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April 2, 2023 | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (A)



Introit for Palm Sunday: Matthew 21:9

Hosanna filio David: benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini,
Rex Israel: Hosanna in excelsis.

Hosanna to the Son of David.
Blessed who comes in the name of the Lord, King of Israel.
Hosanna in the highest.



Update: Our audio hearing loop has been replaced by a new hearing assistance system which requires an iPhone or smartphone to operate.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 3	12:05 PM	<i>T V Whitfield (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	7:30 PM	Adult Ed Committee Zoom Mtg
Tues 4	12:05 PM	<i>Geraldine Marren & Family</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Wed 5	12:05 PM	MaryLou Jennings (D) Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	9:30 AM 7:00 PM	St. Mary's School Confessions Choir Rehearsal (Barbelin)
Thurs 6	11:30 AM 7:30 PM	<i>Confessions only – No Mass</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM 11:30 AM 7:30 PM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin) Confessions (Church) Holy Thursday Mass
Fri 7	12:05 PM 3:00 PM	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> : Fr. Hannafey <i>Commemoration of the Lord's Passion</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	12:05 PM 2:15 PM 3:00 PM	Stations of the Cross (Church) Choir Rehearsal Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
Sat 8	8:00 PM	Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	8:00 PM	Easter Vigil
Sun 9	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Donaldson SJ Presider: Fr. Geinzer SJ Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:30 AM 5:00 PM	YAC Scripture Reading (Greaton) Vespers (Zoom)

THIS WEEK IN JESUIT HISTORY: March 26 – April 2 - 8

History - April 4, 1541: In Rome, during Lent, the first Jesuits made a triduum of prayer, before electing the first Superior General. Pope Paul III on September 27, 1540 had formally approved the new religious order, Societatis Jesu. Six of the First Fathers (Bobadilla, Laynez, Salmeron, Jay, Codure and Broet) met together with Ignatius, while ballots arrived from Germany and Portugal from Faver, Xavier and Rodriguez. Xavier was already on his way to India. His vote was dated March 15, 1540. Ignatius was their unanimous choice. At first, he refused, and only accepted reluctantly after strong counsel from his confessor.

Saint: Henry Walpole (1558-1595) was inspired by the courage of the Jesuit martyr, Edmund Campion, to become a priest for his native England. Walpole had been born Catholic but was not sure which direction to follow in the religious controversy that roiled England. He attended the discussions that Campion held with Anglican divines and was present at the Jesuit poet's execution. A drop of Campion's blood fell on his clothes from the martyr's quartered body, confirming his sense that God was calling him to follow in Campion's footsteps. He even wrote a poem honoring the dead Jesuit.

On Feb. 4, 1584, he joined the Society of Jesus. He asked to return to England in 1593 and was immediately arrested and imprisoned for 16 months. Walpole freely admitted that he was a Jesuit. He was tortured brutally 14 different times. The judges demanded that he take the Oath of Supremacy, acknowledging the queen's complete authority in religion. He refused to do so and was convicted of high treason. On April 7, Walpole was executed along with another priest who was killed first. Then the Jesuit climbed the ladder to the gallows and asked the onlookers to pray with him. After he finished the Our Father but before he could say the Hail Mary, the executioner pushed him away from the ladder; then he was taken down and dismembered.

Ignatian Spirituality: Jesuits consider the acquisition of knowledge to be a source of spirituality because it could help humans to better understand God's universe. Following this philosophy, many Jesuits became mathematicians and scientists, conducting research and teaching at universities as they contributed to man's store of knowledge. This led the Society of Jesus to become perhaps the world's most scientifically prolific religious order as well as some of the world's best teachers, traditions that continue to this day. In subsequent weeks, we will consider briefly Jesuits in mathematics, astronomy, physics, and the arts.

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.

Joseph Kahriger, Brendan Minihan, 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!



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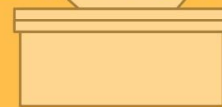
We'd like to invite parishioners to get more involved in our sacred liturgies! You'll deepen your faith, expand your horizons, and even meet great new friends! Opportunities include Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Ushers. It's easy to join: [\(click here for link\)](#)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

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.



PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS



PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION: NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

The first elected Parish Pastoral Council members' terms were staggered to encourage continuity in membership over time. John Bitterman and Stephen Paesani were elected to one-year terms last year.

This Spring, Council will conduct elections for the two open seats on Council; each will have a three-year term. Council invites all registered parishioners to consider standing for election to those two seats. The two incumbents will stand for re-election to those two seats. A full description of the election process is on the Parish web site, oldstjoseph.org.

Nominations are now open as of April 1, 2023, and will close on April 16. 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 full 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.

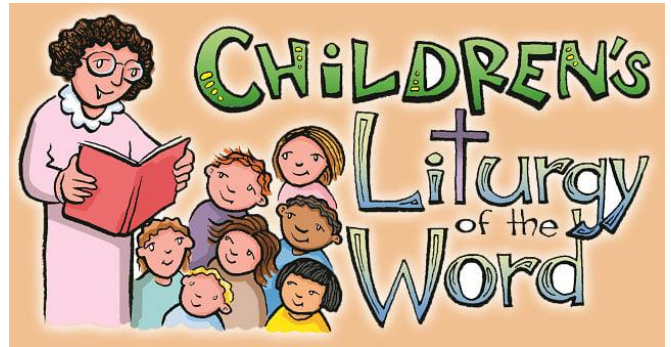


St. Joseph's Day Thanks!

A warm word of thanks to all who attended and participated in our St. Joseph's Mass and dinner on Monday, March 20. Thanks to all who made this liturgy extra special. Thanks to Termini Bros Bakery in South Philly for donating their delicious zeppole (St. Joseph's cakes). And a special thanks to Joe Casey and his volunteer crew for the wonderful dinner served in Barbelin Hall.

Photos courtesy of Nik Sizgorich.

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 day, followed by a short bit of

**YOUNG
adults**

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.



Women, Faith, and Fellowship (WFF) looks forward to gathering again for coffee or a bite to eat 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 their preference in choosing 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. Christine Marie Eberle, author and Ignatian retreat director, will present a spiritual reflection entitled "What Can We Learn from Our Foremothers in Faith?" We will explore why Matthew included Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and (of course) Mary in his genealogy, and what lessons contemporary women can draw from them to inspire our own journey in faith.

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

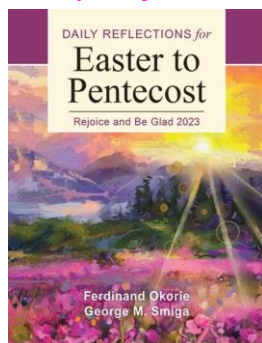
(No 5:30pm Vigil)

Mass at 8:00pm

Easter Sunday ~ April 9

Masses at 7:30am, 9:30am (w/CLOW),
& 11:30am

Daily Reflections for Easter to Pentecost



The OSJ Ignatian Spirituality Committee invites all parishioners to set aside a few minutes a day during the Easter season to pray at home with **Daily Reflections for Easter to Pentecost**. This year's book of reflections, based on the daily Scripture readings, is written by George M. Smiga and Ferdinand

Okorie. Subtitled "Rejoice and Be Glad," each entry includes suggestions for applying the passages to your own life. **Books will be distributed after all Masses this weekend.**

FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending March 26, 2023

Daily Mass:	\$116.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$1,988.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$536.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,375.00
Total Collection:	\$7,015.00

Offertory for the week ending March 27, 2022

Daily Mass:	\$36.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,317.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$2,620.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$3,652.00
Total Collection:	\$8,625.00

Thank You!

**The Collection on Good Friday, April 7, will support
Christian efforts in the Holy Land.
Please give as generously as you are able.**

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

Operation Rice Bowl

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, EasterFlowers, EasterMusic, HolyThur,

GoodFri, and Easter



**Parish Life: OSJ
Annual Easter Egg
Hunt:**

The OSJ Easter Egg Hunt will take place once again in the North Park next to the church on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023 immediately after the

9:30 am Mass. Donations of the plastic eggs filled with treats can be dropped off in the back of church. Children are encouraged to bring a small basket to collect their eggs. Volunteers are needed to place the eggs on the grass. Contact Joe Casey at joetcasey@aol.com.

Volunteers are also needed to help serve the hospitality after the Easter Vigil on 4/8/23 and after the 9:30 and 11:30 masses on Easter Sunday. Contact Joe Casey at joetcasey@aol.com to volunteer.

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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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