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February 19, 2023 | The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

OUR JESUIT APOSTOLIC MISSION

In our church, at the sacristy entrance, stands a statue of Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus. His Jesuit followers support and minister to us at Old Saint Joseph's parish. They count on us to be a vital part of their apostolic mission.

The Jesuits have prayerfully sought to discern God's will for their worldwide apostolic ministries, including their parish ministries. In 2019, this discernment resulted in the publication of their "Universal Apostolic Preferences", <https://www.jesuits.global/uap/>. These "UAPs" help them to be "guided by the Spirit" as they seek to "deepen personal, communal, and institutional conversion" and create "a process of apostolic revitalization and creativity that makes [them] better servants of reconciliation and justice."

Ideally, all that we do at OSJ is part of the "apostolic revitalization and creativity" expressed in the UAPs. As baptized Catholic apostles of Jesus, and as a parish gratefully served by Jesuits, we are invited to collaborate in the Jesuits' apostolic work. Centered in our communal celebration of the Eucharist each week, our worship, ministries and governance are all grounded in the ethos of Saint Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises. Our life as a parish reflects the Jesuit approach to living the Gospel and co-laboring with the Jesuits in ministry.

Let us consider the four UAPs in condensed form, as a lens through which we view our parish mission, and how we respond to their guidance as a parish, both now and in the future:

A.) To show the way to God through the Spiritual Exercises and discernment:

We ground all that we do upon prayerful discernment of God's will, by sharing our Eucharistic prayer as a community, and by providing varied opportunities to grow in the regular habit of prayer and discernment. We seek to deepen our individual and communal conversion through various opportunities throughout the year, including inspirational readings, spiritual conversation and retreats. We facilitate making the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises available for all who desire to participate in spiritual direction. Through our Pastoral Council and Spirituality Committee, we will continue to develop spirituality programs to help people live out their faith in community, family and society.

B.) To walk with the poor, the outcasts of the world, those whose dignity has been violated, in a mission of reconciliation and justice:

We seek out opportunities to "walk with" the poor and outcast. We offer communal meals, social services, spiritual healing and comfort to impoverished and unhoused people through our thrice weekly Faith, Food and Friends program. We visit the hospitalized and homebound, bringing them Eucharist and companionship. We are planning new community engagement and catechesis to discern our communal and individual calling to establish a broader social justice ministry.

C.) To accompany young people in the creation of a hope-filled future:

Currently, our PREP program of religious education and the Children's Liturgy of the Word serve the youngest members of our community, helping them come to Christian maturity. In pastoral planning, we are discerning ways to support the Young Adult Community as they seek to live the Gospel in their careers and relationships.

D.) To collaborate in the care of our Common Home:

After studying Pope Francis' encyclical exhorting us to care for the created world, we formed a new Care for Creation Committee, to create informational and direct-action programs to increase care for the earth, and to enhance our collaboration with EcoPhilly and other parishes in the Archdiocese.

All are invited to share in the work of living out the Gospel as a parish community. Collaborating as parishioners and friends, all of us aim to grow in a deeper understanding of God's will. Participating together, let us be guided by the UAPs. What we are currently doing as a parish, what we propose to do, and what we discern to be a specific need should all flow from the spirit of the UAPs.

In that way, our parish will seek to move forward as a community, ensure that we keep our priorities focused on the same priorities as the broader Jesuit Provincial community and embrace opportunities to work collaboratively with the Jesuit apostolate of Philadelphia, as well as the Archdiocese, all for the greater glory of God.

—OSJ's Parish Council



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This Week at Old St. Joseph's

Date		Mass Intention and Presider		Calendar Events	
Mon 20	12:05 PM	<i>Dec. Mbrs. of the Brown & McFeeley Families</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		PRESIDENT'S DAY – OFFICES CLOSED	
Tues 21	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)	
Wed 22	12:05 PM 6:00 PM	<i>ASH WEDNESDAY – No Announced Mass</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ Presider: Fr. Holland SJ		ASH WEDNESDAY: Masses at 12:05 & 6:00 PM	
Thurs 23	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	10:00 AM 7:00 PM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin) Choir rehearsal	
Fri 24	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ			
Sat 25	5:30 PM	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)	
Sun 26	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)	

THIS WEEK IN JESUIT HISTORY: February 19 - 25

History: February 20, 1515. During the night of Mardi Gras, Inigo (later Ignatius) Loyola engaged in “premeditated and enormous crimes” during which “ambush and treachery were prearranged.” Under threat of arrest, Inigo fled to Pamplona, but authorities there put him in prison. The court record indicated that Inigo had a reputation for engaging in dueling and immoral affairs. He was acquitted and fled back to the royal court. An elderly aunt who was a nun declared, “Inigo, you will not learn nor become wise until someone breaks your leg.” His “cannonball moment” would come in Pamplona in 1521.

Saints: February 21 Robert Southwell martyred in 1595, after he had endured brutal tortures at the house of Richard Topcliffe, a professional priest-hunter, and then in prison. He embraced the jailer who brought him word that he had been sentenced to death. As he breathed his last, Lord Mountjoy, who presided over the execution, exclaimed, “May my soul be one day with that of this man.”

Do you speak Ignatian? Communal discernment element 5: Intentional speaking and transparency
Linked to attentive listening (last week's element) is intentional speaking. In our parish discerning conversation of January 22, participants were asked to try to speak from their own experience and prayer, using “I” statements.” The question behind this is, “What might the Spirit be saying to me, through me?” The main purpose of spiritual conversation, in attentive listening and intentional speaking, is to create an atmosphere of trust and welcome so that people may more readily express themselves frankly. It allows them to take seriously whatever is going on within them. This transparency makes the perception of spiritual movements easier and, eventually, the Spirit's involvement.

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)

OSJ PRAYER LIST

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

Helen Walsh, 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.

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

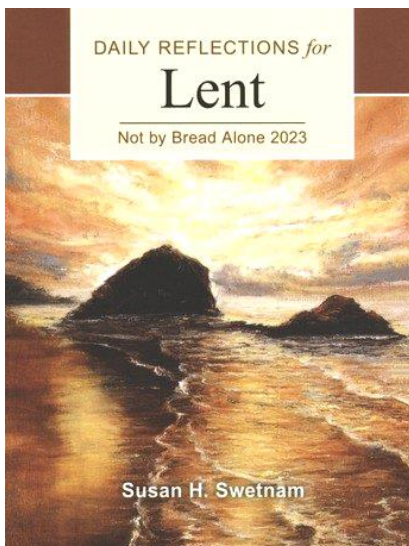
We will distribute a booklet of **Daily Reflections for Lent** on Ash Wednesday and will also make it available in the back of church. There will be also a Communal Penance as well as Stations of the Cross during Lent.

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

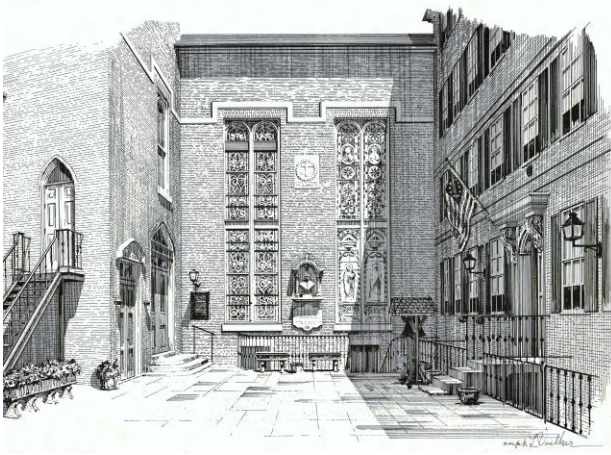
Holy Week: Palm Sunday. Tenebrae. Chrism Mass. Holy Thursday. Good Friday. Easter Vigil. More news about each of these grace-filled liturgies in upcoming bulletins.

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.**



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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The Parish Council and Finance Committee will be holding Parish Updates and Listening Sessions in Barbelin Hall after each mass on February 25th & 26th. All are invited to attend and participate in the discussion and provide feedback directly to your Parish Council.

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 any of our discussions (no need to attend more than one discussion):

- Wednesday, March 8, 7:00pm (on Zoom)
- Wednesday, March 15, 6:30pm (in Barbelin Hall, over soup and bread)
- Sunday, March 26, 12:30pm (in Barbelin Hall)
- Saturday, April 1, 2023: 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).



St. Joseph's Feast Day Celebration! Come celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph on Monday, March 20 with Mass at 6:00 pm followed by dinner at 7:00 pm in Barbelin Hall. Tickets for the dinner are on sale now after the 9:30 and 11:30 Sunday Masses; \$10 for adults; children eat for free. Donations of wine or desserts will be appreciated. Volunteers are needed to prepare the food for the dinner and the set-up of the hall dining area on Sunday March 19th after the 11:30 mass. Volunteers are also needed for serving and cleanup on the evening of the dinner, March 20th. Please contact Joe Casey at joetcasey@aol.com to volunteer and for more information.

The OSJ Reading Group will meet on Tuesday, 7 March at 7.30 p.m. via Zoom Teleconference. The book for the month is Zora Neal Hurston: *Their Eyes Were Watching God*. To join us, contact Carol Shloss at 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 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 12, 2023

Daily Mass:	\$9.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$3,807.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$892.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$3,895.00
Total Collection:	\$8,603.00

Offertory for the week ending February 13, 2022

Daily Mass:	\$24.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,114.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$118.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$3,730.00
Total Collection:	\$5,986.00

Thank You!

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



Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls are available in the back of the church. Please consider taking

home a cardboard rice bowl and its enclosed calendar and guide to Lent.

Want to Pitch in for OSJ Eldership? Please Speak Up Now! The Old St. Joseph



Eldership Committee is in need of help. Quite simply, for various reasons, most in the founding group no longer are able to serve. New participation is requested! Volunteers now are being sought for the purpose of revitalizing the committee which, in turn, then can reestablish an action plan for events and activities that OSJ's older parishioners may enjoy together. If this appears of interest, contact eldership@oldstjoseph.org. Time commitment going forward is anticipated to include one or two initial planning meetings and, thereafter, a monthly meeting of about one hour duration – all held at OSJ or by Zoom as the group determines.

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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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