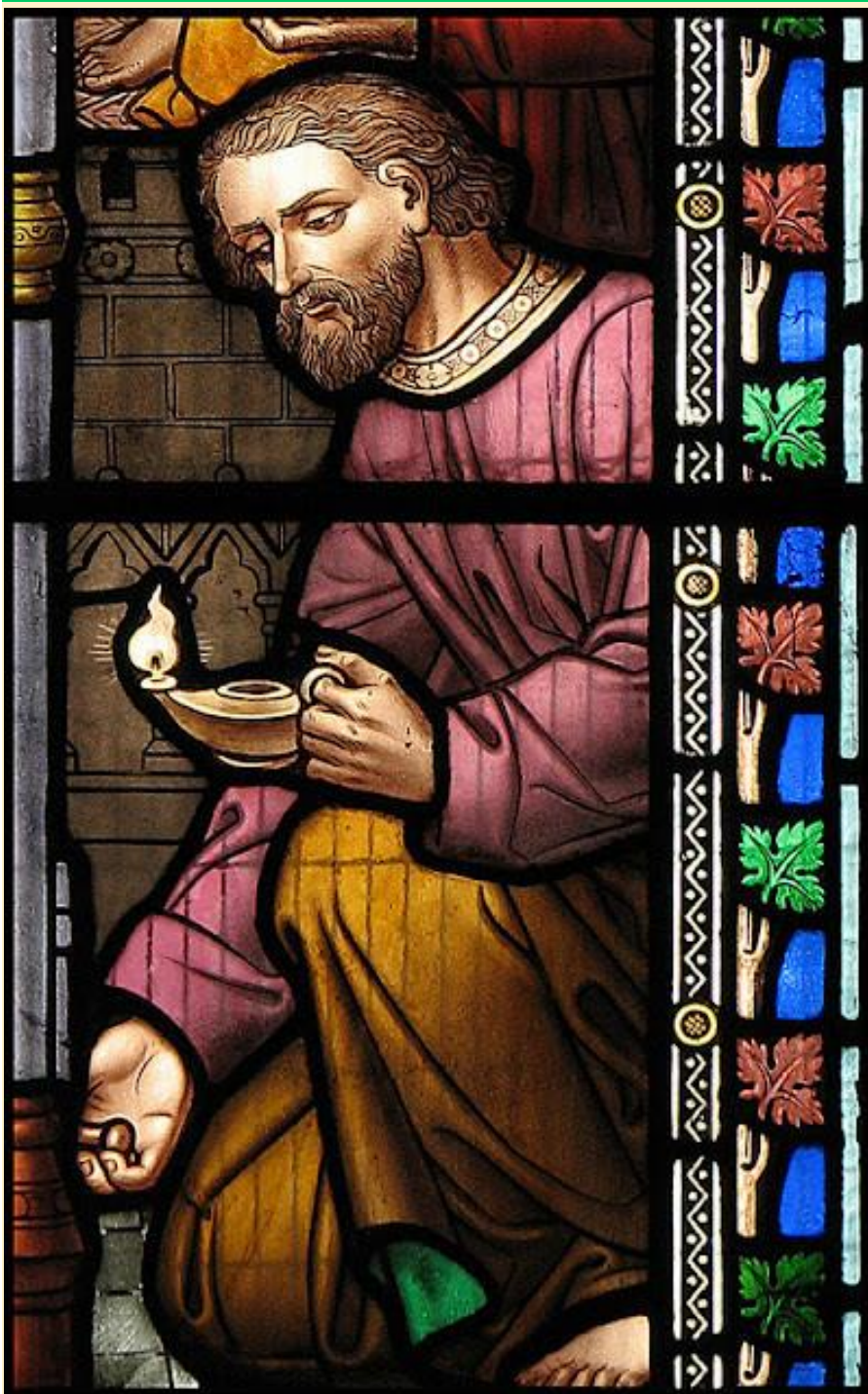


# Old St. Joseph's Church

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February 5, 2023 | The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



## Today's Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-16

Jesus said to his disciples:  
"You are the salt of the earth.  
But if salt loses its taste, with what can it  
be seasoned?

It is no longer good for anything  
but to be thrown out and trampled  
underfoot.

You are the light of the world.  
A city set on a mountain cannot be  
hidden.

Nor do they light a lamp and then put it  
under a bushel basket;  
it is set on a lampstand,  
where it gives light to all in the house.  
Just so, your light must shine before  
others,  
that they may see your good deeds  
and glorify your heavenly Father."

*Stained glass in St. Mary's, Melton Mowbray,  
Great Britain, circa 1900*



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.



**NEXT WEEKEND! 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](http://oldstjoseph.org) and click on the **COMPLETE THE PARISH CENSUS FORM** button ([or click here](#)) and fill out the electronic form. You may also fill out a paper registration – there are copies in the back of the church or please ask an usher for a copy. If you are submitting a new registration, please also use the processes 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 6	12:05 PM Jacob Predis (D) Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	7:30 PM Adult Ed Committee Zoom Mtg
Tues 7	12:05 PM <i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Wed 8	12:05 PM <i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	
Thurs 9	12:05 PM <i>Dec Members of the Farris &amp; Croft Families</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	10:00 AM FF&F Lunch (Barbelin) 7:00 PM Choir rehearsal
Fri 10	12:05 PM <i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	
Sat 11	5:30 PM Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	9:00 AM Liturgical Ministers' Day of Reflection 10:00 AM FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Sun 12	7:30 AM Presider: Fr. Holland SJ 9:30 AM Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ 11:30 AM Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:15 AM RCIA (Drexel) 10:30 AM YAC Scripture Reading (Greaton) 1:30 PM Group Baptisms 5:00 PM 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](http://IgnatianSpirituality.com) and subscribe to a monthly newsletter at [jesuitseastois.org](http://jesuitseastois.org) (Jesuits East, Office of Ignatian Spirituality)

### Faith Food and Friends: *With hope in God's goodness...*

These words are on a plaque that hangs in Barbelin Hall over the serving counter. They are the first words of the Faith Food and Friends statement of purpose written over twenty-five years ago by the guests of the program.

Faith Food and Friends, through the great generosity of an army of volunteers, serves meals in Barbelin Hall to over 150 people a week. The hot meals are freshly prepared, nutritious, and often awarded five stars by the guests. And through the generosity of parishioner donations, personal care items are offered to those in need.

As important as those acts of charity are, Faith Food and Friends is more than a hot meal and a pair of socks.

*...We meet as a group of people who share common problems, pain, sorrow, joys and successes. Many of us share problems in addiction, homelessness, poverty, mental or emotional disorders and spiritual emptiness. We desire holistic healing of our bodies, minds, and spirits...*

Father Hannafey used the phrase "fidelity to the demands of relationships" in speaking about social justice at the January 22nd parish liturgy. Encounter and relationship are the very essence of social justice. Encounter and relationships are at the heart of the Faith Food and Friends program as it builds a community for those experiencing poverty, homelessness and illness. Relationships are formed between the guests themselves and between the volunteers and the guests. The result is a community where guests feel safe, can talk freely without being judged and can find support.

The all-volunteer program strives to meet the demands of that community. Among the army of FF&F volunteers are nurses, social workers, lawyers, health professionals, and librarians. These volunteers take blood pressure readings, provide guests with guidance and assistance with government benefit programs, and help with finding shelter and housing. Faith Food and Friends serves as a safe mailing address for guests who are in temporary housing or homeless.

In the past five years, partnering with the Bethesda Project, 164 guests of FF&F have entered emergency shelters. Thirty-six of those individuals have obtained permanent housing. In a city where time spent on the waitlist can be seven years or more, this is extraordinary. For the current year, FF&F referrals to Bethesda's Church Shelter program are already at 45, double the number referred in 2018. Many of these are peer referrals, meaning current shelter guests invite their friends or peers to enter the shelter where they reside. And 20% of these referrals are not registered with the homeless system. This is the result of the Faith Food and Friends community at work.

*We pray that this will be the first step in turning our lives around. WE HAVE HOPE*

The Faith Food & Friends statement of purpose is read by a guest before every meal. And often the Holy Spirit's presence is made known as echoes of those final words are heard throughout the hall. We have hope.

**TODAY, 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*





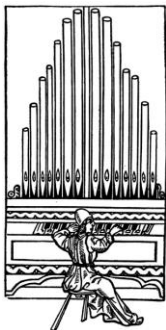
On behalf of the OSJ Parish Council, I would like to thank all that attended the combined 10:30am mass on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and those that participated in the Discussion on Social Justice that immediately followed. The response from the day was very positive and we were delighted to see over 80 people join us for the small group discussion and luncheon. There were seven small groups, plus a separate group for families with young children, that met and used the Jesuit model for spiritual discernment to pray, reflect and share ideas around the topic, **How do we as a parish live the call to social justice?** When the small groups came back together to debrief their discussions, there were several common themes that resonated throughout the individual groups, the first was a recognition for the wonderful work of reaching out to walk with and be in communion with those that are less fortunate in our community through our Faith, Food & Friends program. The work of our dedicated staff and volunteers does invaluable work beyond just serving a meal, they work to help the men and women that come to get much needed services, medical attention, legal advice and more. Moving from gratitude for the work we are already engaged in, the second major theme was the desire to do more and to do so with humility and in relationship with those that we wish to serve. The issues related to social justice are numerous and overwhelming in many ways. A few areas that were highlighted were homelessness, gun violence, immigration, LGBTQ+ rights, food security, home security, and access to healthcare.

Our objective for the day was to bring the parish together, to pray and listen to each other on these important topics, it was designed as a starting point. We met those objectives and many that attended expressed their gratitude for the opportunity. The final theme of the day was to know, “what is the next step?” There are several more opportunities that will allow us, as a parish, to continue the conversation and determine how and where we want to move to action. The first opportunity is on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in Barbelin Hall when we will have the Discussion on Laudato Si’, Social Justice, and the Natural Environment. 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. Then there will be a series of opportunities before and during Lent, there will be more information shared shortly inviting all to 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. All of these events are co-sponsored by the Care for Creation Committee, Adult Ed and the Ignatian Spirituality Committee. We thank these committees for their work and affording us additional forums to keep this much needed conversation going.

Finally, the Parish Council welcomes all that wish to be more active in this conversation and those that want to get more actively involved to please let us know. You can contact us through our parish email address: [osjpc@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:osjpc@oldstjoseph.org). Let us know how you would like to get involved or any ideas that you have around social justice.

John Bitterman  
Chair, OSJ Parish Council

## MUSIC AT OSJ



### A Recent Addition to our Pipe Organ

Dear Friends,

I write to share exciting news regarding our pipe organ here at OSJ. As you may know, the organ is made up of sets (ranks) of pipes covering many sounds that one finds in an orchestra: woodwinds, such as flutes, oboes, and clarinets; brass, such as trumpets and trombones; strings, such as violas and gambas; and other sounds unique to the organ, such as diapasons and mixtures.

Recently we were able to install a set of pipes on one of the wind chests where pipes once existed before the organ was installed here at the church. The rank is a 2 2/3' set of pipes which add brilliance and sparkle to the various ensembles of the instrument. This particular rank of pipes is especially useful for accompanying hymns, accompanying the choir in the singing of their anthems, and also for baroque music, especially the music of J. S. Bach. Several new tonal possibilities have become available with these new pipes!

I invite you to listen and enjoy as you will hear new sounds resounding from our pipe organ as I will be utilizing this new set of pipes quite a bit in our liturgies. Please feel free to stop by the choir loft any time so that I might demonstrate the sounds of these new pipes.  
—Dr. Mark Bani

## SAVE THE DATES!!

**February 2023:** After Mass each weekend: Purchase Living Justice, Catholic Social Teaching in Action, by Fr. Thomas Massaro, S.J.- \$15.00 only for OSJ.

**Wednesday March 8 7:00 PM:** Discuss Living Justice Zoom Meeting

**Wednesday March 15 6:30 PM:** Discuss Living Justice in Barbelin Hall over Soup and Bread

**Sunday March 26 12:30 PM:** Discuss Living Justice in Barbelin Hall

**Saturday APRIL 1 10:00 AM:** Presentation and Discussion on Catholic Social Teaching by Fr. Thomas Massaro, S.J., in person, Barbelin Hall

*Sponsored by: OSJ Adult Education, Ignatian Spirituality and Care for Creation Committees*



**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](http://www.amchs.org) to register.

## FINANCIAL INFO

### Offertory for the week ending January 29, 2023

Daily Mass:	\$69.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$1,317.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$775.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,450.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$6,611.00</b>

### Offertory for the week ending January 30, 2022

Daily Mass:	\$15.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$764.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$1,627.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$3,375.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$5,781.00</b>

*Thank You!*

### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

FEBRUARY 11 & 12

### Care of the Aging and Infirm Priests of the Archdiocese

This special collection is also active on ParishSOFT Giving and Text-to-Give:  
For Text-to-Give (215-929-7151) the keyword is  
**AgingPriests**



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 February 26th** for a cup of coffee or breakfast. Please join us to meet and enjoy conversation with other women from the parish. RSVP 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.

**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

**YOUNG  
adults**

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](mailto: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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