



Eldership Community Newsletter

The *Eldership Community Newsletter*, which is published on the first Wednesday of each month, is dedicated to featuring the latest information on special events and recurring activities and other important notices that are deemed to be of special interest to Old St. Joseph's older members.



Lend a Hand! Volunteer with OSJ Elders At MANNA on 5/8

MANNA, the non-profit organization that cooks and delivers nutritious, medically appropriate meals for citizens who are battling life threatening illnesses and are unable to cook for themselves, can use your help. Lend a hand on Wednesday **May 8** (1 PM – 4 PM) with other OSJ elders at MANNA headquarters located at 420 North 20th Street in Philadelphia. Likely the group will work together on “the line” portioning and packaging meals that later will be delivered to those in need. Contact patricia.nelson103@gmail.com by **Monday May 6** if you plan to be there on May 8. Should that not be convenient, save Thursday **June 6** (1 PM – 4 PM) on your calendar for the next OSJ elder volunteer day.

All Who Enjoy Reading Are Invited to 5/7 Group Discussion

The next meeting of the OSJ reading group is Tuesday **May 7** (7:30 PM – 9 PM) in the Loyola Room of the parish offices. The group will discuss *Why Religion? A Personal Story* by Elaine Pagels. All who enjoy reading are invited. For more information, contact Carol Shloss at shlosscarol@gmail.com.



Take in Wonderful Concerts at Old St. Joseph's This Spring

Organized by OSJ's director of music ministries **Mark Bani**, two wonderful concerts are planned for the coming weeks at Old St. Joseph's Church. The first, a concert of music for the organ and the flugelhorn, will be presented by **Peter Conte**, who presides over the Grand Court Wanamaker Organ, and **Andrew Enniss** on Sunday **May 12** at 3 PM. The second program will be held on Sunday **June 2** at 3 PM and feature the **Chestnut Street Singers**, one of the finest chamber choirs in America. Mark your calendar now for both dates! A free will offering will be gratefully accepted at each concert.

All Welcome at 5/15 Centering Prayer Gathering

Old St. Joseph's Centering Prayer group next will meet on Wednesday **May 15** from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM in the OSJ rectory's Drexel Parlor. Anyone interested in contemplative prayer is welcome. For information, contact Christine Szczepanowski at christinesz52@gmail.com or 267.250.3049.



RSVP Now to Attend OSJ Eldership's Next Happy Hour!

Come to the OSJ Eldership Community's next happy hour which will be held on Tuesday **May 21** from 5 PM to 7 PM at Creperie Beau Monde, 624 South Sixth Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147. Happy hour drinks and food, which are to be self-paid, are priced at \$4-\$6. RSVP by **May 15** to patricia.nelson103@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

OSJ Knitting Group's Projects Benefit Aquinas Center and Visitation Homes



The Old St. Joseph's Eldership Community Knitting Circle next will meet at 2 PM on Tuesday **May 28** at the Hopkinson House, 604 South Washington Square, Philadelphia. Any knitters interested in joining the group should email marienowak51@gmail.com. The group's projects are created to be donations to those in need of warm and comforting covering and/or apparel. The group now is donating their handmade baby blankets (see photo) to The Aquinas Center, which offers support services to a range of constituents including recently arrived immigrants and refugees, and Visitation Homes, which offers subsidized apartments to homeless women with children assisting their transition to independent living and self-sufficiency.



Penn's Village Introduces New Logo and Slogan

Penn's Village has just introduced a new logo (shown here) and slogan to symbolize who they are, what they do and how they do it. Each Penn's Village member – villager (deep navy), neighbor (bright blue) and volunteer (energetic green) – is represented in one of the logo's three inter-connected circles representing the organization's continuous movement and interdependence between all its parts. The new slogan "neighbors together – connecting, engaging, thriving" is intended to describe the tangible neighborhood connection and support that are provided by Penn's Village to so many residents in central Philadelphia.

In-Home Support Program Launched

Catholic Housing and Community Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, in partnership with the Philadelphia Corporation for Aging, has announced a new program offering in-home support to people who are homebound. The program will help people 60 years and older who might benefit from ongoing services, such as meals, transportation or a senior companion, or short-term services, such as housekeeping and personal care assistance. For more information, call the In-Home Support Program at 215.732.1142.

Eucharistic Home Visit Ministry Available for OSJ Parishioners

Those who are confined to home – even for a short time – can remain connected to OSJ's 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.

OSJ Eldership Newsletter Now Posted on OldStJoseph.org

Beginning with this issue, the *Eldership Community Newsletter* will be posted on OldStJoseph.org for parishioners' convenient reference. Click the "Get Involved" tab near the top of the website's home page and then choose "Eldership Community" to access the current newsletter.

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