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February 12, 2023 | The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



Today's First Reading: Sirach 15: 15-20

If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you;
if you trust in God, you too shall live;
he has set before you fire and water
to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand.
Before man are life and death, good and evil,
whichever he chooses shall be given him.
Immense is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is mighty in power, and all-seeing.
The eyes of God are on those who fear him;
he understands man's every deed.
No one does he command to act unjustly,
To none does he give license to sin.



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This Week at Old St. Joseph's

Date		Mass Intention and Presider	Calendar Events	
Mon 13	12:05 PM	<i>Edward & Mary Britt Family (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Tues 14	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Wed 15	12:05 PM	<i>Mary Convery (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ		
Thurs 16	12:05 PM	<i>Marybeth Prager (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	10:00 AM 7:00 PM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin) Choir rehearsal
Fri 17	12:05 PM	<i>Giancarlo Mazzoleni (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ		
Sat 18	5:30 PM	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Sun 19	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ Presider: Fr. Holland SJ Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	10:15 AM 10:30 AM 5:00 PM	RCIA (Drexel) YAC Scripture Reading (Greaton) Vespers (Zoom)

OSJ PRAYER LIST

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

Helen Walsh, Jolyne Dalzell, Julio Umberto Rivera, Paul Clement, Marilyn Davies, Barbara Hebal, 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 IN JESUIT HISTORY: February 12 - 18

February 17, 1978: Georgetown University conferred an honorary doctorate on Archbishop Oscar Romero in the Cathedral of San Salvador, for his leadership for justice and human rights. He was assassinated while saying mass on March 24, 1980. A United Nations Truth Commission for El Salvador concluded that Roberto D'Aubuisson, a death squad leader had ordered the killing.

Saints February 15: Claude La Columbiere priest (1641-1682) He was the Spiritual director to St. Margaret Mary, ADD ABOUT SACRED HEART DEVOTION and for two years chaplain in England to the Duchess of York. He was then arrested, committed to prison in connection with the Oates' Plot and banished from the country.

Do you speak Ignatian? *Communal discernment element 4: Attentive listening.*

The goal of active listening is to seek to understand others as they are in the parish discerning conversation on January 22, participants were invited, in the first round of sharing, to engage in attentive listening and intentional speaking. Such listening is called "active" because it means paying attention to more than one level of expression of the other Those attending were asked to listen to what each other participant said, what that person meant to say, and what it could mean for that person to say it. Active listening means welcoming non-judgmentally whatever the person says, Attentive listening gives rise to the question, "What might the Spirit be saying to us through that person?" Non-judgmental welcome means no criticizing or disagreeing, at least not at first, and not until the other person trusts you, and not until you think you have understood what the person means. This is a profound welcome of the other person in his or her radical uniqueness. During the first round of discerning listening, participants don't respond to what another has said. There is no attempt to debate, argue or even persuade. Instead, each voice is heard and valued.

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)

Lent: It's all about Baptism!

Ash Wednesday: February 22: Mass and ashes at **12:05 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

Lent the Church's *annual retreat*: We look more closely at how God is active in our lives, examine our response or lack of it to that grace, and discern how God is calling us forward.



Ashes to Easter: Easter is the high-point of our liturgical year, as we plunge more intensely into the paschal mystery of Christ's dying-and-rising, when we are made a "new creation in Christ." The Church initiated us into that mystery at our Baptism, and that journey will culminate when Christ raises us to eternal life.

Catechumens and Candidates: Easter is the privileged time for Catechumens and Candidates to enter the Church, through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. We have walked with them as they have responded to Christ's call to continual conversion of life and an ever more generous response to God's grace. Our solidarity with them leads us into our own renewed commitment to our Baptismal promises and ongoing conversion, expressed through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This solidarity is the origin of Lent, modeled on Christ's own 40 days of prayer and fasting in the desert after his Baptism.

Baptism: At the Easter Vigil, we will renew our baptismal vows, by which we renew our covenant, made in the Blood of Christ, the Sacrificed Lamb of God. We re-commit ourselves as disciples of Jesus, commissioned to collaborate in his work of building the Kingdom of God. And we receive into that covenant those to be baptized.

Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving: These traditional Lenten practices invite us to unite ourselves more closely to the Lord, to "fast" in ways that deepen our hunger for God, and to extend practical concern for those in need

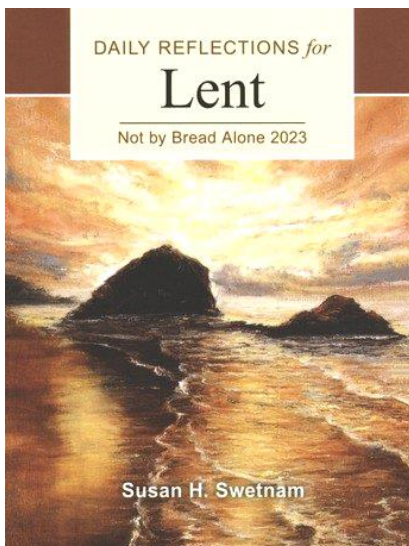
We will distribute a booklet of **Daily Reflections for Lent** on Ash Wednesday and will also make it available in the back of church. There will be also a Communal Penance as well as Stations of the Cross during Lent.

Our Lenten liturgies will invite a "**fast of the senses**," through more somber music and more silence. We will begin each Sunday Mass kneeling to recite the Confiteor. We will not have flowers or incense at Mass during Lent. The Alleluia is "buried" until Easter and the Gloria is not sung or said. These will be restored in abundance on Easter!

We will once again participate in **Operation Rice Bowl** and we will take up that collection at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday

Holy Week: Palm Sunday. Tenebrae. Chrism Mass. Holy Thursday. Good Friday. Easter Vigil. More news about each of these grace-filled liturgies in upcoming bulletins.

Easter: Through our RCIA program, we will baptize Andrew Huff during the Easter Vigil. Rick Carlson, already baptized in another denomination, will be received into the Church and confirmed. Joria Le and Tressi Magliano, already baptized in the Catholic Church, will also be confirmed. As they continue their formation in the faith, we join our prayers with theirs as we prepare to welcome them as our new sisters and brothers.



ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 22: Ashes will be distributed during our **12:05 PM and 6:00 PM** Masses on Wednesday, Feb 22. **RELAXED PARKING NOTE:** We have relaxed parking for both Masses!

Daily Reflections for Lent: The OSJ Ignatian Spirituality Committee invites all parishioners to set aside a few minutes a day during Lent to pray at home with *Daily Reflections for Lent – Not by Bread Alone 2023*. This year's book of reflections, based on the daily Scripture readings, is written by Susan H. Swetnam. **Books will be distributed after all Masses on February 25 & 26 & March 4 & 5.**

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners and Friends of OSJ.

I write to share a few updates.

It is a pleasure to welcome Nina Schrader Vitullo to the OSJ Parish Staff as she begins to assist the parish part-time in coordinating parish committees and facilitating ongoing parish ministries. A word of heartfelt thanks to Peggy Connolly who has recently concluded her faithful service of CLOW. Nina has generously agreed to lead the CLOW program to minister to the children of OSJ. Thank you, Peggy and Nina!

Our beloved and long serving sacristan Chuck Burke has recently retired and has relocated to Connecticut. We miss him already. In the coming weeks we will publish Chuck's new mailing address. You will also see cards in the back of the church in the coming week if you wish to thank Chuck personally. We are very happy to welcome Eva Ly who has recently joined us to serve in the role of sacristan.

You will soon notice that a brand-new carpet has been installed in the church. The former carpet has served OSJ for approximately 19+ years and has been showing some recent wear. We are most grateful to the Jesuit Community as Arrupe Hall at SJU who provided a generous financial gift to the parish to entirely fund our new carpet upgrade and installation. My special thanks also to our very own parishioner Barry Eisworth and to Carolyn Simons (a professional carpet consultant) who directed and guided this project. Thanks also to Eric German (OSJ business manager) who arranged for the installation and Bob Vernitsky (OSJ maintenance) who assisted with the installation process. Our sincere thanks are also due to the OSJ Historical Preservation Corporation who carefully advised us on the carpet selection.

Prayers and good wishes,

Francis T. Hannafey, S.J.
Pastor



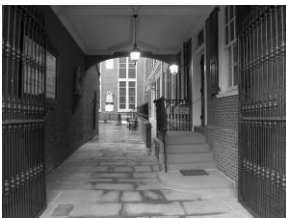
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From the Philadelphia Archdiocese: Reconciliation Weekend: March 10 & 11 – *Come Be Restored to Peace:* No matter how long it's been, Jesus is always waiting to unburden you in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Here, you will make your peace with God, with yourself, and with others. On March 10 and 11, priests will be available to hear your confession at many times and locations in the greater Philadelphia area to make it as easy as possible to go. Even if it's been many years, don't let that stop you; the priest is ready to guide you through the process. For more info: phillyeucharisticrevival.org



Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Beginning this weekend, Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowls will be available in the

back of the church. Please consider taking home a cardboard rice bowl and its enclosed calendar and guide to Lent. They can be part of your family's prayer and almsgiving during this season. Catholic Relief Services is the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Lenten alms donated through the Rice Bowl are sent to the over 100 countries where CRS works. A 25% share of the collection remains locally in the Archdiocese and is directed to its Nutritional Development Services' network of food cupboards and soup kitchens.



Remembering OSJ in your Will:

It is an expense taking care of an historical structure. Please remember Old St. Joseph's in your will. Your legacy will continue!

Our bulletin is printed by the Bon Venture Company. **The deadline for your copy is noon on Monday, 6 days prior to the Sunday bulletin. To advertise in our bulletin, please contact Paul McCarthy at pmccarthy@bonventure.net**

MUSIC AT OSJ

All are invited 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. The recital will include music by Bach and Schubert.

A Reading Plan for Our Social Justice Discussions: This Lent, our parish discernment of social justice is accompanied by our common reading of *Living Justice: Catholic Social Teaching in Action* by Fr. Thomas Massaro, SJ. The book will help us see the necessary connections between our Catholic faith and the love of neighbor that Jesus asks of us. Please read *Living Justice* in preparation for our discussions:

- Wednesday, March 8, 7:00pm (on Zoom)
- Wednesday, March 15, 6:15pm (in Barbelin Hall, over soup and bread)
- Sunday, March 26, 12:30pm (in Barbelin Hall)
- Saturday, April 1, 10:00am (in Barbelin Hall): Fr. Massaro's visit to our parish for a presentation and discussion of Catholic Social Teaching

Read the whole book, of course, if you can. If you are pressed for time, read at least chapter 1 ("Social Justice and the Mission of the Church"), chapter 4 ("The Sources and Methods of Catholic Social Teaching"), chapter 5 ("Nine Key Themes of Catholic Social Teaching"), and the last two sections of chapter 6 (pp. 147–155).



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

Old St. Joseph's Church Lenten Reconciliation Service Tuesday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Help us prepare for Easter by participating in a communal celebration of God's forgiveness on **Tuesday, March 14 at 7:00 PM in the church**. Make your Lenten celebration of this Sacrament demonstrate your Lenten effort to convert more faithfully to the baptismal life in Christ.

FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending February 5, 2023

Daily Mass:	\$49.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,810.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$365.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$5,276.00
Total Collection:	\$8,500.00

Offertory for the week ending February 6, 2022

Daily Mass:	\$41.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,795.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$518.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$5,969.00
Total Collection:	\$9,323.00

Thank You!

SECOND COLLECTION THIS 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

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.

YOUNG
adults



OSJ Sunday Vespers on

Zoom: Every Sunday at 5PM, we offer a Zoom Vespers/Evening Prayer for anyone interested. If you are not already an

active participant and would like to be, please contact Stephen Paesani at spaesani@gmail.com and he will send you the Zoom link.

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*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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