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An Afternoon with Fr. Bill Byron SJ

A group of 30 came together on Saturday, October 20 to cap off OSJ's sixth annual One Book, One Parish series. This half day retreat started with the 12:05 PM Mass, which was concelebrated by Fr. Modrys and Fr. William Byron SJ. Among his many accomplishments, Fr. Byron is the author of this year's book selection, *A Book of Quiet Prayer*.

Fr. Byron, the homilist at Mass, gave those in attendance much to consider, especially from the first reading, St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Fr. Byron drew our attention to the part of the passage that says:

*May the eyes of your heart be enlightened,
that you may know what is the hope
that belongs to his call. (Ephesians 1:18)*

Fr. Byron invited us to see the world through the heart, not just the head. He explained that the hope of which St. Paul speaks comes from gratitude. He spoke about the eyes of our hearts and gratitude in greater depth during our afternoon retreat.

After lunch Fr. Byron began by sharing his path to being called to be a Jesuit. He attended St. Joseph's Prep and graduated in 1945, and like most young men of his time, was drafted and sent to fight in World War II. (Fr. Byron noted that his experience as a paratrooper in Frankfurt, Germany left him with a rare accomplishment: the first seven times he went up in an airplane, he did not land inside the plane he took off in!) After the war he returned to Philadelphia, and with the help of the GI Bill, began to study physics at Drexel. Drawn more toward liberal arts, he moved over to St. Joseph's University and completed his undergraduate degree. As he considered what to do with that degree, Fr. Byron

remembered the desperate poverty he saw in post-war Germany. He felt called to help those in need, and he responded to the call by entering the Society of Jesus.

As a young Jesuit, Fr. Byron learned to pray in a different way. His first thirty-day retreat with the Spiritual Exercises taught him the importance of allowing God to speak to him and hear God's word in his life. He also learned about the importance of directing his desires so that they led to choosing those things that are more conducive (the 'magis') towards the end for which we are created.

How does one do this in the midst of a busy life? Fr. Byron encouraged us to spend time in quiet prayer, listening to how God moves us, not just in the heart, but more importantly in the gut. This is a technique that St. Ignatius of Loyola developed during his long recovery from his battle wounds. By truly listening with our inner ear, our gut, we discern how God is moving us and encouraging us to explore more than what we might think is possible. On this point, Fr. Byron offered the sage advice: "If your head says go and your gut says no, then don't go forward. However, if your head says no and your gut says go, then give it a try!"

Fr. Byron then returned to the theme of gratitude that he began during his homily. Quoting his *Book of Quiet Prayer*, Fr. Byron said that if he were pressed to reduce the entire meaning of religion into one word, it would be gratitude. Since God first loved us, we are able

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This Week at Old St. Joseph's

Date		Mass Intention and Presider	Calendar Events	
Mon 29	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ	6:00 PM	PREP
Tues 30	12:05 PM	<i>Edward & Mary Britt Families (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ	12 Noon 7:00 PM	Faith, Food, and Friends (Barbelin) YAC Spirituality Night (Barbelin)
Wed 31	12:05 PM	<i>Mary Lipson (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ	7:00 PM	Schola Cantorum Rehearsal
Thurs 1	12:05 PM 7:30 PM	<i>All Saints – A Holy Day</i> Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ	12 Noon	Faith, Food, and Friends (Barbelin)
Fri 2	12:05 PM	<i>Deceased Members of OSJ Church</i> Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ	12:35 PM 5:30 PM	Litany of the Sacred Heart after Mass YAC Happy Hour (off-site)
Sat 3	12:05 PM 5:30 PM	<i>William Henry & Rose Mary Ells & Family (D)</i> Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ	12 Noon 12:05 PM	Faith, Food, and Friends (Barbelin) Anointing of the Sick
<i>Spring forward; fall back! Re-set your clocks tonight for an extra hour's sleep before Sunday Mass!</i>				
Sun 4	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM 6:30 PM	Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ Presider: Fr. Frederico SJ	9:30 AM 1:00 PM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM 7:30 PM	Children's Liturgy of the Word (Barbelin) Adult Ed: Rich Massaro (Barbelin) Loyola Choir Rehearsal (Church) YAC Pre-Mass Reflection (Greaton) Cook-in Dinner (Barbelin)

In your prayers,

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

Adeline Acerno, Teresa Aponte, Louis Balestrucci, 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, Tamae Kan, 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, Bernie Paquett, Joanna Pearl, Lucy Pearl, Betty Farris Pfeiffer, Colleen Raymond, Kim Reed, Ursula Reed, Joan Russo, Steve Saunders, Barbara Schmidt, Mida Skalamera, 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.

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to love, and we are grateful for that love. Fr. Byron also quoted G.K. Chesterton's observation that "thanks are the highest form of thought; and gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder." Fr. Byron explained this magnification principle as "a multiplier effect associated with gratitude, and the wonder of it all is that gratitude can, if you let it stretch your mind, magnify your happiness."

But, as Fr. Byron went on to explain, success does not always lead to gratitude. The human spirit has a way of turning success into ingratitude, perhaps because we become self-absorbed with success instead of remaining outward looking and outward giving. We can curb this move towards selfishness by continuing to keep our focus on generous sharing. We know that we are on the right track if we are moved to do the right thing in our choices not because we will be rewarded for doing so, but simply because we desire always

to do the right thing.

Fr. Byron concluded by teaching us a new word, one that exemplifies a way of living our lives to the fullest, the more, the magis. That word is *humbition*. Humbition is the crossroads of humility and ambition. It seeks to be competent, generous, outward looking. It does not seek the spotlight for good works but is filled with gratitude for being able to make a difference.

Everyone who spent last Saturday afternoon with Fr. Byron was certainly grateful for the generous gifts of insight that were so clearly the fruit of his long life of prayer. And Fr. Byron left us with two parting gifts, that is, two suggestions for further reading: what he called 'the second half' of *A Book of Quiet Prayer*, which is *Praying with and for Others*, and his latest book, *Growing Old Gratefully*.

—John Bitterman

(John Bitterman is the chair of Old St. Joseph's Ignatian Spirituality Committee, which selects the One Book and hosted Fr. Byron's visit).

Announcements

When I Was Hungry

On Sunday, **November 4 at 1:00 PM** in Barbelin Hall, Old St. Joseph's welcomes back Mr. Richard Massaro, director of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps for the Philadelphia/South Jersey region. Mr. Massaro will bring his backgrounds in theology and economic development to address "*When I Was Hungry: Food Insecurity, Catholic Social Teaching and our Preferential Option for the Poor*". Here is his preview:

"The joy and hope, the grief and anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted in any way, are the joy and hope, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well."

These first words of Vatican Council II's Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World were proclaimed more than fifty years ago and remain the core of being authentic Christian disciples. The Council urged the entire Church to make a preferential option for the poor. This option is actually an imperative, a mandate to consciously and deliberately make a wholehearted choice to attend to those who are most in need

We will look at the grief and anguish of people who don't know if, when or how they will find adequate nutrition for themselves and their families. We will examine and discuss causes of chronic food insecurity around the world and especially in our own area. We will then talk about effective ways to help people meet immediate needs and be able to provide for themselves. This certainly isn't a new topic, so you are invited to send questions, insights, and suggestions in advance to Richard Massaro at rmassaro@ivcusa.org.

Announcements

Holy Name Camden Celebration

Holy Name of Camden Ministries will host a celebration on **Wednesday, November 7** at Tavistock Country Club in Haddonfield NJ. The guest speaker will be Don DiJulia, longtime athletic director at St. Joseph University.

The annual Reaching Out to Those in Need awards will be presented to St. Joseph's Prep and St. Joseph's University for their generous support of the ministries at Holy Name of Camden. Proceeds from this event will support ministries that serve families and children in North Camden and surrounding communities: Holy Name School, Holy Name Scholars, Camden Center for Law and Justice, and Guadalupe Family Services. Tickets are \$100/person; for information and reservations call 856-365-1001 or visit www.holynameofcamdenministries.org.

OSJ Book Group

Here are the readings for November and December: **Tuesday, November 6:** Junot Diaz, *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*. You might want to pair this, if you have time, with Diaz's "The Legacy of Childhood Trauma" in *The New Yorker*, April 9, 2018. The fiction and the public admission form a noteworthy contrast. **Tuesday, December 4:** Umberto Eco, *The Name of the Rose*. All meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month, **7:30-9:00 PM**, in the Loyola Room in the rectory. For questions, contact Carol Shloss at shlosscarol@gmail.com.

New Mass Setting

We continue this month learning additional parts of the *Mass for A Servant Church* by Michel Guimont. By Christmas we will sing the entire Mass for our liturgies.

All Saints Day

Thursday, November 1 is a holy day, All Saints Day. Mass will be celebrated at **12:05 PM and 7:30 PM**.

Parish Cook-In Next Week!

Join us for good food and good company in Barbelin Hall immediately following the **6:30 PM Mass on November 4** for Old St. Joseph's monthly cook-in, hosted by the Young Adult Community.

Advent by Candlelight on November 28



Women Faith and Fellowship invites all women in the parish to an evening of reflection, song and prayer at Advent by Candlelight in Barbelin Hall on **Wednesday November 28, 7:00-9:00 PM**. Rev. Julia Sheetz PhD, Associate Director of Campus Ministry for Ecumenical and Interfaith Outreach at Villanova University, will reflect on "From Scared to Sacred: Receiving the Gifts of Darkness". Further information in next week's bulletin and at wff@oldstjoseph.org.

Fairfield University Choir to Sing at OSJ

On **Saturday, November 11**, the Fairfield University Choir will sing at the **5:30 PM** Mass and afterwards there will be a brief concert. All are welcome to attend!

Share the Journey/Be Unafraid

Catholic Relief Service's #Share the Journey campaign is coming to 6th and Race Streets on **Saturday, November 3 from 1:00-5:00 PM**. This mobile exhibit, curated by photographer Jeremy Coward, documents a series of conversations between residents of and migrants to the United States about fear and hope. Join others who welcome migrants and refugees to Philadelphia to view the mobile exhibit on November 3!

Announcements

Young Adult Events

The Face of God— A Chat on the Enneagram

Known as "The Discernment of Spirits" and "The Face of God," the enneagram is comprised of nine numbers that signify different personality types. Since the third century, Christians have refined and utilized the enneagram to better understand themselves and each other, and to find common ground with other faith traditions. All young adults are invited to an informal conversation on **Tuesday, October 30** on the enneagram's history, basic concepts, and an overview of each number/personality. If you've never heard of the enneagram before, if you have an idea of what number you might be (but aren't sure), or if you're an enneagram master (a/k/a, a perfect 10--just kidding, that's not real), come and join us! **Spirits and socializing begin at 7:00 PM in Barbelin Hall, conversation will commence at 7:30 PM.** Rebecca Bergh will facilitate the discussion; you can email her questions at bergh.rebecca@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

November Happy Hour

Join us at Garage South on Passyunk Ave on **Friday, November 2 from 5:30-8:00 PM** (at least!) This former auto shop is the original location of the bar. There are over 300 canned beers offered, a pool table, pinball machines, and a food truck. For those craving heartier fare, it's BYO food and Pat's and Geno's are right across the street! For questions, or to find us at the bar, contact Christopher Ross at 610-952-7317 or g.chris.ross@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

The following notice corrects several mistakes that were in the October 21 bulletin. We deeply regret the additional distress this caused at this sad and difficult time for the O'Brien family.

Requiescat in pace

Michael H. O'Brien

OSJ parishioner and State Representative Mike O'Brien died at home on the morning of October 15. His Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Old St. Joseph's on October 19. Our prayers and condolences go out to Mike's friends and family, especially his wife Rita, and children Bridget and Michael.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on him; may his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, Amen

For Faith, Food & Friends

On the weekend of **November 3-4**, Old St. Joseph's will collect essential supplies for the guests of our Faith, Food, and Friends Outreach. Baskets will be available in the rear of the church. The following items are both needed and appreciated: multi-packs of men's socks, bars of soap (especially Irish Spring and Dove for Men), toothbrushes and disposable razors, travel-sized and small toothpaste, shampoo, and hand lotion, and warm hats and gloves. The needs of our guests are year-round, so this collection will be made quarterly, on the first weekends of February, May, and August. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Financial Report Now Quarterly

Financial Stewardship will now be reported quarterly, in order to give a more accurate picture of the parish's financial status.

Online Giving remains always available. It can be scheduled for your convenience and to the parish fund of your choice. Sign up under Important Links at oldstjoseph.org.

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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