

Old St. Joseph's Church

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of the Passion of the Lord

Come with me

I have been thinking about how I would invite someone to be part of Holy Week services for the first time.

You could describe Holy Week as the one-week immersion in the university of faith. We will hear all the pivotal stories in salvation history. We'll read of Jesus' passion and death on Palm Sunday and again on Good Friday. At the Easter vigil, we will recall from creation right up through resurrection. But the stories alone are not the whole reason to be there for these three holy days.

Nor are the rituals of footwashing, or venerating the cross, or of lighting the Easter fire, as potent as all these are, alone reasons to be there. I might even go so far as to say it's not just because of the sacraments: the baptism recalled, the Eucharist given. It's what happens when the stories and rituals and sacraments come together, shifting time, creating a sacred space between worlds.

The earliest, deepest memory I have of Holy Week has nothing to do with church. As a fourth grader playing in a park early one spring Friday afternoon, I remember realizing that on Fridays I was supposed to be in school. I remember feeling that somehow time itself had changed.

Many years later, the feeling returned. I was sitting in a rocking chair on a Sunday afternoon, in the last days of my first pregnancy, waiting for labor



to begin. The feeling has also returned, sharpened, in that time between when someone you love dies and their funeral. Grieving a death and waiting for a birth are both times of being unsettled, unmoored, of moving between worlds.

Now, much the same feeling echoes for me in the days leading up to Easter.

The reason to come to church during Holy Week is because you have been *there*. You have been in that time and place where one world ends and another begins. And in our lives, you and I will go there, again and again.

It was many years after that fourth grade Good Friday in the park that I finally took the crash course in my faith. Being at the Holy Week liturgies,

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This Week at Old St. Joseph's

Date		Mass Intention and Presider	Calendar Events	
Mon 15	12:05 PM	<i>T.V. Whitfield (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ	6:00 PM	No PREP
Tues 16	12:05 PM	<i>Edward and Mary Britt Families (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ	12 Noon	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin)
Wed 17	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ	12 Noon	Al-Anon Meeting (Drexel)
Thurs 18	12:05 PM	Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ	11:30 AM	Confessions (Church)
			12 Noon	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin)
			7:30 PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper
			10:00 PM	Compline (Church)
Fri 19	12:05 PM	Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ	12:05 PM	Stations of the Cross (Church)
			3:00 PM	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Sat 20	8:00 PM	Easter Vigil Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ		
Sun 21	7:30 AM	Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ		
	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)
		<i>There is no 6:30 PM Mass on Easter.</i>		

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

Fran Banchi, Ann Crowther, Jane Crowther, Simeon Crowther,
Susan Friend, Edith Ruth Jett, Donovan Schmidt 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.

Old St. Joseph's Prayer List

The bulletin's prayer list was updated this week. As always, you may add names to the list by emailing office@oldstjoseph.org, by calling 215-923-1733 or by leaving a message in the parish offices. Thank you!

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I experienced the movement from Jesus' triumphal arrival in Jerusalem, through the poignancy of the Last Supper onto the confusion and desolation of his torture and death to the glorious celebration of his resurrection. And it took a fair amount of repetition to understand and accept that this cycle of life and death and hope of resurrection is also the pattern of my life, indeed, of the life of the universe.

During the liturgies of Holy Week, we hear most clearly the promise that as we move through beginnings and endings, life and death, we are not going anywhere that God has not already gone before us. Nor we will not go anywhere that God does not go with us. That is the pledge and hope of Easter. That is what draws me back to Triduum, the three holy days, again and again.

Come with me, please?

*—BJ Brown
Pastoral Associate*

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Announcements

Altars of Repose Walking Pilgrimage

All are welcome to join in an Altars of Repose Walking Pilgrimage on **Thursday, April 18**. After the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the altar will be stripped and the Most Blessed Sacrament will be moved to a side altar, the Altar of Repose. Pilgrims will then leave OSJ and visit a total of seven Altars of Repose to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. The tradition recalls the disciples keeping Jesus company in the Garden on his last night. Please wear walking shoes and expect to cover 2.75 miles in approximately 2 hours, including stops to pray. Anyone interested can meet in the courtyard after Holy Thursday Mass. Have questions? Reach out to Megan at mprilutski@gmail.com.

Good Friday Collection

On Good Friday, the collection is a special one, the Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land. Taken up in parishes around the world, this collection supports parishes, formation and education, and social outreach in the Holy Land. The Holy Thursday collection is a regular parish collection. Envelopes and online contributions are available.

Seasonal Online Giving

The following collections are now on the online giving website and will remain active through May 10:

- *Operation Rice Bowl*
- *Easter Flowers*
- *Easter Music*
- *Holy Thursday Collection*
- *Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land*
- *Easter Collection*

If you use envelopes, you received designated envelopes in your last mailing. Thank you, as always, for your generosity!

Schedule for Holy Week

Holy Thursday

Reconciliation, 11:30 AM–12:30 PM

No 12:05 PM Mass

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

Compline, 10:00 PM

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross, 12:05 PM

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

Easter Vigil

Liturgy begins at 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday

Mass at 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

There is no Children's Liturgy of the Word on Easter Sunday.

There is no 6:30 PM Mass on Easter Sunday.

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Easter Vigil Hospitality

Volunteers are needed to help serve refreshments after the Easter Vigil on **Saturday, April 20**. Please contact Joe Casey at parishlife@oldstjoseph.org or 215-843-3573 to volunteer.

Easter Eggs

The annual OSJ Easter Egg Hunt will take place on **Sunday, April 21 after the 9:30 AM Mass** (bring a basket!) in the North Park adjacent to the Church. Donations of plastic eggs filled with treats can be dropped off at the parish offices until **Saturday, April 20**, and volunteers are needed to set out the eggs. Please contact Joe Casey at parishlife@oldstjoseph.org or 215-843-3573 to help out.

YAC Semi-Annual Planning Meeting

The OSJ Young Adult Community (YAC) will meet on **Saturday, April 27 from 10:00 AM–4:00 PM** for its Semi-Annual Planning meeting. In the months ahead YAC is anticipating significant changes and will be actively seeking new individuals to help coordinate, lead and grow the community. YAC thrives on participation from members of the community, both as leaders and participants, to support its fundamental sense of community as well as its future goals. All members and ideas are welcome, and your participation is appreciated. Please join us for as much of the day as your schedule permits, in the Loyola Room of the parish offices. Questions? Email Megan at mprilutski@gmail.com.

2019 Pacem in Terris Lecture

James Martin SJ will give LaSalle University's 2019 Pacem in Terris lecture entitled *Building a Bridge: Showing Respect and Welcome to LGBT People in the Catholic Church*. Fr. Martin will speak on **April 16, 7:00–8:00 PM** in LaSalle's Founder's Hall. Register **online** at lasalle.edu/johnxxiii.

Centering Prayer

The centering prayer group will meet on Wednesday, April 24 (the fourth Wednesday this month) from 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 us. For further information, contact Christine Szczepanowski at 267-250-3049 or christinesz52@gmail.com.

Rice Bowl Collection

Old St. Joseph's will collect Rice Bowl on the weekend of **April 27-28**. If you have been setting aside cash, you can convert it to a check or online contribution so that it is recorded with your annual giving for tax purposes. Also, it's not too late to download the CRS app; remember to designate OSJ as your parish so that the local share of the collection goes to the archdiocesan Nutritional Development Services!

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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