

# Old St. Joseph's Church

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April 9, 2023 | Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

**Dear Parishioners and Friends  
of Old St. Joseph's Church,**

Another wonderful and hope-filled Easter has arrived! It may just be me—but it feels like last year's Easter celebration was only yesterday. (Is this a sign of one truly growing older, or, more the experience of joyful remembrance in the spirit of Marcel Proust?) I warmly remember our gatherings for Easter 2022. This year, we are especially grateful to have been able to come together in-person for our traditional marking of St. Joseph's Day with a special community Mass and dinner in Barbelin Hall. Thank you again to the many volunteers who made this event so wonderful for the parish. Easter is at the

heart and center of our faith, our memory and our present, so our celebration this year is welcome and full of promise.

Our faith this Easter and every Easter is that the Lord has truly risen, and our God continues to offer us the promise of new life. Christ's Resurrection seems especially important for us in the times we are living. The recent years have challenged us. We now continue to search for moral wisdom to respond to war in Ukraine and all the risks this poses for the world. The developing tensions between East and West cause even new and deeply complex concerns for our world. Closer to home we tragically still struggle with violence in our city and face complex economic uncertainty in our country. Recent concerns about water safety in our beloved city remind us of the pressing challenges we face in the national and global environment. The good news we celebrate this Easter is that into the uncertainty of our present lives the Risen Lord comes to dwell with us. Because of what God has done and continues to do in the Resurrection of Christ we can ourselves dwell in confidence and peace. This is very good news indeed.

The first believers who were followers of Jesus were confused, afraid, and uncertain about the future after his suffering and death. Perhaps we can more identify with the experience of these first believers. It may be that in our vulnerability and weakness we recognize more clearly our need for Christ as a true Savior. We especially welcome the Risen Jesus Christ this year into our joy and also into our suffering. Let us try to rest with him for a while this Easter season.

Christ's Resurrection changes everything for us. May we actively search for him each day in the beauty and mystery of the world, in the goodness of people, in our parish community, and also in our real concerns of life now in our present. The Light of Christ has and will touch us and guide us in ways we may not expect to bring us life and hope.

On behalf of the OSJ Parish Staff, thank you for your inspiring presence and generous devotion to the community at Old St. Joseph's Church.

Happy Easter!

Francis T. Hannafey, S.J.  
Pastor



Our audio hearing loop has been replaced by a new hearing assistance system which requires a smartphone to operate. Instructions including the needed QR symbols, Wi-Fi 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 10	12:05 PM	<i>Patricia Gordon (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Tues 11	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Wed 12	12:05 PM	Mary M. Convery (D) Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	7:00 PM	Parish Council Mtg
Thurs 13	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Fri 14	12:05 PM	<i>T.V. Whitfield (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	5:00 PM	Wedding reh: Pastor & Murphy
Sat 15	5:30 PM	Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	3:30 PM	Wedding: Pastor & Murphy
Sun 16	7:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Donaldson SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
	9:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Geinzer SJ	10:30 AM	YAC Scripture Reading (Greaton)
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	1:30 PM	Group Baptisms (Church)
			5:00 PM	Vespers (Zoom)

### THIS WEEK IN JESUIT HISTORY: April 9 - 15

**History: April 10, 1836,** Fr. Anthony Kohlmann SJ died in Rome. He won a landmark "seal of confession" legal case. In 1813, the City of New York had sought to compel Kohlmann to disclose the identity of a thief, which he had learned during confession. The state court eventually ruled that Kohlmann could not be compelled to violate the seal of confession, recognizing the confessional privilege for the first time in the US. Kohlmann went on to be president of Georgetown, then established Gonzaga College High School in Washington. He also laid the foundation for St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC.

**Saints: April 12: Bruno Bruni and Louis Cardeira,** were the last of the eight Martyrs of Ethiopia. Bruno, inspired by Xavier, entered the Jesuits in 1608 in Italy.

Bruno, an Italian was born in Civitella del Tronto, Italy. He ministered to fellow novice John Berchmans during his final illness and wrote Berchmans' obituary. After ordination, Fr Bruni went to Ethiopia in 1625. Acting as architect and stonemason, he built three monasteries and brought about many conversions to the Church.

When the Jesuits were expelled from Ethiopia in 1634, Fr Bruni and six of his Jesuits brethrens remained behind and secretly continued their ministry. In April, Fr Bruni and two other Jesuits were attacked. The others died and Bruni was left for dead. Recovering, he resumed working with Fr Cardeira in a refuge on top of Mt Amba Salama. For five years they went about dispensing Sacraments and preaching God's Word until they were martyred in 1640.

**Ignatian Spirituality:** Jesuit mathematicians and scientists made a number of significant discoveries that helped expand our knowledge of mathematics, physics, and the world around us. Their discoveries helped pave the way for many of Newton's discoveries, as well as helped to consolidate the intellectual territories he and his contemporaries opened for inquiry. Jesuits were also among the first to differentiate between science and pseudo-science, questioning some of the more dubious claims and "discoveries" made in an era that did not always clearly differentiate between the natural and the supernatural.

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.

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](mailto:osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org). We hope you will consider joining us!

**MUSIC 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.



**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!

**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.



**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](http://oldstjoseph.org).

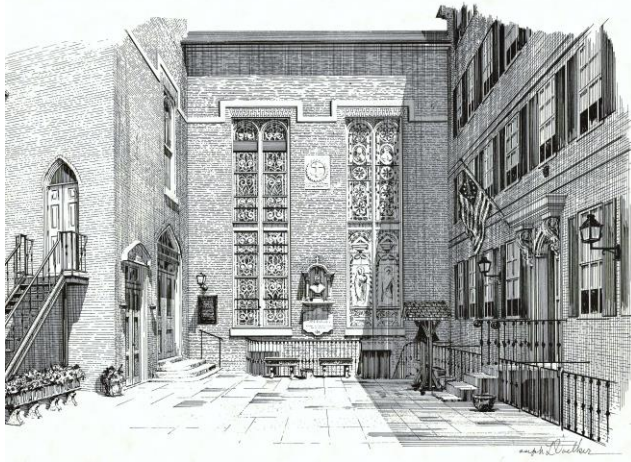
Nominations are now open as of April 1, 2023, and will close on April 16. Nominations may be emailed to the Parish Pastoral Council at [osjpc@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:osjpc@oldstjoseph.org). Also, paper nomination forms will be available in the back of the church. Include the nominee's full name, contact 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.

**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](mailto:osjpc@oldstjoseph.org). We look forward to hearing from you. **NOTE: The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 12.**



## 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](http://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.

## OSJ STAFF and COMMITTEE CHAIRS

### Pastor

Fr. Francis Hannafey SJ ([pastor@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:pastor@oldstjoseph.org))

### Parochial Vicar

Fr. Paul Holland SJ ([pholland@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:pholland@oldstjoseph.org))

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Br. Robert Carson SJ

### Business Manager

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Mark Bani ([music@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:music@oldstjoseph.org))

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### Parish Offices ([office@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:office@oldstjoseph.org))

### PREP & Baptism Coordinator

Christine Szczepanowski ([prep@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:prep@oldstjoseph.org))

### Faith, Food & Friends Director

Deborah Hluchan ([faithandfriends@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:faithandfriends@oldstjoseph.org))

### Parish Pastoral Council

Pastor, Fr. Francis Hannafey; Chair, John Bitterman  
Secretary, Nina Vitullo ([osjpc@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:osjpc@oldstjoseph.org))

### Parish Finance Council

Paul Shay, chair

### Historic Preservation Corporation Board

Fr. Francis Hannafey SJ, president

Barry Eiswerth, chair

### Adult Education

Rita O'Brien and Jeanmarie Zippo

([adulthood@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:adulthood@oldstjoseph.org))

### Eldership

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### Parish Life

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### Ignatian Spirituality and Formation

John Bitterman ([osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org))

### Women, Faith and Fellowship

Rana McNamara ([wff@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:wff@oldstjoseph.org))

### Young Adult Community

Danielle Critelli ([osjyac@gmail.com](mailto:osjyac@gmail.com))

### Altar Servers

Len Mancini ([altarserver@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:altarserver@oldstjoseph.org))

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Bill Stewart ([EM@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:EM@oldstjoseph.org))

### Homebound Ministry

Dennis Faucher ([homeEM@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:homeEM@oldstjoseph.org))

### Hospital Ministry

Jesse LaGrossa ([office@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:office@oldstjoseph.org))

### Lectors

Kathleen Catanese ([lectors@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:lectors@oldstjoseph.org))

### Ushers and Scheduling

Nikola Sizgorich ([ushers@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:ushers@oldstjoseph.org))

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Nina Vitullo ([clow@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:clow@oldstjoseph.org))

### Faith, Food and Friends:

Deborah Hluchan and Mary Freedman

([faithandfriends@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:faithandfriends@oldstjoseph.org))

### Care for Creation Committee

Bill Stigliani ([careforcreation@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:careforcreation@oldstjoseph.org))



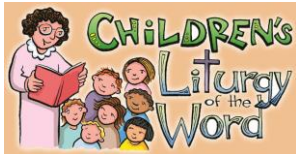
## OSJ'S 2023 EASTER SCHEDULE

**Easter Vigil: Saturday, April 8**

Mass at 8:00pm (No 5:30pm Vigil)

**Easter Sunday: April 9**

Masses at 7:30am, 9:30am, & 11:30am



**EASTER SUNDAY:** Children will be invited to come to the front of the church during the 9:30 AM Mass to lead the

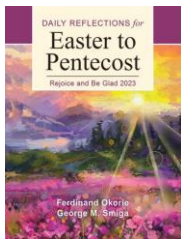
congregation in the singing of the Our Father. Visitors are kindly invited to celebrate these special events with the parish.



**EARTH DAY EVENT:** Please join us on Sunday, April 23rd after the 9:30 AM Mass for a special event in honor of Earth Day 2023. This family-friendly event will focus on teaching families and children how to become stewards of the environment and

all of God's Creation. The event will begin with breakfast and the children present will participate in a scavenger hunt and outdoor planting activity. We will share information and tips about how families can better care for our common home just as Pope Francis has called us to do. Please email [titullon@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:titullon@oldstjoseph.org) to let us know you plan to attend. This event is being co-sponsored by the Care for Creation Committee and Children's Liturgy of the Word.

### 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. Please see a member of OSJ's Spirituality Committee for a copy!

## FINANCIAL INFO

### Offertory for the week ending April 2, 2023

Daily Mass:	\$121.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$4,280.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$612.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$5,196.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$10,209.00</b>

### Offertory for the week ending April 3, 2022

Daily Mass:	\$92.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$3,065.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$1,574.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$5,465.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$10,196.00</b>

*Thank You!*

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

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 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](mailto:osjyac@gmail.com).

**YOUNG adults**



**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](mailto: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.

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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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