enjoy a candlelit evening of spiritual reflection focused on the special, unique gifts women bring to the celebration of Advent. Please mark your calendars and join us for Advent by Candlelight in Barbelin Hall on **Wednesday November 28, 2018 at 7:00 PM**. More details to follow...

## 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 alum 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>.

## Ministry Schedule Posted

Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Ushers: the October-November 30 ministry schedule has been posted online. Please log in to review your upcoming assignments.

New volunteers who would like to share their talents and get more involved can sign up online through the Ministry Scheduling Program at [www.oldstjoseph.org](http://www.oldstjoseph.org). Scheduling is flexible and training will be provided. Thank you!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Welcoming LGBT Catholics

At the Vatican's World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland last month, Fr. James Martin SJ spoke about how parishes can welcome LGBT Catholics and their families. Join us to watch and discuss that talk on **Wednesday October 3 at 7:00 PM** in Barbelin Hall. Links to the video and the text of Fr. Martin's talk are available at [oldstjoseph.org](http://oldstjoseph.org).

## Young Adult Community Events

Field Trip to the Church of the Gesu! Come explore a unique and beautiful place in Philadelphia's church landscape. All young adults are invited to join YAC on **Tuesday, October 2** for a special tour of the Gesu, led by the St Joseph's Prep archivist! Meet at **7:00 PM** at St. Joseph's Prep, 1733 W. Girard. Enter through the front doors of the school, sign in at the security desk and head to Mission and Ministry offices. St. Joseph's Prep is easily accessible on the Broad Street Line (Girard Station) or 2 Bus. Have questions? Contact [jennlydic@gmail.com](mailto:jennlydic@gmail.com). We hope you can join us!

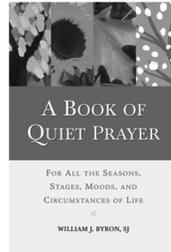
For the **October 12** OSJ YAC Happy Hour, we're heading to a brew pub in the heart of Northern Liberties! Come join us for happy hour from **5:30-7:00 PM** at Urban Village Brewing Company for half-off brick oven pizza and craft beer! For questions or to find us at the bar, contact Colleen O'Neil, [coneil0909@gmail.com](mailto:coneil0909@gmail.com), 440-552-3838. Hope to see you there!

## Welcome Long-Term Volunteers

On **October 7**, OSJ will welcome the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, St. Joseph's University Alliance for Catholic Education, St. Joseph's Prep Alumni Service Corps, and similar long-term volunteers to **6:30 PM Mass and the Parish Cookout** dinner to bless and celebrate the time of service. Contact Tom Nailor with questions and offers to help with dinner: [thomas.nailor@gmail.com](mailto:thomas.nailor@gmail.com).

## Retreat with Fr. Bill Byron SJ

On **October 20, 12:05-3:00 PM**, OSJ's Ignatian



Spirituality Committee invites you to a half-day retreat with Fr. Bill Byron SJ, author of this year's One Parish, One Book selection, *A Book of Quiet Prayer*. Fr. Byron will preach at the 12:05 PM Mass, and give an afternoon talk

that explores his nine decades of experiences of prayer. Lunch will be provided and a free will offering gladly accepted. RSVP by October 15 to [osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org).

## Bread for the World Offering of Letters

Join us at the **October 7** Coffee Hours and Cookout Dinner in Barbelin Hall as we gather and write letters to our congressional representatives about the ways their fall legislative agenda can help or hurt hungry members of our community. Writing materials, names and addresses, emails and sample texts will all be available. A few minutes of your time can help can change minds, hearts, votes and lives!

## Virtual Food Drive

Nutritional Development Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is hosting an **online food drive** during September's national Hunger Action Month. You can help hungry neighbors in Philadelphia by purchasing healthy, non-perishable food items through You Give Goods at <https://yougivegoods.com/drive-7994> now through **October 26**. All online purchases will be shipped directly to the Nutritional Development Services' Community Food Program and distributed to food cupboards located throughout the five-county Philadelphia area. Thank you for your help!

# 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

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