

Old St. Joseph's Church

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January 1, 2023 | Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



Testimonials: OSJ Ministries (Part Three - Final)

Usher Ministry: Joseph Ferrara

Most days when each of us gets up to go to work, school, or another daily event, we struggle out of bed and take one of two paths: attempting to blend into the background and go unseen or trying to stand out, gain an advantage, or simply be a valuable member of a team worthy of notice. Sunday mornings are different.

As ushers at Old St. Joe's, we take neither path. As an usher, you neither blend into the background nor stand out as the star event. Rather you don the face of a loving God. Like St. Joseph, you patiently welcome and guide God's beloved children deeper into union with Him. Smile, you are most welcome. God is here and He loves you dearly.

St. Joseph,
Mirror of patience,
Diligent protector of Christ,
Lover of poverty,
Solace of the wretched,
Protector of the Holy Church,
Pray for us.
Amen

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Adult Ed Committee: Helen Grady

My husband and I became parishioners at Old St. Joseph's while we were living in East Oak Lane and both teaching full-time. We ordinarily attended Saturday evening mass and had limited awareness of the many opportunities offered. We did always plan to retire to center city and to be more active at OSJ. When Jack died in 2008, and I had just retired, I put that plan into action in 2009.

I fully embraced the wonderful opportunities to volunteer that OSJ provided. Among them, the Adult Ed Committee became significant by offering affirmation of my priorities as well as providing challenging new ideas to explore within a community that enjoys exploring as much as I do.

This is a wonderful ministry to deepen one's faith and to connect more deeply within the OSJ community. Just a few examples of the reading and discussions that served to both deepen and enrich my faith include the exploration of Telihard de Chardin's *The Divine Milieu*, Elizabeth Johnson's *She Who Is*, and Father Bryan Massingale's *Racial Justice and the Catholic Church*. Each of these proved excellent resources to explore the larger idea of the Church's teaching on Social Justice.

Contact information to learn more or to get involved: Adulted@oldstjoseph.org



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THANK YOU

We offer our warmest thanks to all who helped to make the season bright here at OSJ! Thanks to Mark Bani, the Schola Cantorum, our cantors, and the children who sang so beautifully at our Masses. To all our liturgical ministers – thank you! Thanks to Joe Casey and his crew for the beautiful decorations inside and out and for the after-Mass courtyard socials. Thanks to Ron Rex Piselli for the loan of his antique Florentine statue of the infant Christ. Finally, warm thanks to all of you for your generosity in the Advent and Christmas collections and for your many kindnesses to the parish. You are a great blessing and Christmas gift. We wish you all a very blessed New Year!

* SAVE THE DATE *

Combined Masses:

Sunday, January 22, at 10:30 AM!

How do we as a parish live the call to social justice?

Join your fellow parishioners on January 22, 2023, for a morning of prayer and Ignatian discernment about our mission for social justice at Old Saint Joseph's Parish. More details will follow, but here is what you should know now:

- Mass at 10:30am (We are combining the 9:30 and 11:30 liturgies.)
- Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held downstairs during Mass.
- Light lunch immediately after Mass in Barbelin Hall.
- After lunch, Fr. Paul Holland will facilitate a parish-wide session to discern OSJ's mission with respect to social justice.
(Note: We are aiming to wrap up by 1:00 pm)

OSJ PRAYER LIST

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

Susan Fisher, Donna Soultoukis, Marilyn Davies, Barbara Hebal, Joan & Pete Slavin, Marie Wojcik, Joanne Nicholson, Nik Sizgorich, Bill Wilson, John McManus, Tom Montgomery, Ursula Reed, Anthony Pelle, John McKeown Jr, George Bernato, Beckett Quinn, Susan Friend, Roberta Parker, Frances Banchi, Doug Raymond, Barbara Paul, Anna Krachman, Margaret Incerto, Maggie G., Sharon Winge, Stefania Crum, Eleanor Bravo, Allen May, Anthony Pelle Jr, Betty Farris Pfeiffer, Fr. Jerry McAndrews SJ.

Updating our Prayer List: Once a quarter, OSJ updates our parish prayer list. If you would like someone's name to remain on the prayer list, or to add a name, please call 215-923-1733.

This Week at Old St. Joseph's

| Date | | Mass Intention and Presider | Calendar Events | |
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| Mon 2 | 12:05 PM | <i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ | 7:30 PM | Adult Ed Comm Zoom Mtg |
| Tues 3 | 12:05 PM | <i>Nellie Brown (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ | 10:00 AM | FF&F Lunch (Barbelin) |
| Wed 4 | 12:05 PM | <i>Geraldine Marren & Family (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ | | |
| Thurs 5 | 12:05 PM | <i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ | 10:00 AM | FF&F Lunch (Barbelin) |
| Fri 6 | 12:05 PM | <i>Theresa Novelli (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ | 12:30 PM | Litany of the Sacred Heart |
| Sat 7 | 5:30 PM | Presider: TBA | 10:00 AM | FF&F Lunch (Barbelin) |
| Sun 8 | 7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM | Presider: TBA Presider: TBA Presider: TBA | 10:15 AM 1:30 PM 5:00 PM | RCIA (Drexel Parlor) Group Baptisms Vespers (Zoom) |

THIS WEEK IN JESUIT HISTORY: January 1-7

History: On January 1, 1590 Pope Gregory XIV confirmed that “the title of the Society of Jesus by which this praiseworthy Order has been designated from its birth by the Apostolic See, and has hitherto been distinguished, shall be retained by it in all future ages.” Gregory’s predecessor, Sixtus V, who previously had been favorable to the Jesuits, in 1589 had decided to alter the name of the Institute, and to introduce other significant changes, but his death alone had prevented him to carrying out his plan.

Saints: January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus: This is the titular feast of the Society of Jesus. Unlike Dominicans or Benedictines, Ignatius and his followers call themselves “companions of Jesus, because it is the very person of Jesus, his “communicated identity” that united them and inflamed their hearts. The early Jesuits often repeated that “this Name is more beautiful than dawn and light” and “we Jesuits must be ready to give out blood for this name.”

Do you speak Ignatian? Communal discernment is a process by which individuals attempt to articulate how the Holy Spirit is moving a group or community, to instill in its members greater awareness of the Lord’s desires for them, greater appreciation of the Lord’s vision for their future together, and greater freedom in responding generously to God’s desires and dreams.

OSJ parishioners are invited to participate in the first steps of such a process during the January 22 forum on our commitments to social justice. Over the coming weeks, this column will lay out the steps in the process, and then touch on some of the central “stances” individuals assume to prepare for their engagement in the process: individual prayer, personal conversion, reconciliation and trust building, attentive listening, transparency, gratitude, and confirmation.





INFORMATION

Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Friday: 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Mass Times

Monday through Friday: 12:05 PM

Saturday: 5:30 PM Vigil; Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 AM

Holy Days: 12:05 and 5:30 PM

Medical Emergency

In a medical emergency when the need for a priest is urgent, please call 267-438-7266

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 and online at www.oldstjoseph.org.

Hearing Enhancements

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday through Friday: Please approach the presiding priest directly after the 12:05 Mass to request reconciliation.

Sacrament of Baptism

Persons wanting to arrange a baptism should call Christine Szczepanowski at the parish office at least two months before the desired date to arrange catechesis and the baptism celebration.

Anointing of the Sick

The anointing of the sick takes place during the 5:30 pm Vigil Mass on the first Saturday of each month.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Persons wanting to be married in the parish should call the front 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 Christine Szczepanowski at the parish office.

Mass of Christian Burial

The funeral director should call the parish office.

OSJ STAFF and COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Care for Creation Committee

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Please join Fr. Frank Hannafey SJ, Fr. Paul Holland SJ and your Parish Pastoral Council on Sunday January 22 after the joint 10:30 AM Mass for a parish-wide prayer for discernment. The primary question for which we will seek guidance is: "How do we as a parish live the call to social justice?"

Immediately after Mass, we will gather in Barbelin Hall for refreshments, and then convene to pray together about the way forward in our social justice ministry. We expect to convene for about one hour.

The Society of Jesus has opted for a "universal apostolic preference" calling all Jesuits and all of their ministries to "walk with the poor, the outcasts of the world, those whose dignity has been violated, in a mission of reconciliation and justice". As a Jesuit parish, how are we called to respond to this invitation? Council now invites everyone in our community to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in finding our calling in this way of Christian discipleship.

Based upon the spirituality of St. Ignatius, the Jesuits utilize a process of "group discernment" that differs fundamentally from the usual business meeting. It is a form of group prayer, and it emphasizes careful listening to every participant. We pray that you will join us in deliberating together in this way, in the presence of the Holy Spirit!



Old Saint Joseph's Church invites parishioners to get more involved in our beautiful sacred liturgies as an Altar Server or Usher. You'll deepen your faith, expand your horizons, and meet new friends too! Sign-up at

<https://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/osj>

and a ministry leader will contact you to arrange training and formation. Make a New Year's resolution to serve your parish with your time and talent in 2023! +AMDG!



This year, the knit (and crochet) group donated 125 handmade items (scarves, hats and baby blankets) to Project Home and The Aquinas Center. If anyone would like to join or donate, please leave a message for Marie Nowak at the church rectory: 215-923-1733

FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending December 18, 2022

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| Daily Mass: | \$21.00 |
| In-Pew Sunday Collection: | \$2,802.00 |
| Mail-In Sunday Collection: | \$632.00 |
| Online Giving Sunday Collection: | \$4,365.00 |
| Total Collection: | \$7,820.00 |

Offertory for the week ending December 19, 2021

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| Daily Mass: | \$16.00 |
| In-Pew Sunday Collection: | \$2,711.00 |
| Mail-In Sunday Collection: | \$1,430.00 |
| Online Giving Sunday Collection: | \$4,520.00 |
| Total Collection: | \$8,677.00 |

Thank You!

Note: The Christmas collections will be published in the January 23 bulletin to allow time for late donations. End of the year 2022 contribution statements will be snail-mailed before the end of January.

The following collections are active on ParishSOFT Giving and Text-to-Give:

Christmas Flowers, Christmas Music, Christmas, Solemnity of Mary

The keywords are

Christmas, ChristmasFlowers, ChristmasMusic, SolemnityMary

ONLINE GIVING & TEXT-TO-GIVE

Please click here for access to [ParishSOFT Giving](#).

For Text-to-Give, please dial 215-929-7151

The Old St. Joseph's Young Adult Community (OSJ YAC) plans events that are open to all young adults in their 20s and 30s interested in exploring the values of spirituality, social justice, and community as part of their lives. Connect with us and subscribe to our weekly email newsletter at osjyac@gmail.com and join our Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/oldsaintjoesya/>.

YOUNG
adults

The Old St. Joseph's Parish Council is a group of elected and appointed members who serve as representation for our diverse parish family. Together with our pastor and resident priests, we discern and propose current parish initiatives. Our council welcomes any questions or suggestions from you, our parish community. The Parish Council meets monthly and can be reached anytime via email at osjpc@oldstjoseph.org. We look forward to hearing from you.