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March 19, 2023 | The 4th Sunday of Lent (A)



Christ Healing the Blind (detail) – El Greco (1541-1614)

Today's Gospel: John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent —. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.



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This Week at Old St. Joseph's

Date		Mass Intention and Presider	Calendar Events	
Mon 20	12:05 PM 6:00 PM	<i>Giancarlo Mazzoleni (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	6:00 PM	St. Joseph's Day Mass & Dinner Note: Tickets are required for the dinner!
Tues 21	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM 2:00 PM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin) Eldership Mtg (Loyola)
Wed 22	12:05 PM	Thomas Convery (D) Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	6:30 PM	Social Justice Dinner & Discussion
Thurs 23	12:05 PM	<i>Dec. Mbrs of the Scott & Logue Families</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	10:00 AM 2:00 PM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin) Eldership Mtg (Loyola) Wedding reh: MacCarrick & Santiago Choir rehearsal
Fri 24	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	3:00 PM	Wedding: MacCarrick & Santiago
Sat 25	5:30 PM	Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	10:00 AM	Larry Giesman Memorial Mass FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Sun 26	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Holland SJ Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:15 AM 10:30 AM 1:00 PM 5:00 PM	RCIA (Drexel) YAC Scripture Reading (Greaton) Social Justice Discussion (Barbelin) Vespers (Zoom)

THIS WEEK IN JESUIT HISTORY: March 19 - 25

History: March 21 1522 Ignatius arrives at Montserrat on feast of St. Benedict. After spending three days writing out a review of his sins and going to confession, he spends all night of the Vigil of the Feast of Annunciation in prayer before the icon of The Black Madonna, then lays his sword and dagger before her altar and takes up life as a pilgrim and penitent in Manresa.

Saint: March 19 St Joseph is the titular patron of all churches belonging to colleges of the Society of Jesus throughout much of Europe. Jesuit missionaries offered St. Joseph as the model of a loving spouse, devoted selflessly to protecting and caring for Jesus, who "came into our world in a state of great vulnerability" (Pope Francis). From our own Old St. Joseph's, founded in 1733 by Joseph Greaton SJ eventuated Saint Joseph's Prep and University. Moreover, St. Joseph was the baptismal patron of the first president of Saint Joseph's College, Felix Joseph Barbelin, S.J., who cultivated a personal devotion to St. Joseph and even composed poetry in his honor.

Ignatian Spirituality: Lenten alms giving. The Christian spiritual discipline of fasting is not simply an ascetical practice (and certainly not part of a weight-loss regime!), but a practical expression of solidarity with impoverished people for whom "fasting" is not optional. The money saved by fasting and abstinence from meal is meant to become a gift, whereby we "eat simply so that others may simply eat."

As Operation Rice Bowl notes, "Almsgiving flows from prayer and fasting. We reflect on the needs of the world and how God is calling us to meet those needs through prayer. We make room for the needs of others—and for the Holy Spirit to work within us—through fasting. Through a recognition of the world's needs and a personal commitment to act, we give alms." The Catechism calls almsgiving "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God."

In assessing how much we might give and to whom, St. Ignatius offers three possible touchstones: a) what most contributes to the glory of God? b) on my death bed, what will I wish I had done? c) as I stand with the Lord on the Day of Judgement, what will I wish I had done in fulfilling my duties for distributing alms?

OSJ PRAYER LIST

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

Peggy Connolly, Jack Keenan, 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.

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

**YOUNG
adults**

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.



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.

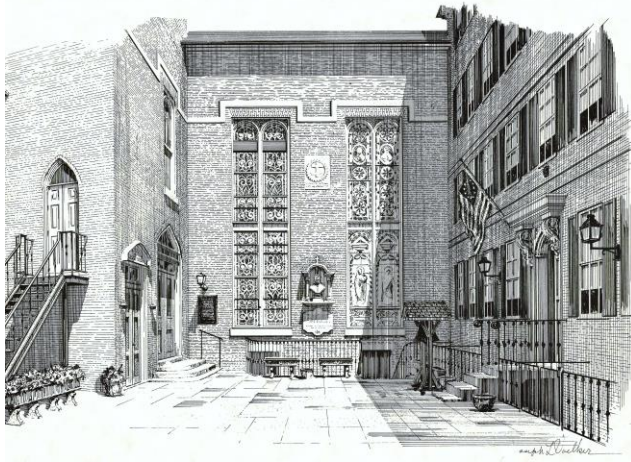


THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY & FORMATION COMMITTEE Invites you to a PARISH EASTER SEASON WEEKEND RETREAT

Date: Friday, May 19 (Dinner) to Sunday, May 21 (Lunch)
Place: Daylesford Abbey, 222 S. Valley Road, Paoli, PA
Price: \$280 (includes lodging and meals)
Transportation: By Septa Train (Septa Station one mile away)
By Car (parking available)
Theme: "Feed My Sheep"
Method: OSJ group morning and evening prayers, Ignatian group direction and reflections, Faith sharing
Other: Vespers and daily prayers with the Monks, Sunday liturgy
Grounds: 90 Acres with outdoor stations, grottos, walking trail, outdoor rustic chapel
For more information and to reserve your space, email us at osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org. We hope you will consider joining us!



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@sju.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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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.



Our Lenten Journey continues ... Thank you for joining us! The Third and Final Parish Discussion will be held on Sunday, **March 26, at 12:30 p.m.** in person, in Barbelin Hall after 11:30 a.m. Mass. Then culminating with an in-person discussion with the author of the book ~ **Fr.**

Thomas Massaro, S.J. on Saturday, April 1, at 1:00PM in the Church.

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.



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 next meeting of the OSJ Reading Group will be on Tuesday, 4 April at 7.30 p.m. via Zoom teleconference. Our book is: Olga Tokarczuk's *Drive your Plow over the Bones of the Dead*. This is our first Polish

writer and the winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature. If you would like to join us, please contact Carol Shloss: shlosscarol@gmail.com.

FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending March 12, 2023

Daily Mass:	\$84.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$1,794.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$1,400.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$3,844.00
Total Collection:	\$7,122.00

Offertory for the week ending March 13, 2022

Daily Mass:	\$26.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$1,663.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$800.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$3,719.00
Total Collection:	\$6,208.00

Thank You!

The following collections are active on our Online Giving and Text-to-Give sites:

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Holy Thursday, Good Friday/Holy Land,
Easter Sunday, Catholic Charities Appeal

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And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who
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And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.*



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