

Old St. Joseph's Church

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November 25, 2018 | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

We Worship in Song

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, which marks the end of one liturgical year and prepares us for the start of the new Church year. As the First Sunday of Advent draws nigh, I shall reflect in this essay upon our upcoming music for Advent and Christmas.

Next Sunday, Advent I, our musical offering will include a chorus from Handel's magnificent oratorio, *Messiah*. "And The Glory of The Lord"—the first chorus in *Messiah*—speaks of Isaiah's prophecy of salvation and God's salvific plan to redeem humankind through the Incarnation of His Son. Contrasting this contrapuntal gem, we shall hear an anthem composed by Paul Manz, "E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come." The text, taken from Revelation, speaks of no further need of lamp, nor light, nor sun, for Christ will be our all. Organ compositions will include Bach's poignantly moving setting of "Savior Of The Nations, Come" whose melody, set in coloratura style, evokes the longing of the soul in anticipation of Christ's coming. Max Reger's monumental *Fantasy on 'Wachet auf'* rounds out the selections with its delicate adagio and robust fugue which pushes polyphony to its limits!

Advent II will include two early music treasures, "This Is the Record Of John" by the Tudor period English composer Orlando Gibbons. This remarkable verse anthem is a moving, declamatory masterpiece depicting a passage from the Gospel of John where Jesus is asked if he is the Messiah. Contrasting the Gibbons work, we shall hear Palestrina's musically stirring setting of a Magnificat, set to the Latin text,

"Aspiciens a longe" ("I look from afar") from the Office of Readings for the Sundays of Advent. A lesser known composer of the Baroque period, Ludwig Krebs, will be included in the repertoire. His setting of the tune "Wachet auf" is a charming miniature with the chorale melody set in the bass voice played on the pedals of the organ with a florid accompaniment played on the manuals.



For the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, we shall enjoy more of Handel's *Messiah*, in the chorus "And He Shall Purify The Sons Of Levi." The urgency of this text, taken from the book of Malachi, speaks of God's refining the worship of His people to something worth accepting. Our other choral offering, utilizing the text of the Introit appointed for this Third Sunday of Advent, shall include Henry Purcell's celebrated setting of "Rejoice in The Lord Always." Like Gibbons' "Record of John", this, too, is a verse anthem set in contrasting sections between soloists and chorus. The text admonishes us to rejoice, for the Lord is at hand! Organ works by baroque composer Dietrich Buxtehude will include

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This Week at Old St. Joseph's

Date		Mass Intention and Presider	Calendar Events	
Mon	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>		
26		Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ	6:30 PM	PREP
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Sean Barrett (D)</i>	12 Noon	Faith, Food, and Friends (Barbelin)
27		Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ	7:00PM	YAC Spirituality Night at Solidarity on Tap (off site, Field House)
Wed	12:05 PM	<i>Edward & Mary Britt Families (D)</i>	7:00 PM	Advent by Candlelight (Barbelin)
28		Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ		
Thurs	12:05 PM	<i>John Corcoran (D)</i>	12 Noon	Faith, Food, and Friends (Barbelin)
29		Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ	7:00 PM	Schola Cantorum Rehearsal
Fri	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	12:30 PM	Litany of the Sacred Heart
30		Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ		
Sat	12:05 PM	<i>William R. Regli (D)</i>	12 Noon	Faith, Food, and Friends (Barbelin)
1		Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ	12:05 PM	Anointing of the Sick
	5:30 PM	Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ		
Sun	7:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ		<i>Second Collection for Retired Religious</i>
2	9:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Frederico SJ	9:30 AM	Children's Liturgy of the Word (Barbelin)
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ		
	6:30 PM	Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ	5:30 PM	Loyola Choir Rehearsal (Church)
			5:30 PM	YAC Pre-Mass Reflection (Greaton)
			7:30 PM	Cookout Dinner

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, 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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his setting of the tune "Savior Of The Nations, Come", and his jubilant Fugue in C Major. For the Third and Fourth Sundays of Advent, the Loyola Choir will sing a beautiful setting of "My Soul in Stillness Waits"—a text that evokes the yearning of the soul that characterizes the Advent season.

Our Service of Lessons and Carols, presented by the Schola Cantorum on Advent III, December 16 at 3:00 PM, will include a wealth of treasures, both choral and organ, from early music, including Praetorius' beloved setting of "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming" and Bach's setting of "In Dulci Jubilo" to contemporary works by British composers John Rutter and David Willcocks. Lesser known works shall also be presented, including Peter Nardone's setting of "The Lord At First Did Adam Make", and an arrangement of "Once In Royal David's City" by Yours Truly.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent also promises a wealth of elegance and beauty, including organ music of Pachelbel and Marcello and choral works by the French composer Joseph Bonnet in his setting of the "Ave Maria", as well as a seldom heard Renaissance motet by Spanish composer Francisco Guerrero, his stirring setting of "Rorate Caeli", taken from the text for the Introit for Advent IV. Guerrero weaves a

delicate tapestry of rare ethereal beauty in this contrapuntal masterwork.

On Christmas Eve the Schola Cantorum and I will present festival prelude music at 8:40 PM. Choral compositions will comprise English works by John Goss and David Willcocks. Organ compositions will include works by the early French Classical composer Louis Claude Daquin, and American organist and composer Keith Chapman. Music during the 9:00 PM Choral Mass will include "For Unto Us" from *Messiah*, and "A Spotless Rose" by Herbert Howells.

Although the Schola Cantorum will take a brief recess after Christmas, they will resume their music for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, presenting music by Guerrero and Holst. Organ music will include Jean Langlais' *La Nativité*, and Buxtehude's chorale prelude on "How Brightly Shines The Morning Star."

In all of our music, it is my hope that your hearts be strengthened and your spirits affirmed as we prepare to celebrate the Lord's coming this Christmastide. May He speak to our hearts as we worship Him in song!

—Mark Bani
Music Director

Cover photo of the interior of the Church of Saint Cecelia, in Trastevere, Rome. She is the patron saint of musicians.

Advent Events

On **Tuesday, December 11 at 7:30 PM**, there will be an **Advent Reconciliation Service** in the Church. All are welcome!

On **Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 PM** there will be a **Service of Lessons and Carols** in the Church. Scripture, choral music, organ works and congregational singing will be followed by a reception in Barbelin Hall. Free will offerings will be gladly accepted.

Announcements

Second Collection, December 1-2

Begun in 1988, the Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding to US religious communities for planning and providing direct care and assistance to their retired members. Collection boxes will be in the rear of the church and, as always, you may contribute through your online giving. Thank you!

Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, & Ushers

The ministry schedule for **December 1-January 31** has been posted online; please make sure to check your assignments in advance. New volunteers are always welcome! Sign up online through the Ministry Scheduling Program at www.oldstjoseph.org. Thank you!

Solidarity on Tap

All are invited to the Fall 2018 Solidarity on Tap on **Tuesday November 27, 7:00-9:00 PM** at the Field House (1150 Filbert St., in the old Reading Terminal). Solidarity on Tap is an interfaith, intergenerational gathering for socializing and social justice for all those (over 21, please!) connected to the Jesuits and sharing the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola. At **7:30 PM**, Michael Gomez PhD, principal of Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School, will speak on "A Man for Others: Rebel with a Gospel Cause." See you (former Jesuit Volunteers, Jesuit school alumni, Jesuit parish members, etc.) there!

And on that night, **Tuesday, November 27, 7:00-9:00 PM**, the **Young Adult Community Spirituality Night** will move from Barbelin Hall to Field House to join **Solidarity on Tap** along with other Jesuit-affiliated groups and organizations. See you there!

Advent by Candlelight on November 28!

OSJ's 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, 7:00-8:30 PM**.

Rev. Julia Sheetz Willard 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". The evening's prayer and candle lighting will be followed by dessert, coffee and tea. For more information and to RSVP (the evening is free), contact Women, Faith and Fellowship at wff@oldstjoseph.org.

Cookout Dinner December 2

The next parish cookout dinner, hosted by the Young Adult Community, will be next **Sunday, December 2 at 7:30 PM**. All are welcome to share good food and great company!

Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas

The OSJ Ignatian Spirituality Committee invites all parishioners to set aside a few minutes a day during these beautiful seasons to pray at home with **Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas**. This year's book of reflections, based on the daily Scripture readings, is written by Sr. Genevieve Glen OSB. Subtitled "Waiting in Joyful Hope," each entry includes suggestions for applying the passages to your own life. Books will be distributed after all Masses on **November 24-25 and December 1-2**.

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Advent Giving Tree

Old St. Joseph's Advent Giving Tree will return on the first weekend of Advent, **December 1-2**. Take one of its ornament-tags and follow the directions on it to provide a holiday gift to a neighbor in need. (Gifts must be returned to the foot of the tree by December 16). This year, the Advent Giving Tree will benefit two local organizations, the Gesu School's pre-K to grade 2 classes and recently immigrated families welcomed by the Aquinas Center.

Gesu School is an independent Catholic Jesuit preK-grade 8 school in North Philadelphia. It serves 450 students living in six surrounding zip codes, including the three poorest zip codes in the city. One in five Gesu families lives below the federal poverty line, and one in three earns less than \$30,000 a year. Gesu School's mission is inspired by the Jesuit and Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) traditions of social justice, faith, hope, and love, to strive without selective admissions to provide a quality innovative education to help children in its neighborhood to break the cycle of poverty and violence. This year, Gesu School celebrates 25 years as an independent Catholic School. Learn more at gesuschool.org.

The Aquinas Center in south Philadelphia provides a welcoming space for mutual support and fostering shared understanding across boundaries of class, race, ethnicity, language, and geographic distance. Programs animated by its core values of hospitality, solidarity, responsiveness, and transformation include community organizing, English classes, immigration legal services, and a Green and Growing Summer Camp. Learn more at aquinascenterphilly.org.

Archdiocesan Reparations Fund

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has announced the establishment of an Independent Claims and Reparation Program to pay survivors of sexual abuse by Catholic officials amounts deemed appropriate by individual claims administrators. This program is in addition to the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection. It is also intended to be of particular benefit to victims who are time barred from seeking relief through the courts.

The fund was designed in consultation with the director of Pennsylvania's Office of Victims Services and will have an independent oversight committee headed by former US Senator George Mitchell. Mr. Kenneth Feinberg and Ms. Camille Biros will administer all aspects of the fund.

Additional information is available at archphila.org.

News from Faith, Food and Friends

As the weather turns colder, Faith, Food & Friends has begun a collaboration with the Bethesda Project to assist homeless guests in finding emergency shelter and working towards affordable stable housing. A representative from the Bethesda Project visits FF&F on Saturdays to meet individually with guests who seek assistance with shelter and housing. The Bethesda Project takes a 'housing first' approach that minimizes barriers to accessing shelter. The project then provides a 'continuum of care,' creating individualized care plans with each guest in order to support them in achieving their goals. Not far from Old St. Joseph's, Old First Reformed Church at Race and Fourth Streets works with the Bethesda Project to provide seasonal shelter. For more information, visit bethesdaproject.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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