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January 29, 2023 | The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Today's Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."



Sermon on the Mount (detail) – Henrik Olrik, 1830-1890

THE BEATITUDES



Old St. Joseph's is equipped with an audio hearing loop. Switch on the T-coil function of your device to use the loop. Readings can be followed in the Daily Readings app, available in the App Store or Google Play.



**Day of Recollection for all
OSJ Liturgical Ministers
Saturday, February 11, 9:00 AM - Noon**

All liturgical ministers can pick up a copy of "Guide to the Assembly" which we'll use as a basis for conversation. Pick up a copy in the sacristy after Mass or at the front office during weekdays (9:00 am - 4:30 pm).

**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 and click on the **COMPLETE THE PARISH CENSUS FORM** button ([or click here](#)) 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.

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, Joanne Nicholson, Nik Sizgorich, Bill Wilson, Reed, Anthony Pelle, John McKeown Jr, George Bernato, Beckett Quinn, Susan Friend, Roberta Parker, Frances Banchi, Doug Raymond, 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 30	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	9:30 AM	St. Mary's School Mass
Tues 31	12:05 PM	<i>James Convery (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Wed 1	12:05 PM	<i>Geraldine Marren & Family (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ		
Thurs 2	12:05 PM	<i>Our FF&F Guests</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	10:00 AM 7:00 PM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin) Choir rehearsal
Fri 3	12:05 PM	<i>William Jennings Jr (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:30 PM	St. Mary's School Program St. Mary's School Program Litany of the Sacred Heart
Sat 4	5:30 PM	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Sun 5	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ Presider: Fr. Donaldson SJ Presider: Fr. Donaldson SJ	10:15 AM 10:30 AM 5:00 PM	RCIA (Drexel) YAC Scripture Reading (Greaton) Vespers (Zoom)

THIS WEEK IN JESUIT HISTORY: February 5 - 11

History: On February 6, 1763 the French government banished the Society of Jesus from Louisiana. The exiles sailed from New Orleans, ran aground at the Bahamas; and eventually arrived at Spain on April 6th. This was another step towards the expulsion of Jesuits from France in 1764 and the eventual Suppression of the Jesuits in 1773.

Saints: February 6 - Jesuits Paul Miki, John Soan de Goto, and James Kisai are martyred on this day in 1597. Paul was a scholastic, arrested just before his ordination, age 33. John was a scholastic, age 19, and James was a brother, age 64. He had been married, and then his wife apostatized. He worked for and then joined the Jesuits. They had been dragged 600 miles through Japan and are the first martyrs in Japan.

Do you speak Ignatian? Communal discernment element 3: reconciliation and trust building. The late Fr. Bill Barry S.J. pointed out that group discernment involves the slow process of growing in trust in the Lord and in one another. This will involve a prayerful and honest search for God's will for the group, revealed through the prayer of the individual members. That means that each one trusts that all are in fact engaged in prayer and in remaining open to discerning God's will, even if it requires some level of repentance and conversion. It requires enough compassion and commitment to one another that each one feels safe and valued, especially when resentments, fears and other "negative" emotions surface. Even with extensive good will, the group may have a history together that includes "some bodies buried somewhere." Praying together on John 20:19-23 (Jesus appearing to the disciples in the upper room and breathing his Shalom into them) and a communal ritual of mutual forgiveness and reconciliation might help the members replace accusations and denunciations of others with honest admissions of their own fears and failings, and with new-found trust in one another and in themselves.

To learn more about Ignatian spirituality, go to IgnatianSpirituality.com and subscribe to a monthly newsletter at jesuitseastois.org (Jesuits East, Office of Ignatian Spirituality)

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023 – 1:00 pm – Barbelin Hall

Discussion on Laudato Si', Social Justice, and the Natural Environment

Sponsored by the Committees on Care for Creation, Adult Ed, and Spirituality

David Wallace, Judith Rodin Professor of English, Italian & Comparative Literature at the University of Pennsylvania, and a new OSJ parishioner, will lead the discussion. *Laudato Si'* is the encyclical by Pope Francis that invites us to reflect upon "care for our common home," the natural environment, and social justice. Now seems a good moment for us to ponder "what happens next," given the recent conclusion of the United Nations Biodiversity Conference in Montreal. The encyclical may be [downloaded free of charge from this site.](#)

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness. . . ." (Genesis 1:26)

[Jesus said,] "Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" [The lawyer] said, The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." (Luke 10:36-37)

These Bible passages describe two pillars of our Catholic faith: that we are all connected by being created in God's image with a share in divine life, and we are called to be Jesus' disciples by acting with mercy and compassion toward all our companions in creation. Accordingly, our Jesuit fathers strongly encourage their supported parishes to "walk with" the poor, the outcasts, and those deprived of their human dignity, as we seek "reconciliation and justice," and thus reveal God's gracious love even more intensely in the world.

Pope Francis reminds us: "Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society" (Encyclical *Laudato Si'*, #9). The personal, the social, the economic, the political, the spiritual: they are all connected through God's creation and through the Son of God taking on human flesh and a human history. Catholic teaching on justice explores these connections and helps us decide how we are to "go and do likewise" in helping our neighbor and our world.

Jesus was no stranger to journeying through the real world of his time, with its problems and possibilities for grace and change. So too we are invited to journey with Jesus this year as a parish community as we seek to discern how best to come to the aid of our neighbors and the world, and "to see God in all things."

The first step was on January 22 with a liturgy and prayerful discernment on how our parish can seek justice and reconciliation. On February 5, please join in the discussion of the Catholic mission to care for God's creation. And during Lent, join in learning and discussing the deep and rich social teaching of the Catholic Church as we continue our pilgrimage in the world to the Kingdom of God.

Please see upcoming parish bulletins and the OSJ parish website for dates and further detail.



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.

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MUSIC AT OSJ

All are invited to mark your calendars to join us for a musical highlight of our Spring season here at OSJ! **On Sunday, May 21, 2023, at 3:00 PM** our parishioner, Michael Caruso, will present a piano recital. Joining him in the program will be his prize pupils from the Settlement Music School. More details will follow in the weeks ahead.

Requiescant in Pace

Longstanding OSJ parishioner and legendary Philadelphia disc jockey, **Jerry Blavat**, passed away at the age of 82 on Friday, January 13. Jerry's Celebration of Life, viewing, and Mass of Christian Burial will take place at the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul on Saturday, Jan. 28 – Viewing: 9AM, Mass at 11:30 AM. Please keep the Blavat Family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

And former OSJ parishioner, **Joan Slavin**, passed away on January 19, 2023. Please keep her husband Pete 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.



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.

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.



Catholic History Lecture

On Sunday, February 19 at 2:00 PM, the American Catholic Historical Society (263 S. 4th Street) is pleased to have Connie McCalla speak on "St. Elizabeth Parish, Philadelphia: Forged in the Fires of the Great Migration." The lecture will

chronicle the unique story of the reclamation of a parish community that transformed it into a dynamic and innovative Black Catholic parish. The event is free and open to the public, with an option for in-person or online attendance. Please visit www.amchs.org to register.

FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending January 15, 2023

Daily Mass:	\$72.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,114.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$330.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,198.00
Total Collection:	\$6,714.00

Offertory for the week ending January 16, 2022

Daily Mass:	\$58.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$1,766.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$1,636.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,519.00
Total Collection:	\$7,979.00

Offertory for the week ending January 22, 2023

Daily Mass:	\$50.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,367.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$579.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,361.00
Total Collection:	\$7,357.00

Offertory for the week ending January 23, 2022

Daily Mass:	\$21.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,072.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$1,180.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$3,939.00
Total Collection:	\$7,212.00

Thank You!

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

Catholic Relief Services / Keyword: *CatholicRelief*

ONLINE GIVING & TEXT-TO-GIVE

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

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

All young adults are invited on Sundays

to discuss and reflect as a group the weekend's reading. 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.

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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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