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March 26, 2023 | The 5th Sunday of Lent (A)



Today's Gospel:

John 11: 3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

The sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus, saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever

believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

Artwork: *Raising of Lazarus* (1304-1306) – Giotto



Update: Our audio hearing loop has been replaced by a new hearing assistance system which requires an iPhone or smartphone to operate. Instructions including the needed QR symbols, WiFi address, password, and required software app download can be found on the bulletin boards in the church entryways.

This Week at Old St. Joseph's

Date		Mass Intention and Presider	Calendar Events	
Mon 27	12:05 PM	<i>Josephine Kovacs (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Tues 28	12:05 PM	<i>Our FF&F Guests</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Wed 29	12:05 PM	Dec Mbrs of the Nastala & Szyszka Families Presider: Fr. Holland SJ		
Thurs 30	12:05 PM	<i>Daniel Minch (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	10:00 AM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin) Choir rehearsal (Church) Choir rehearsal (Barbelin)
Fri 31	12:05 PM	<i>Frederick A Tucker Jr (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ		
Sat 1	5:30 PM	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM 1:00 PM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin) Tom Massaro Talk (Church)
Sun 2	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: March 26 – April 1

History March 29, 1523: Ignatius arrives in Rome for the first time, on Palm Sunday. Four months later he leaves for Jerusalem. His pilgrimage to the Holy Land had been delayed for about a year because the port of Barcelona was closed due to plague. Inigo had tarried in near-by Manresa, undergoing the religious experiences and practices which form the Spiritual Exercises.

Saint March 31, 1601 Blessed Robert Middleton: He may have returned to the Catholic Church after Margaret Clitherow was martyred in March 1586 for harboring priests. Middleton went to the Continent in 1594, and eventually was ordained four years later. He returned to England and spent two years in Lancaster before being arrested, along with Fr. Thurstan Hunt S.J. Under torture, they admitted they were priests, acknowledged Queen Elizabeth's authority in temporal matters, and prayed for God to bring her back to the Catholic Church. Sometime in 1599 Fr. Middleton had requested to be admitted to the Jesuits, but by the time the General approved the request, Middleton was already in prison so it is not certain that he knew he had been admitted. Both priests were hanged, but Middleton was cut down before he was fully dead, so he was also beheaded. He was beatified in 1987 and is accounted among the Jesuit Martyrs of England and Wales.

Ignatian Spirituality Thinking with the Church: Although his spirituality emphasizes an intense personal relationship between an individual and God (a distinctly modern facet), Ignatius was convinced that this relationship has to be firmly embedded in the Church, so he stresses the virtue of "thinking with the Church." He cautions that individual judgement is not trustworthy. Instead, Ignatius is convinced that "in Christ our Lord, the bridegroom, and in His Spouse the Church, only one Spirit holds sway, which governs and rules for the salvation of souls. It is by the same Spirit and Lord who gave the Ten Commandments that our holy Mother Church is ruled and governed." The Church is trustworthy, says Ignatius, because it is ultimately governed and guided by God. This from a man who knew the institution's corruption, who saw up close the divisions of the Reformation, and who himself was imprisoned and interrogated by the Inquisition three times! Yet Ignatius remained confident that the Church is not a merely human institution. Just as Jesus lived among sinners yet accomplished his mission of salvation, so today God works through his Spouse the Church accomplishing salvation in and through her despite all the imperfections of her members.

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.



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!



Ministries

We'd like to invite parishioners to get more involved in our sacred liturgies! You'll deepen your faith, expand your horizons, and even meet great new friends! Opportunities include Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Ushers. It's easy to join: [\(click here for link\)](#) just go to and click **sign-up to serve in a ministry**. Thank you for your faithful service to your parish! +AMDG!

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION THIS SPRING

The first terms of elected Parish Pastoral Council members were staggered to encourage continuity in membership over time. This year, two Council members will complete their one-year terms. Beginning with this year's election, all terms will be for three years.

This Spring, we will elect two candidates for three-year terms that will start on June 1. A full description of the election process is on the Parish web site, oldstjoseph.org.

Stephen Paesani and John Bitterman, who are completing their one-year terms, will stand for election for three-year terms. All parish members may stand for election if they meet the minimum qualifications listed below.

Nominations will open on April 1 (Palm Sunday Vigil) and will end on April 16 (the Sunday after Easter). Nominations may be emailed to the Parish Pastoral Council at osjpc@oldstjoseph.org. Also, paper nomination forms will be available in the back of the church. Include the nominee's name, contact information and a brief reason for the nomination. Nominees will be reviewed for minimum qualifications and asked to submit a photo and a brief election statement for the Bulletin and website.

Voting will take place from May 6 to May 21 on the Parish website; paper ballots will also be available.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBER:

- Two years registered as a parish member
- Regular Mass attendance
- Active participation in a parish ministry, committee, and/or community. Due to previous pandemic restrictions, past or present activity will be accepted. The parish Bulletin lists most parish ministries, communities, and committees that can serve as a reference.
- Referral comes from a fellow parishioner. Self-nominations are not permitted.



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.

Holy Week



Wednesday ~ April 5
7:00pm Tenebrae Service at
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
(1625 Locust Street, Phila.)

OSJ'S 2023 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

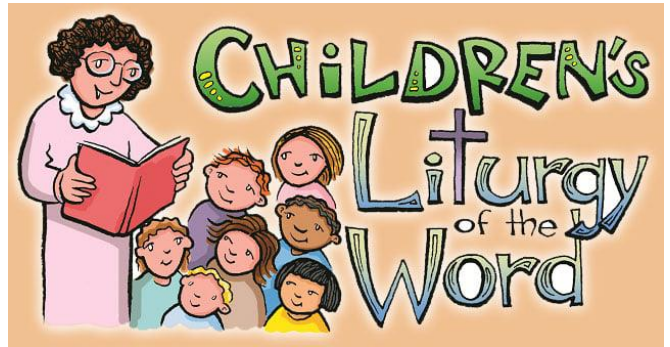
Holy Thursday ~ April 6
Confessions: 11:30am – 12:30pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30pm
Compline: 9:30pm

Good Friday ~ April 7
Stations of the Cross: 12:05pm
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion: 3:00pm

Easter Vigil ~ Saturday, April 8
(No 5:30pm Vigil)
Mass at 8:00pm

Easter Sunday ~ April 9
Masses at 7:30am, 9:30am (w/CLOW),
& 11:30am

The Old St. Joseph's Parish Council is a group of elected and appointed members who serve as representation for our diverse parish family. Together with our pastor and resident priests, we discern and propose current parish initiatives. Our council welcomes any questions or suggestions from you, our parish community. The Parish Council meets monthly and can be reached anytime via email at osjpc@oldstjoseph.org. We look forward to hearing from you. **NOTE: The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 12.**



PALM SUNDAY: Please join us at the 9:30 am mass on Sunday, April 2nd for a special **Children's Liturgy of the Word**. We will present The Way of the Cross for children. All are welcome to this program, and it is especially meaningful for children in grades Kindergarten through Fourth. **EASTER SUNDAY:** Children will be invited to come to the front of the church during the 9:30 AM Mass to lead the congregation in the singing of the Our Father.

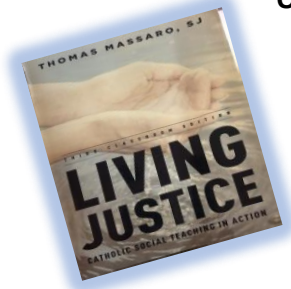
Visitors are kindly invited to celebrate these special events with the parish.

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

YOUNG
adults

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.

MARCH 29, 2023, 7PM, ZOOM: *The Quest for Environmental and Climate Justice: Care for Our Common Home*: Dr. Robert Bullard is often referred to as the father of environmental justice. Dr. Bullard is currently Distinguished Professor of Urban Planning and Environmental Policy and Director of the Bullard Center for Environmental and Climate Justice at Texas Southern University. Dr. Bullard will discuss environmental justice including the disproportionate effects of environmental hazards on communities of color and connections to Ladauto Si. Register at <https://www.sju.edu/centers/faithjustice/klein>



**Our Lenten Journey continues.
If You Haven't Discussed Fr.
Massaro's Book Yet, Our
Final Parish Discussion
Will Be Sunday, March 26,
12:30 pm in person, in
Barbelin Hall after 11:30
Mass)**

**Don't Miss Our in-Person Discussion With the
Author of the Book**

Fr. Thomas Massaro, S.J.

On Saturday, April 1, 1:00 P.M., In the Church

Our parish discernment of social justice is accompanied by a 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 discussion.



Women, Faith, and Fellowship (WFF) will not be meeting for coffee/breakfast on Sunday, March 26th. We look forward to gathering again on Sunday, April 30th

at 12:30 PM at a location to be determined. Those on the WFF email list have received an email asking your preference to help us determine a new meeting location. (Frieda's Café is not able to accommodate a group of our size.) If you are not on the WFF email list, please contact wff@oldstjoseph.org. Also, WFF's Women's Spring Reflection will be held on Sunday, June 11th at OSJ with a guest speaker. Please hold the date.

FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending March 19, 2023

Daily Mass:	\$61.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$1,956.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$170.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,848.00
Total Collection:	\$7,035.00

Offertory for the week ending March 20, 2022

Daily Mass:	\$43.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$3,606.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$930.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,852.00
Total Collection:	\$9,431.00

Thank You!

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

Operation Rice Bowl
Church in Latin America,
Easter Flowers and Music Memorials,
Holy Thursday, Good Friday/Holy Land,
Easter Sunday, Catholic Charities Appeal

For Text-to-Give (215-929-7151) the keywords are RiceBowl, LatinAmer, EasterFlowers, EasterMusic, HolyThur, GoodFri, and Easter



Our New Hearing Assistance System is up and Running! Instructions and the needed QR codes are posted on the entryway bulletin boards. You'll need to perform the steps using your iPhone/smartphone when you're in the church so you can pick up the Wi-Fi signal.

After you've scanned the WiFi network QR code (bottom left corner of the posted flyer) with your iPhone/smartphone you'll need to know the following: The WiFi name is **StJosephChurch-Audio098** and the password is the church phone number **2159231733**. Follow from #2 on the instructions and proceed. If you have blue tooth hearing aids, you'll hear through your aids. If not, you'll need to bring your ear buds or headphones.

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And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who
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