

Old St. Joseph's Church

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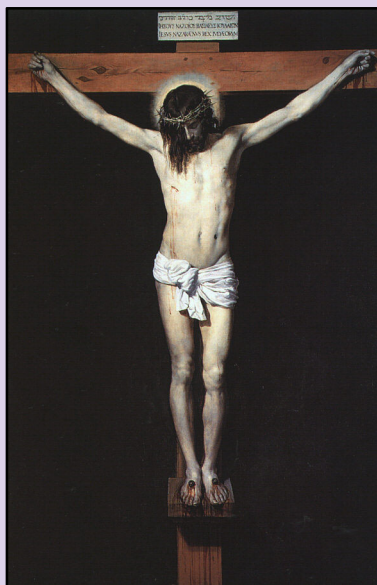
Vespers

On Sunday, March 31 (Lent IV, Laetare Sunday) at 4:00 PM the Schola Cantorum will lead us in the singing of Vespers (Evening Prayer.) I hope you will join us for what promises to be a profoundly beautiful liturgy.

To more fully understand the liturgy of Vespers, it is helpful to see it in the context of the entire Liturgy of the Hours also known as the Divine Office, the daily series of services, fixed daily hours of prayer of the Western Christian Rites.

By the time of Saint Benedict of Nursia, the monastic Liturgy of the Hours was composed of seven daytime hours and one at night. Of these eight hours, Prime and Compline may be the latest to appear. The eight hours are known by the following names: Matins (during the night, at around 2:00 A.M.) also called Vigil; Lauds or Dawn Prayer (at dawn, about 5:00 A.M.); Prime or Early Morning Prayer (First Hour at around 6:00 A.M.); Terce or Mid-Morning Prayer (Third Hour at around 9:00 A.M.); Sext or Midday Prayer (Sixth Hour at around 12:00 Noon); None or Mid-Afternoon Prayer (Ninth Hour at around 3:00 P.M.); Vespers or Evening Prayer ("at the lighting of the lamps", around 6:00 P.M.); Compline or Night Prayer (before retiring.)

The format for Vespers is as follows: the opening versicle; a hymn; two psalms with corresponding antiphons, or parts of psalms with a scriptural canticle taken from the New Testament with its



corresponding antiphon; a short passage from scripture; a responsory, typically a verse of scripture, but sometimes liturgical poetry; a canticle taken from the Gospel of Luke, namely the Canticle of Mary (Magnificat) with its corresponding antiphon;

intercessions, composed by the Church; the Lord's Prayer; the concluding prayer; a blessing given by the priest or deacon leading Evening Prayer. With this outline in place, I would like to offer commentary on the music that the Schola Cantorum and I will present for our upcoming Vespers.

For the prelude music I will present an organ chorale prelude by Johannes Brahms (1833-1897) based on the chorale melody, "O Traurigkeit, o Herzeleid." The German text of this chorale translates as: *O sorrow deep! Who would not weep with heartfelt pain and sighing! God the Father's only Son in the tomb is lying.* (author unknown) The composition consists of two movements: a chorale prelude with an accompaniment of flowing eighth notes in the left hand, delicately interwoven

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This Week at Old St. Joseph's

Date		Mass Intention and Presider	Calendar Events	
Mon	12:05 PM	<i>Isaiah James Henrich (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ	6:00 PM	PREP
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Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ	12 Noon	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin)
26			12 Noon	Al-Anon Meeting (Drexel)
			7:30 PM	Practicum for Eucharistic Ministers
Wed	12:05 PM	<i>Edward and Mary Britt Families (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ		
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Thurs	12:05 PM	<i>Geraldine Marren and Family</i> Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ	12 Noon	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin)
28			7:00 PM	Schola Cantorum rehearsal (Barbelin)
Fri	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ		
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Sat	12:05 PM	<i>Thomas Convery (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ	12 Noon	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin)
30		Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ		
	5:30 PM			
Sun	7:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ	9:30 AM	Children's Liturgy of the Word (Barbelin)
31	9:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ	10:30 AM	Coffee Hour (Barbelin)
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ	12:30 PM	Coffee Hour (Barbelin)
	6:30 PM	Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ	4:00 PM	Lenten Vespers (Church)
			5:30 PM	Loyola Choir rehearsal (Church)
			5:30 PM	YAC Pre-Mass Reflection (Greaton)

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

Debbie Brooks, Brenda Byrne, Tony Corvaia, Ann Crowther, Jane Crowther, Simeon Crowther, Toby Epstein,
Lenny Felixson, Susan Friend, Jillian Grayson, Fr. Mike Hricko SJ, Aaron Hull, Mary Jacobs, Edith Ruth Jett,
Catherine Keddie, Raymond LaPalme, Karen Lessing, Fr. Jerry McAndrews SJ, Marge Marziani, Allen May, D. Minter,
Frank Orloski, Bernie Paquette, Ursula Reed, Sara Smith, Arlene Tomlin, Thomas Turnbull, Patricia Yusko and
Mickey Zippo.

Bringing Communion to the Homebound

Those who are confined to home—even for a short time—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 offices at 215-923-1733 to arrange for a parish Eucharistic Minister to visit.

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between the choral melody in the right hand and a bass line played in the pedal. A fugue follows whose subject is derived from the second, third and fourth notes of the chorale melody. The use of chromaticism and appoggiatura creates a sobbing effect in the fugal writing which, after a blustery sequence of intense rhythmic and harmonic writing, comes to rest on a major chord. The chanting of the psalms will be sung to three of the eight psalm tones found in the Gregorian chant repertory. Because each psalm verse is divided into two halves, the psalm tones have a binary, or two-part form. The psalms appointed for the 4th Sunday of Lent are: Psalm 110, *The Lord's revelation to my Master: "Sit on my right..."*; Psalm 112, *Happy the man who fears the Lord, who takes delight in all His commands.*; The Cantic appointed is 1 Peter 2: 21b-24, *Christ suffered for you and left you an example to have you follow in His footsteps.* As the principal choral work, the Schola Cantorum will present the fugue and concluding chorale of a choral gem from the late Georgian period, *The Wilderness*, by Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876). Wesley was to become the most important English church composer between Purcell and Stanford. He held a variety of appointments as organist, including Exeter, Gloucester, Hereford and Winchester

cathedrals. As our Responsory we will sing, "Hear Us, Almighty Lord" (*Attende Domine*), a 10th century chant. The choir will sing a setting of the Magnificat by the British composer Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995). Sumsion's setting is a gently lilting, lyrical masterpiece, which contrasts moments of extreme tenderness and incessant joy. As postlude music I shall play a chorale prelude setting of "O Sacred Head Surrounded" by the German Baroque composer, Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707.) Buxtehude employs the use of coloratura in his treatment of this familiar chorale melody, ornamenting the tune with poignant gesture. He also makes use of the motet style—first quoting fragments of the tune in the accompanimental voices before their appearances in the melody.

A variety of musical styles, ranging from our great Catholic heritage of Gregorian chant, through the Baroque and Romantic periods, as well as a 20th-century composition will comprise our offerings for Vespers. We hope you will join us on Sunday, March 31 at 4:00 PM for our Vespers Liturgy.

—Mark Bani
Music Director

Front page: Diego Velázquez, Christ Crucified, c.1632, Museo del Prado.

Lenten Choral Vespers Service

We invite you to our Lenten Choral Vespers Service **next Sunday, March 31 at 4:00 PM.** In addition to chanting the antiphons and psalms appointed for the day, the Schola Cantorum will sing a choral gem from the late Georgian period, *The Wilderness*, by Samuel Sebastian Wesley, and Herbert Sumsion's lyrical setting of the *Magnificat in G Major*. Organ music will include Brahms' poignantly moving setting of *O Sadness, O Heart Sorrow*, and Buxtehude's setting of *O Sacred Head Surrounded*. A free will offering will be gratefully accepted. We hope you will join us for this ancient prayer of the church and an opportunity for Lenten reflection and prayer.

Announcements

Pilgrimage to Spain

Friends of St. Joseph's Prep are invited to take part in an extraordinary pilgrimage through Spain from **June 23–30**. Led by the Prep's Fr. John Swope SJ and Fr. Chuck Frederico SJ, the pilgrimage will visit sites where Ignatius developed his *Spiritual Exercises* as well as important places in the early life of the Society of Jesus. For more information, contact Tara McFadden at tmcfadden@sjprep.org or 215-978-1963, or visit travelillumine.com and enter program number 19.10496.

Invitations from the National Shrine Of St. Rita of Cascia

This year at the National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia, the Lenten Stations of the Cross will be prayed in solidarity with and support of victims of sexual abuse and their families. Join us **every Friday evening at 7:00 PM during Lent** as we walk the way of the cross together, praying for those, inside and outside our faith family, who have been hurt. The Shrine is located at 1166 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146. For more information, please call 215-546-8333 x.10 or email office@saintritashrine.org.

Forgiveness is an easy thing to say, but not an easy thing to mean. Augustinian Fr. James D. Paradis will discuss *Why We Don't Forgive* at the National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia in the Lower Shrine Chapel on **Thursday, April 4 at 7:00 PM**. For more information, please email office@saintritashrine.org or call 215-546-8333 x.10.

Visionary Women

On **Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00 PM**, St. Joseph's University will celebrate Women's History Month with a talk by Sr. Mary Scullion RSM on the historical contributions of women in the Catholic Church as champions of peace and social justice. Sr. Mary will also talk about her lifelong journey as an advocate for homeless people. This event is sponsored by the Faith-Justice Institute's Joseph William and Madeline Eberle Klein Fund. It will be held at SJU's Foley Center and is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Annie Bole at 610-660-1132 or abole@sju.edu.

Catholic History Lecture

On **Tuesday, April 9**, Dr. Mary Ellen O'Donnell will speak on her book, *Ingrained Habits: Growing Up Catholic in Mid-20th Century America*, at the American Catholic Historical Society at 263 South 4th Street. Please RSVP to indo@amchs.org for the 6:00 PM dinner and 7:00 PM lecture. For more information, visit www.amchs.org.

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Save the Date!

Save **Saturday April 6, 3:30–5:15 PM** for a family activity afternoon in Barbelin Hall. Parishioners young and old can share in Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl reflection and action. Watch the bulletin for details.

April Pre-Baptism Class

The April Pre-Baptism Class will be held on **Thursday, April 11 at 7:00 PM** in the Drexel Parlor. For additional information, contact Fr. Dougherty at 215-923-1733.

Book Group

The Old Saint Joseph's Book Reading Group will meet on **Tuesday, April 2 at 7:30 PM**, in the Loyola Room of the parish offices. Elaine Pagels's *The Gnostic Gospels* will be discussed. Based on the 1945 discovery of Gnostic texts at Nag Hammadi in Egypt, Pagels explains the texts and speculates that Christianity might have become something quite different had these texts become part of the canon. For more information, contact Carol Shloss at shlosscarol@gmail.com.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a special way of coming together to turn away from the sins in our lives and to turn back into God's loving arms. We will celebrate this beautiful sacrament together before Holy Week on **Tuesday, April 9 at 7:30 PM**. We will pray together. We will hear the Word of God proclaimed. We will look at our sins and open our hearts to God's mercy. Those who wish to receive sacramental absolution may approach one of the priests available for individual confession.

Schedule for Holy Week

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30 PM
Compline, 10:00 PM

Good Friday

Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3:00 PM

Easter Vigil

Mass at 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday

Mass at 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM
There is no 6:30 PM Mass on Easter Sunday.

Your Voices Needed Today!

In its 2020 budget request, the current administration proposed cutting foreign aid by 24%. Please urge your members of Congress to protect foreign aid from these cuts by sending a letter or an email during coffee hour **after 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Mass today**. Your advocacy can help millions of people who are hungry and malnourished worldwide by supporting funding for Catholic Relief Services programs. Letter-writing materials, addresses and moral support are all available; please join us in Barbelin Hall! Robust funding of US foreign aid that funds food security initiatives is CRS' current legislative priority.

Can't be there? Visit the CRS and US Catholic Conference of Bishops sponsored website, catholicsconfrontglobalpoverty.org. Click on Take Action in the Eliminate Hunger Box and you'll find an email template to contact your members of Congress. You can also text NOURISH CHANGE at 306-44. You will receive a text back from CRS with a link enabling you to email your members of Congress.

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 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 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.

Mass of Christian Burial

The funeral director should call the parish office.

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