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February 26, 2023 | The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (A)



## **Today's Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11**

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.

The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread."

He said in reply, "It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus answered him, "Again it is written, You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test."

Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me."

At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve."

Then the devil left him and behold, angels came and ministered to him.



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## This Week at Old St. Joseph's

Date		Mass Intention and Presider	Calendar Events	
Mon	12:05 PM	<i>Sarah Scott (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Wed	12:05 PM	<i>Hugh &amp; Pauline Scott (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	7:00 PM	Finance Council Zoom Mtg.
Thurs	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	12:05 PM	<i>Geraldine Marren &amp; Family (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	12:30 PM	Litany of the Sacred Heart
Sat	5:30 PM	Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Parish Council Retreat (3 <sup>rd</sup> Fl. Library) FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Sun	7:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	10:15 AM	RCIA (Drexel)
	9:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:30 AM	YAC Scripture Reading (Greaton)
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	5:00 PM	Vespers (Zoom)

### THIS WEEK IN JESUIT HISTORY: February 26 – March 4

**History: February 27 1585** Fr. General Acquaviva wrote a severe letter forbidding members of the Society to meddle with politics after Fr. Mathieu and the League (Ste. Union de France) sought to hinder King Henry of Navarre, a Protestant, from succeeding to the throne.

**Saints: March 2** Nicholas Owen 1606. Brother Nicholas Owen, S.J. "Little John" is martyred in the Tower of London. For 26 years, he constructed hiding places for priests. "Perhaps no single person contributed more to the preservation of the Catholic religion in England during the Penal Times than Nicholas Owen". (Butler, Lives of the Saints).

**Do you speak Ignatian?** Communal discernment element 6: **gratitude**

Gratitude is the underlying foundation of the Spiritual Exercises central to Ignatian Spirituality. Ignatius, through his prayer, meditation and mystical experiences with God, knew in his core that God was imbued in every single thing within and around us. We are invited to pay attention to the place of God, love and grace in every nook and cranny of the joyful beauty of life, as well as the harshest sorrows and injustices we may experience or witness. If we choose to stay open and alert, if we choose to stay faithfully attentive — looking for and waiting for the grace, love and presence of God to be revealed — we will see that God is within all of this beauty and mess in the world. St. Ignatius understood that God desires intimate connection and relationship with us. He knew that God never wants to be separate from us but wants to love us fully. And from our experience of being fully loved, God wants us to respond to his love by loving and serving others — the gift of love, grace and compassion renewing and extending endlessly. In discerning conversation, we express genuine gratitude for each of the other members of the group, for their service and ministry, and for those who will be impacted by whatever elections the group makes as a result of the communal discernment process.

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)

## OSJ PRAYER LIST

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

Bruce Vernon, Helen Walsh, Julio Umberto Rivera, Paul Clement, Marilyn Davies, Barbara Hebal, Joanne Nicholson, Nik Sizgorich, Bill Wilson, 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.*

## MUSIC at OSJ

**Piano Recital 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 some of his pupils from the Settlement Music School. The recital will include music by Bach, Handel, Chopin, Debussy, and Ravel. Admission to the recital is free. A free will offering to benefit our music program at OSJ will be gratefully received.

### Requiescat in Pace

Longstanding OSJ parishioner **Jolyne Dalzell** passed away at the age of 86 on Sunday, February 12. Jolyne's Memorial Mass was celebrated at OSJ on Friday, February 24. Please keep the Dalzell Family and their friends in your thoughts and prayers.

*Eternal rest, grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*



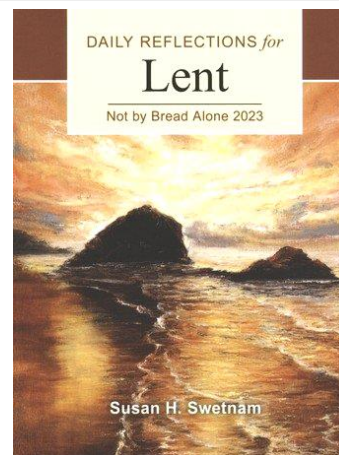
#### Personal Care Items Requested for Faith

**Food & Friends' Guests:** The men and women who are guests of Faith Food & Friends - whether they stay in temporary housing, in shelters, or are homeless - rely on our distribution of basic toiletries. **But right now, our supplies of many items are extremely low and won't last through the winter: especially bar soap, deodorant, razors, shampoo and toothpaste.** And with temperatures often dipping below freezing, handwarmers are also needed and greatly appreciated. They keep hands, or feet, warm up to ten hours. Please consider donating these items or purchasing them at the [FF&F Amazon wish list](#) on the OSJ website.



**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.

**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 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.



**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.**

**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](mailto: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. Since its founding six years ago, the Old St. Joseph's Church Eldership Committee has been dedicated to serving the parish's older members, 50 and forward, by providing events, activities and resources designed to enrich participants' spiritual and social lives. Past initiatives have included educational workshops, communal outings, volunteer opportunities, religious observances and more. The COVID-19 pandemic, however, took its toll on the group and, hence, new participation and regeneration are key to moving forward.

## **REPORT of the PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL of OLD SAINT JOSEPH'S PARISH 2022-2023**

The Old Saint Joseph's Parish Pastoral Council seek to provide an effective process for realizing both the rights and the obligations of all lay members of our community. In the first year since our re-establishment as a consultative body we have re-created the Council, consulted with Fr. Hannafey regarding ongoing matters of pastoral concern, worked to better understand the gifts and challenges of our community, and received Fr. Hannafey's approval to start several needed organizational and ministerial initiatives.

What follows is a summary of our activities on your behalf and on behalf of our Pastor during the previous year.

In late 2021, Fr. Hannafey, S.J., seeing that the former Parish Council was a non-traditional makeup of only committee chairpersons, decided to form a new twelve-member Council based largely upon the Guidelines for Parish Pastoral Councils published by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Last February the parish community elected six members and Fr. Hannafey appointed three Council members pursuant to Archdiocesan guidance.

We began meeting in March 2022, and started by sharing perspectives on the state of our parish in the aftermath of the pandemic shutdowns and change in pastors. Council members discussed their observations of the strengths and challenges for our community moving forward. Council identified some priorities, took action to address immediate needs, and began to form a cohesive and Spirit guided working group. Also at these initial meetings, Council considered Parish Finance Council reports, the reduction of parish collections and its impact on the short term and long term financial health of the Parish.

One major area for the Council was to better understand the current makeup of our existing parishioners. It was difficult to understand which parishioners remained active with OSJ and which were no longer part of our community. The Council formed a working group that devised a plan to understand who are our current parishioners using a parish-wide Census approach to collect needed data to inform the Council on the number of households and individuals that remained active. The census started with the Welcome Back Mass and Ministry Fair on September 18th. The

census continued with earnest in January of this year. We will report out the final census data once complete.

Council consulted with the Pastor on various ongoing matters of concern, the following is a shortened list of the topics addressed, a full accounting of topics can be viewed in the full report:

- Preparation for the annual visitation by Fr. Joseph M. O'Keefe, S.J., the Provincial of the Eastern Province, and met with Fr. James Casciotti, the Provincial Assistant for Pastoral Ministries in preparation for
- the meeting with the Provincial. A major topic discussed during these meetings was the Jesuit Province pastoral planning process
- OSJ's participation in the Jesuit Community's gun buyback event on October 29, 2022. Fr. Hannafey delivered the opening prayer for the event and participated in the press conference
- 6:30 P.M. Sunday mass and its effect on the parish and in particular the Young Adult Community
- Staffing changes
- Security concerns in the neighborhood and their impact on parishioner safety
- Reduction in the number of active ministers in our various ministries
- Welcome Back Mass and Ministry Fair, September 18<sup>th</sup>
- Social Justice focus at OSJ – leading to the Social Justice Mass and Discernment, January 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Ministry to the Young Adult community

The Council will hold a half day retreat for its members on March 4<sup>th</sup> to reflect further on the current state of the parish, discern what we heard during the Listening Sessions and begin to look forward on where the Holy Spirit is leading our community in the near future. Please pray for us as we contemplate these important topics.

—OSJ Parish Pastoral Council

A full version of our annual report can be found on the front page of our website: [www.oldstjoseph.org](http://www.oldstjoseph.org).



## THIS WEEKEND!

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, 10:00am: 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.

## 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 19, 2023

Daily Mass:	\$50.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$5,023.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$741.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$5,029.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$10,843.00</b>

#### Offertory for the week ending February 20, 2022

Daily Mass:	\$22.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$4,995.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$854.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,522.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$10,393.00</b>

*Thank You!*

Special collections are active on ParishSOFT Giving and Text-to-Give:  
For Text-to-Give (215-929-7151) the keyword is **AgingPriests, RiceBowl, AshWednesday**

**Holy Land Pilgrimage: "Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus" with Fr. Brendan Lally, SJ. June 14 – 24, 2023**, Double occupancy, two meals a day, air and local travel in Israel, gratuities included. Daily Mass at Holy Sites, opportunity for prayer and friendship. We will spend first 4 days in Galilee and visit the Mt. of Beatitudes, Place of call of Apostles, Capernaum – site of healing of the paralyzed man, take boat on Sea of Galilee, visit Cana and Nazareth, the Basilica of the Annunciation, Baptismal place of Jesus, the Dead Sea, Tomb of Lazarus. Spend 5 days in Jerusalem – visit, Gethsemane, Walk Palm Sunday route of Jesus, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Visit the Tomb of Christ, have Mass on Calvary, Visit the Last Supper Room, the Western Wall of the Temple, site of Peter's denial, walk the Way of Cross on Via Dolorosa. On the last day visit Ein Karem, place of the Visitation and birthplace of John the Baptist and conclude in Bethlehem at the Cave of the Nativity and Shepherd's Field. If you are interested, please go to [www.pilgrimages.com/frlally/june](http://www.pilgrimages.com/frlally/june) for more info, or contact Fr. Lally, SJ [blally@sju.edu](mailto:blally@sju.edu)

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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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