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January 8, 2023 | The Epiphany of the Lord



## Today's Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.



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## Requiescant in Pace

Former longstanding OSJ parishioner **Ursula Reed** passed away on December 18 after a lengthy illness. Her Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at OSJ on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 with a gathering in the church starting at 9AM with Mass at 10AM. Please keep Ursula's family in your thoughts and prayers.

And former OSJ parishioner **Susan Fisher** passed away on December 25 after a seven-month struggle with pancreatic cancer. Her Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Philip Neri Church, Lafayette Hill, PA. Please keep Susan's husband Frank and their family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

*Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

## \* 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 are listed on page 5 of this bulletin, but here is a basic outline:

- 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.

Paul Clement, Donna Soutoukis, Marilyn Davies, Barbara Hebal, Joan & Pete Slavin, Marie Wojcik, Joanne Nicholson, Nik Sizgorich, Bill Wilson, 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
Mon 9	12:05 PM Alice Plantz (D) Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	1:00 PM OSJ Staff Christmas Party
Tues 10	12:05 PM <i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Wed 11	12:05 PM <i>Our FF&amp;F Guests (L)</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	9:00 AM Gathering & Memorial Mass for Ursula Reed 10:00 AM
Thurs 12	12:05 PM <i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	10:00 AM FF&F Lunch (Barbelin) 5:00 PM Wedding reh: Fenyak & Tyron 7:00 PM Choir rehearsal
Fri 13	12:05 PM <i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	2:00 PM Wedding: Fenyak & Tyron
Sat 14	5:30 PM Presider: TBA	10:00 AM FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Sun 15	7:30 AM Presider: TBA 9:30 AM Presider: TBA 11:30 AM Presider: TBA	10:15 AM RCIA (Drexel Parlor) 5:00 PM Vespers (Zoom)





## THIS WEEK IN JESUIT HISTORY: January 8 – 14

**History:** **January 10 1581** Queen Elizabeth I signed the fifth Penal Statute in England, inflicting heavy fines and imprisonment on all who harbored Jesuits.

**Saint:** **January 9 Servant of God Peter Joseph de Cloriviere SJ.** Fr. De Cloriviere is the historical link that joins the old and the restored Society in France. He was born in France in 1735. At aged twenty, he underwent a powerful conversion experience and considered becoming a priest but was hesitant because of his pronounced stuttering. In 1756, as he was leaving church, a woman he did not know said to him: "God is calling you under the protection of St Ignatius and St Francis Xavier. This is the novitiate. Enter it." He went back into the church and prayed and when he left, he was convinced that God wanted him to become a Jesuit. He was ordained in 1763, in Belgium, because France had expelled all the Jesuits. In 1780 he experienced what he considered to be a miraculous cure for his speech impediment, when one Sunday he preached an eloquent homily- free of his stuttering. The persecution of the Church during the French Revolution curtailed his public ministry, and de Cloriviere considered relocating to Maryland, but instead remained in France to work for the restoration of the suppressed Society of Jesus. He was imprisoned for nine years on the false charge of plotting the assassination of Napoleon and was 74 when finally released. He asked to rejoin the Society in Poland, but was told to remain in France and work for the restoration of the Society there. Five years later, in 1814, the Society was restored, and he served as novice master for the next six years. He died at prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

***Do you speak Ignatian?*** Steps in a Communal discernment process

A communal discernment process typically involves three rounds of listening and sharing. In the first round, each one shares the fruits of their prayerful reflections on the proposed topic or decision to be made. There is no debate or response to the reflections of the others. In the second round, each shares what was stirred in themselves when they heard the reflections of the others; again, no debate or rebuttal. In the third round, group members begin to articulate how the Spirit seems to be working in the group as a whole. This can be an insight or image, a common theme, a realization of consolation or desolation and resistance.

These will be explained in much greater detail at the January 22 gathering on our social justice ministry.



## 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](http://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

### Pastor

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### Parish Pastoral Council

Pastor, Fr. Francis Hannafey

Chair, John Bitterman

Secretary, Nina Vitullo ([osjpc@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:osjpc@oldstjoseph.org))

### Parish Finance Council

Paul Shay, chair

### Historic Preservation Corporation Board

Fr. Francis Hannafey SJ, president

Barry Eiswerth, chair

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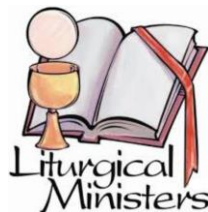
**Please join Fr. Frank Hannafey SJ, Fr. Paul Holland SJ and your Parish Pastoral Council on Sunday January 22** after the joint 10:30 AM Mass for a parish-wide prayer for discernment. The primary question for which we will seek guidance is: "How do we as a parish live the call to social justice?"

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**



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**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](mailto:osjpc@oldstjoseph.org). We look forward to hearing from you.

## FINANCIAL INFO

Due to the New Year's holiday weekend, the collection was not counted in time for inclusion in this week's bulletin. Thank you for your continued support of Old St. Joseph's Church – and Happy New Year to All!

**Second Collection Next Weekend**  
January 14 & 15: *Catholic Relief Services*.  
Please give as generously as you are able.

**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:  
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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](mailto:osjyac@gmail.com) and join our Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/oldsaintjoesya/>.



**The Women, Faith and Fellowship Committee** invites women of Old St. Joseph's parish to stop by Frieda's Cafe at 10:30 AM on January 29th for a cup of coffee or breakfast. Join us to meet and enjoy conversation with other women from the parish. Let us know if you plan to make it by sending an email to [wff@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:wff@oldstjoseph.org) Frieda's is located at 320 Walnut Street, just around the corner from the Church.

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*Our Father who art in Heaven,  
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On earth as it is in heaven.  
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And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who  
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