

Old St. Joseph's Church

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Ruined for Life

Old St. Joseph's welcomes new members of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC) and other long-term volunteers to celebrate their time of service at 6:30 PM Mass today. Many OSJ parishioners were just such volunteers; here are the reflections of one young person's experience with JVC.

In the fall of 2009, I lived in West Los Angeles with six other people, one car, one avocado tree, and no internet. . . and I did so voluntarily by participating in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC). JVC is the largest lay Catholic full-time volunteer program in the country. For over fifty years, JVC has engaged passionate young people in service within poor communities, guided by the core values of spirituality, simple living, community, and social justice.

Why would anyone choose to live on a stipend (at the time we were each allotted \$100 for food and \$100 for personal expenses each month) with people you don't know in a new city? For me, I often say I was excited by the program's emphasis on social justice and the chance to work directly in areas and with populations most in need. What I don't usually say is that, as a life-long New Yorker, I figured volunteering in such a different, more slow-paced west coast setting would do me some good. Needless to say, it did.



First of all, I began to question my spending habits. In JVC, I had to intentionally consider how I spent my stipend as well as what I bought and where I bought it from. Suddenly, saving up to enjoy dinner with my community-mates at the local Indonesian restaurant seemed far more

important than the daily mid-afternoon coffee I had 'needed' before. It helped me to see how far (or not far) one's income can go. Now, years later, my spending habits are larger but my JVC experience continues to remind me of how important it is to consider what I buy, waste, and donate my time and energy to. Yes, I still question that extra coffee (at times), but I also try hard to buy local, to not waste food, and to regularly reexamine and consider the causes I contribute to.

Second, I 'found' the field of social work. While attending a Jesuit university (go Hoyas!) I did a lot of volunteer work in the community, but social work was never on my radar. JVC fundamentally changed my career path. Through JVC, I was placed at a homeless access center and worked alongside social work clinicians committed to helping those most in need. More importantly, and unlike my college experience, JVC allowed me to walk alongside my clients. Each Thanksgiving I still think of Jim, who days before the holiday and long after the center had run out of tokens for the month, gave 20% of all he had financially (one of his five tokens) so another client could get to the housing program she finally qualified for. Jim and the other clients and staff I worked with inspired me to aim for a different career. Years later, I've become a social worker and now direct the social work team for a health network, including one site dedicated to

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This Week at Old St. Joseph's

Date		Mass Intention and Presider	Calendar Events	
Mon 8	12:05 PM	<i>Edward & Mary Britt Families(D)</i> Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ	11:00 AM	<i>Parish Offices open 11:00 AM-1:00 PM</i> <i>Columbus Day; No PREP</i>
Tues 9	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ	12 Noon 7:00 PM	Faith, Food, and Friends (Barbelin) Pre-Baptism Class (Drexel)
Wed 10	12:05 PM	<i>Vincent Clarkin (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ		
Thurs 11	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ	12 Noon 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Faith, Food, and Friends (Barbelin) Women, Faith and Fellowship (Loyola) Schola Cantorum Rehearsal
Fri 12	12:05 PM	<i>Richard Bulik</i> Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ	5:30 PM	Young Adult Community Happy Hour (off-site)
Sat 13	12:05 PM 5:30 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ	12 Noon	Faith, Food, and Friends (Barbelin)
Sun 14	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM 6:30 PM	Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ	9:30 AM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM	Children's Liturgy of the Word) Loyola Choir Rehearsal (Church) YAC Pre-Mass Reflection (Greation)

Financial Stewardship

Offertory Collection for the week ending September 30
Percent of online giving: 63%

Collection	Regular	Online	Total
Daily Mass	\$153.00	n/a	\$153.00
Sunday Mass	\$3999.00	\$6724.15	\$10,723.15
Missionary Coop	\$3086.	\$125.00	\$3211.00

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.

—Ruined for Life

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servicing folks who are homeless that resembles where I was placed during JVC.



Next, I learned what community really meant. That year, I lived not just with roommates but with community-mates. Over shared meals, we also shared the stories and challenges of our days. We commuted together and struggled to explore our faith together. In doing so, we lived intentionally in community with one another. It was challenging, but also amazingly powerful. I learned that year that community requires presence and effort and commitment. After JVC, I craved a continued sense of community and that ultimately led me to Old St. Joseph's. Both in the parish and in the Young Adult Community (YAC), I found a place to further explore and share my faith with others.



Finally, I saw and was part of faith in action. Prior to participating in JVC, I had confined my faith to the pews on Sunday. I was a Catholic and I practiced at Church.

The JVC staff and retreats immersed me in Ignatian spirituality; however, it was my community-mates, mentors, and colleagues that really helped me to see how my faith could also be manifested in how I treated and served others in my day-to-day life. Ignatian spirituality and its applicability to my professional and personal life helped me to look at my faith with new eyes. It ignited a fire within me to apply my faith far beyond the church pews.

Former volunteers often say you're "ruined for life" after finishing JVC, noting that the experience will inevitably change you. Honestly, though, for a long time I just rolled my eyes. But now, nearly ten years later, I cannot deny that my life is immeasurably different from what I thought it would be like prior to JVC. JVC provided a framework, a community, and a connection to an active faith I never could have imagined, and I'm happily ruined thanks to it.

—Jennifer Lydic, LSW MPA

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, Ursula Reed, Joan Russo, Steve Saunders, 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.

Announcements

Centering Prayer

The centering prayer group will meet on **Wednesday, October 17, 6:30 to 8:30 PM** in the Drexel Parlor of the rectory. The meeting will include discussion of centering prayer followed by evening prayer with a period of centering. Anyone interested in contemplative prayer is welcome to join. For further information, contact Christine Szczepanowski at 267-250-3049 or christinesz52@gmail.com.

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2019

From **June 14-24, 2019**, Fr. Brendan Lally SJ will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from St. Joseph's University. Parishioners from Old Saint Joseph's are welcome to join the experience of walking in the footsteps of Jesus. For more information, email blally@sju.edu or visit www.pilgrimages.com/frlally.

Feast Day

The Visitation Nuns at 5820 City Avenue (between 59th Street and Cardinal Avenue) cordially welcome all to celebrate the Feast of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque on **Tuesday, October 16 at 7:30 PM** at Mass celebrated by Rev. Joseph Charpenning, OSFS. Visitation Nuns throughout the world honor St. Margaret Mary Alacoque as the recipient of the Great Revelations of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Register to Vote!

To register to vote in the November 6 election: In Pennsylvania, the deadline is **October 9**. Register online, in person or by mail; details are at www.dos.pa.gov.

In New Jersey, the deadline is **October 16**. Details on registering in person or by mail are at www.state.nj.us.

The Delaware deadline is **October 13**. Online, in person and by mail options are described at elections.delaware.gov/vote/voterreg.shtml.

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>.

Open Houses

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.

Martin Saints Classical High School, a new Catholic school in Oreland, will host an open house on **Tuesday, October 16 at 7:00 PM** at Holy Martyrs Church, 120 Allison Road, Oreland. RSVP to adickerson@martinsaintsclassical.org.

Discernment Retreat

Come and experience a weekend retreat at the IHM Motherhouse **October 5-7** at the Villa Maria House of Studies, 1140 King Rd., Malvern, with the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Single young women ages 18-35 are welcome for a weekend of prayer, spiritual conferences, meals, and times of recreation. For more information, contact 610-889-1553 or ihmvoc@gmail.com.

Announcements

Young Adult Community Events

On **October 12**, OSJ's Young Adult Community heads to a brew pub in the heart of Northern Liberties for Happy Hour! Come join us from **5:30-7:00 PM** at Urban Village Brewing Company. There will be half-off brick oven pizza and craft beer! For questions or to find us at the bar, contact Colleen O'Neil at 440-552-3838 or coneil0909@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

And on **Thursday, October 18**, the Young Adult Community welcomes new young adult parishioners and members to Happy Hour at **O'Neals Pub** at 611 S. 3rd Street. Current members and other friends are all, of course, welcome too. We'll arrive at **5:30 PM** and plan to stay till at least **8:00 PM**, so come early or late; we would love to see you! Any questions; contact Jenn at jennlydic@gmail.com.

Organ Recital with Mark Bani

On Sunday, **October 14 at 3:00 PM**, OSJ music director Mark Bani will present an organ recital at the First Presbyterian Church of Olney, 5435 N. 3rd St. (at Tabor Road) in Olney. The program will include music by Bach, Franck, and Vierne, as well as congregational hymns. Admission is free. All are cordially invited!

Welcome, Jesuit Alums!

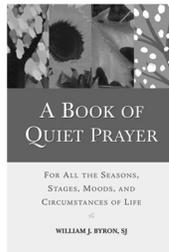
Old St. Joseph's welcomes all alums of Jesuit schools to **6:30 PM Mass on Sunday, October-21**. Come join other Jesuit educated grads for worship and fellowship at a light reception afterwards.

New Mass Setting

Beginning this weekend, **October 6-7**, we will begin incorporating a new Mass setting into our liturgies. Gradually, over the coming months, we will include music from *Mass for A Servant Church*, by Michel Guimont, so that by Christmas we will sing the entire Mass for our liturgies.

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.

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!

Save the Date for Advent by Candlelight!



Women Faith and Fellowship invites all women in the parish to join 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.

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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