

## **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.

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### **9:30 AM Sunday Mass Live Streamed and Recorded at [OldStJoseph.org](http://OldStJoseph.org)**

Sunday Mass now is being live-streamed at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings. Access is available at [OldStJoseph.org](http://OldStJoseph.org) and [vimeo.com/osjphl](https://vimeo.com/osjphl). This Mass is closed to the public so that music and a homily can be part of the liturgy. After the live-stream, a recording of the Mass is available for the following week at [vimeo.com/channels/osjsundaymass](https://vimeo.com/channels/osjsundaymass).

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### **With Guidelines for Attendance, Mass Also Celebrated at 11:30 AM on Sundays**

Mass also is being celebrated at Old St. Joseph's Church on Sundays at 11:30 AM. **Guidelines** for attendance must be followed. In keeping with the guidelines, people who should not attend Mass are those who are 65 years of age or older, are unwell, have any underlying health condition that increases their risk from COVID-19, are responsible for the care of anyone at increased risk from COVID-19 and/or work in a profession (such as health care) that makes it necessary to minimize their risk of exposure to COVID-19. It should be noted that Philadelphia Archbishop Nelson Pérez has dispensed all faithful from the obligation to attend Mass during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**Resource for  
Daily Prayer and Reflection  
Also Offered on Parish**

## Website

The home page of [OldStJoseph.org](http://OldStJoseph.org) offers a resource for daily prayer. The page features "Today's Reflection" which, in addition to calling attention to the day's scripture readings, also provides thought-provoking commentary inspired by the readings. As well, the weekly parish bulletin and the weekly announcements can be accessed from the site's home page.

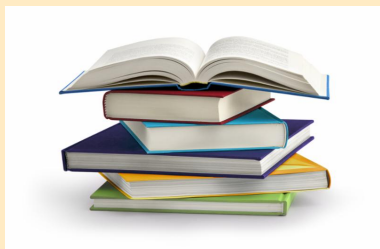


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## **U.S. Conference of Bishops Publishes *Practical Steps for Eradicating Racism***

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has published ***Practical Steps for Eradicating Racism*** to "assist Catholics and people of good will in reflecting on the evil and harm of racism. While this is not a comprehensive list, it provides actionable steps that may assist Catholics to reflect and respond in faith. With the aid of Holy Scripture, Catholic social teaching, and sacred tradition, this is an open invitation to journey toward reconciliation."

The U.S. Conference of Bishops' recommendations are based on, and begin with re-reading, their 2018 pastoral letter ***Open Wide Our Hearts***. Invaluable resources for self-study also can be found at [#BlackCatholicsSyllabus](https://www.blackcatholicsyllabus.com) curated by Dr. Tia Noelle Pratt for a wide-range of readers.



## **Take a Look at This! Penn's Village Reads**

At this time of COVID-19, Penn's Village offers a variety of programs via Zoom free-of-charge to members and non-members alike.

Included is the series **Penn's Village Reads**, a frequent presentation of fiction and non-fiction readings by Penn's Village volunteers.

July 2020 readings announced to date are:

***Notes of a Native Son*** by James Baldwin  
TODAY Wednesday July 1, 3:30 PM

***Good Country People*** by Flannery O'Connor  
Friday July 3, 3:30 PM

***Kitchen Table Wisdom*** by Rachel Naomi Remen  
Wednesday July 8, 3:30 PM

***Roman Fever*** by Edith Wharton  
Friday July 10, 3:30 PM

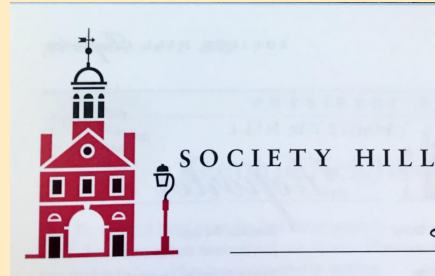
***Nearing Ninety*** by Judith Viorst  
Friday July 24, 3:30 PM

See the complete calendar of Penn's Village Zoom events, register for those of interest and learn how to utilize Zoom at [PennsVillage.org](https://PennsVillage.org).

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## Have a Beautiful Day In the Neighborhood!

The Society Hill Civic Association recently published **A Walking Tour of Historic Society Hill**, a self-guided outdoor walking excursion of twelve interesting sites near Old St. Joseph's



Church that boasts one of the largest inventories of 18th and 19th century buildings in the U.S. Download the tour [here](#) for a map as well as color photos and descriptions that will provide enlightenment about building facades you likely have seen but may not know well. Take the tour and have a beautiful day in the neighborhood!

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## Coming Soon...

Be sure to watch the weekly parish bulletin for details about a parish Zoom discussion of the late Bishop George Murray S.J.'s talk on **Racism in the Catholic Church**. The discussion will be held on **Monday July 13** at 7:30 PM.

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## Cancellation Until Further Notice

The monthly gatherings for OSJ's Centering Prayer Group, Knitting Circle and MANNA volunteerism, regularly calendared here, are cancelled until further notice, as are OSJ's Eucharistic Ministers' home visits.

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