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March 5, 2023 | The 2nd Sunday of Lent (A)



Today's Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Transfiguration, (1516-1520) Raphael



Update: Our audio hearing loop was damaged during the recent church carpet installation. We are researching a replacement system and will let you know when the new system is up and running. Please continue to use the *Sunday's Word* booklets located in the back of the church.

This Week at Old St. Joseph's

Date		Mass Intention and Presider	Calendar Events	
Mon 6	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	7:30 PM	Adult Ed Committee Zoom Mtg.
Tues 7	12:05 PM	Hugh & Cormac Logue (D) 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	7:00 PM	Social Justice Zoom Discussion
Thurs 9	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	10:00 AM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin) Wedd reh: Blust & Steinmetz Choir rehearsal
Fri 10	12:05 PM	<i>The Deeney Family (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	3:00 PM	Wedding: Blust & Steinmetz
Sat 11	5:30 PM	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM 2:00 PM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin) 1 st Reconciliation/Communion Retreat
Sun 12	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 1:30 PM 5:00 PM	RCIA (Drexel) YAC Scripture Reading (Greaton) Group Baptisms Vespers (Zoom)

THIS WEEK IN JESUIT HISTORY: March 5 - 11

History: March 6 1922: The then Missouri Province purchased the "White House Farm," which now is a retreat center. It was so called because of a post-Civil War movement to transfer the national capital from Washington DC to St. Louis, with the Farm to serv as the President's home.

Saints: On March 10 1615 John Ogilvie died a martyr of Glasgow. He had been raised a Calvinist, but in 1596, at age 17, he became a Catholic in Belgium and three years later entered the Jesuits. He reentered Scotland in 1613 and worked to reconcile people to the Church. One of his converts betrayed him. He was subjected to constant interrogations and torture and was finally condemned for refusing the oath of supremacy of the king in spiritual matters. He was found guilty of high treason and sentenced to be hanged and quartered. He died clutching his rosary and saying "Lord, have mercy on me, Lord, receive my soul." He was 36 years old.

Do you speak Ignatian? Communal discernment element 7: *confirmation*

As Peter Fennesy SJ notes, Confirmation of the election means to make firm, to 'strengthen' internally as well as to 'ratify' externally through an experience of divine consolation. The testing of God's approval of our choices comes not just in an immediate experience of spiritual consolations (greater peace, interior freedom, increase of faith, hope and love) but in the unfolding of the election and its consequences, and in our acceptance of the cost of the decision. No decision comes with absolute certainty and reflecting on the decision may reveal the need to make adjustments or changes or even the need to revisit the entire discernment process.

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.

Bruce Vernon, Helen Walsh, Julio Umberto Rivera, Paul Clement, Marilyn Davies, 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.



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.



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 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.



We can assure you, it's probably not God calling you on your iPhone or Android phone. Please remember to silence your smart phone upon entering the church. Thanks!

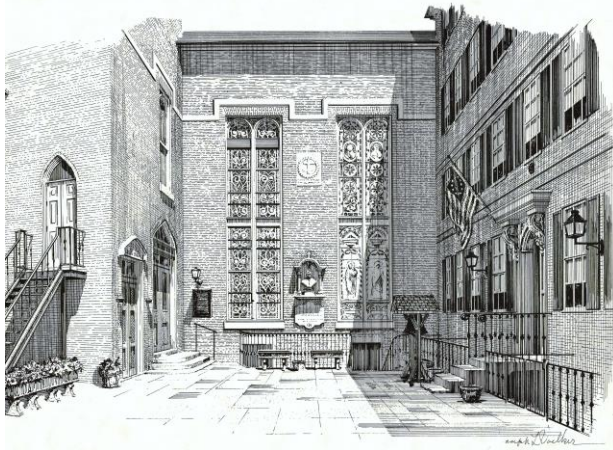


Want to Pitch in for OSJ Eldership? Please Speak Up Now! The Old St. Joseph Eldership

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. 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.



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 for more info, or contact Fr. Lally, SJ blally@sj.edu.



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

Old St. Joseph's is equipped with an audio hearing loop. Switch on the T-coil function of your device to use the loop.

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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Our Parish Discussion of Catholic Social Teaching Begins This Wednesday, March 8th (Sponsored by OSJ Adult Education, Ignatian Spirituality and Care for Creation Committees)

This Lent, the 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.

Reading Plan: Read the whole book, of course! 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). As you read, please note the questions at the end of each chapter. These will help you to reflect on your own response to our rich Catholic teaching on social justice and the questions will form the basis for the parish discussions listed below. While reading Fr. Massaro’s book, please plan to attend one of three parish-wide discussions:

***Wednesday, March 8, 7:00 pm (Zoom)** NOTE: To access the meeting, go to our website: www.oldstjoseph.org and click on the Zoom meeting link.

***Wednesday, March 15, 6:30 pm** (in Barbelin Hall, over soup and bread) Please RSVP by March 9 to adulted@oldstjoseph.org to assure there will be enough food!

***Sunday, March 26, 12:30 pm** (in person, in Barbelin Hall after 11:30 mass)

We look forward to seeing you at one of the discussion meetings! Feel free to bring a friend! ***Please mark your calendar for a discussion with the author of the book ~ Fr. Massaro, S.J. in person on Saturday, April 1, in the Church - time TBD.***



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.

FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending February 26, 2023

Daily Mass:	\$41.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,110.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$158.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,216.00
Total Collection:	\$6,525.00

Offertory for the week ending February 27, 2022

Daily Mass:	\$21.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,197.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$825.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$3,487.00
Total Collection:	\$6,530.00

Thank You!

**Second Collection Next Weekend, March 11/12:
Church in Latin America**

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

**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.

Reminder: OSJ parking relaxation notices

may ONLY be used during weekend Sunday Masses, Holyday masses and for weddings falling on a Saturday or Sunday. They cannot be used during Noon Masses when parking in either a legitimate paid parking or relaxed parking spot. **YOU MUST HAVE AN OSJ PARKING NOTICE ON YOUR DASHBOARD!** Parking notices can be obtained inside the courtyard/church vestibule or in the rectory office [or by clicking here.](#)



Thanks for Your Feedback! Thanks to the many community members who participated in the Parish Council listening sessions last weekend! We will be discussing your many suggestions and will keep you informed going forward. If you couldn't make it, or thought of something after your session, please let us know your thoughts at our email address, osjpc@oldstjoseph.org.

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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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