

# Old St. Joseph's Church

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January 15, 2023 | The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



## Today's Gospel: John 1:29-34

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said,

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

He is the one of whom I said,

'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'

I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel."

John testified further, saying,

"I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him.

I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain,

he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."



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**Attention all parishioners and friends of OSJ**  
**PARISH CENSUS – Be Counted!**

Our parish is conducting a parish-wide census and we want you to be counted. There are two ways for parishioners to participate in this important initiative. Visit our website at [oldstjoseph.org](http://oldstjoseph.org), click “Parish Census” on our homepage and fill out the electronic form. You can also complete a paper form that will be distributed by our ushers during our weekend masses on January 14-15 and 21-22 and return it to them at the end of mass. If you are submitting a new registration, please also use the process listed above.

Over the next few weeks, we will be able to know how many parishioners more precisely are in our parish. This information will help greatly to plan our initiatives moving forward. Thank you in advance for being a part of this worthwhile endeavor. We look forward to 2023 as a parish community.

**NEXT SUNDAY, January 22**  
**Combined Masses with Mass 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.

Julio Umberto Rivera, Paul Clement, Donna Soultoukis, 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 16	12:05 PM	Wm. Henry & Rose Mary Eells & Family (D) Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Tues 17	12:05 PM	Edward & Mary Britt Family (D) Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Wed 18	12:05 PM	Old St. Joseph’s Memorial Society Presider: Fr. Holland SJ		
Thurs 19	12:05 PM	Giancarlo Mazzoleni (D) Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	10:00 AM 7:00 PM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin) Choir rehearsal
Fri 20	12:05 PM	Louis May (D) Presider: Fr. Holland SJ		
Sat 21	5:30 PM	Presider: TBA	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Sun 22	7:30 AM 10:30 AM	Presider: TBA Presider: TBA	10:30 AM 5:00 PM	Social Justice Mass, Luncheon & Discussion Vespers (Zoom)

## Testimonials: OSJ Ministries - OSJ Book Club, Kathleen Mattis

I joined the Reading Group at OSJ when I first moved into the parish and have found it to be a wonderful connection to the parish community and to my faith. At first, I was a bit hesitant to sign up: the announcement came from the moderator, Dr Carol Schloss, a professor at University of Pennsylvania. Would the writing be too challenging, or only religious texts? Turns out, we read everything from short stories to novels, contemporary and classic, as chosen by the group.

The Reading Group provides the chance to enjoy conversation with a diverse group from different perspectives. Our moderator shares some insights and asks thought-provoking questions and sets us on our way. And the discussion begins. "I wouldn't have thought of that," or "Yes, I saw that too," or even "I didn't understand that either!" The books raise wide-ranging questions - from issues of faith, social justice, and the complexities of love to simply the challenges of everyday life.

And through our spirited and lively conversations each month we have become friends. What a comfort that has been, during such difficult times. Despite meeting on Zoom since the start of the pandemic, our sense of community has only deepened. I encourage anyone who enjoys reading to consider joining us -- you will find us a welcoming group of curious readers.

**Contact information** to learn more or to get involved: [schlosscarol@gmail.com](mailto:schlosscarol@gmail.com)

## THIS WEEK IN JESUIT HISTORY: January 16 -23

**History: January 15, 1544.** Francis Xavier writes a famous letter on his apostolic labors in the Indies, saying he wished to visit all the Universities of Europe to search for laborers for the Lord's vineyards. The letter rapidly circulates and inspired hundreds of young men to join the novitiate.

Part of Xavier's letter reads: "The native Christians have no priests. They know only that they are Christians. There is nobody to say Mass for them; nobody to teach them the Creed, the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Commandments of God's Law. I have not stopped since the day I arrived. I bathed in the sacred waters all the children who had not yet been baptized. The older children would not let me say my Office or eat or sleep until I taught them one prayer or another. Then I began to understand: "The kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." I noticed among them persons of great intelligence. If only someone could educate them in the Christian way of life, I have no doubt that they would make excellent Christians. Many, many people hereabouts are not becoming Christians for one reason only: there is nobody to make them Christians. Again and again, I have thought of going round the universities of Europe, especially Paris, and everywhere crying out like a madman, riveting the attention of those with more learning than charity. I wish they would work as hard at this as they do at their books, and so settle their account with God for their learning and the talents entrusted to them."

**Saint: January 19 Blessed James Sales SJ and Blessed William Saultemouche, SJ martyrs.** In 1593 French Huguenots tortured and killed them because they would not renounce their belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

**Do you speak Ignatian?** The stances presumed for a communal discernment process. Element 1: personal prayer

The late Fr. Bill Barry SJ. points out that communal discernment presupposes that those who will engage in it have experienced the discernment of spirits in themselves, that is, they engage in a process of contemplative prayer as proposed in the Spiritual Exercises, and have experienced the movement of the different spirits, discerning which are from God, and which not. They have come to experience God's speaking to them and can then communicate to others their experience in prayer and prayerful reflection. Such religious experience and the willingness to communicate it are central to communal discernment.

**Welcome to Ignatian.info!** We are excited to announce the launch of a new online resource from the Office of Ignatian Spirituality called Ignatian.info. What is Ignatian Spirituality? Where does it come from? And how do I practice it? Ignatian.info is a collection of resources and information on twelve foundational topics in the Ignatian tradition. Under each topic we offer a handful of the best articles, books, videos, podcasts, experiential opportunities, and other resources. There are so many good sources out there. These are the ones we have found most helpful. If Ignatian spirituality is entirely new to you, [this website is for you](#). If you have practiced Ignatian spirituality for years, many of these resources can help you find God in new ways — we also hope you'll share it with your friends who would like to learn more about Ignatian spirituality.





## 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

Fr. Francis Hannafey SJ ([pastor@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:pastor@oldstjoseph.org))

### Parochial Vicar

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Pastor, Fr. Francis Hannafey

Chair, John Bitterman

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

### Parish Finance Council

Paul Shay, chair

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Barry Eiswerth, chair

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### Faith, Food and Friends:

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**SOCIAL JUSTICE**  
 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!

**The OSJ Reading Group** will meet on Tuesday 7 February 2023 at 7.30 p.m. via Zoom. Our book for the month is Annie Ernaux: A Girl's Story. If you would like to join, please contact Carol Shloss: shlosscarol@gmail.com.

**OSJ YAC goes to the PMA: Friday, January 20, 6:00pm.** All Young Adults are invited to join the OSJ Young Adult Community at 6pm on Friday, 1/20/23 to see the Matisse exhibit at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Timed tickets will be purchased individually online and cost \$15. We will meet at 6pm inside the North Entrance. Purchasing instructions are available on Facebook and on our newsletter. To receive the weekly newsletter, email osjyac@gmail.com.



**All young adults are invited on Sundays** to discuss and reflect as a group the weekend's readings. The structure will include a reading of the scripture for that day, followed by a short bit of quiet prayer before an opportunity for sharing and discussion. The reflection group will gather at 10:40am between the 9:30 and 10:30 am Masses. The group will gather in the middle parlor of the rectory. Please enter through the sacristy or hall door at the front of the main church. Materials will be provided, and all are welcome. If you have any questions or if you would like to sign up to facilitate, please contact Danielle at osjyac@gmail.com.

## FINANCIAL INFO

### Offertory for the week ending January 1, 2023

Daily Mass:	\$72.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$1,482.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$1,765.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$9,282.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$12,601.00</b>

### Offertory for the week ending January 2, 2023

Daily Mass:	\$26.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,494.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$2,186.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$9,138.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$13,844.00</b>

*Thank You!*

**Note:** The Christmas collections will be published in the January 22 bulletin to allow time for late donations. End of the year 2022 contribution statements will be snail-mailed before the end of January.

### Second Collection This Weekend – Jan. 14 & 15

#### *Catholic Relief Services*

Please give as generously as you are able.

The following collections are active on ParishSOFT Giving and Text-to-Give:  
**Christmas, Solemnity of Mary, Catholic Relief Services**  
**Keywords:** *Christmas, SolemnityMary, CatholicRelief*

#### ONLINE GIVING & TEXT-TO-GIVE

Please click here for access to [ParishSOFT Giving](#).  
 For Text-to-Give, please dial 215-929-7151



**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 Frieda's is located at 320 Walnut Street, just around the corner from the Church.

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### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father who art in Heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come  
Thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who  
trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil.*



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