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April 16, 2023 | The 2nd Sunday of Easter (A)



Today's Gospel:
John 20: 19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So, the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside, and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

Artwork: *Christ and Doubting Thomas* – Paolo Cavazzola (1486-1522)



Our audio hearing loop has been replaced by a new hearing assistance system which requires a smartphone to operate.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 17	12:05 PM	<i>Richard Oberholtzer (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Tues 18	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Wed 19	12:05 PM	Giancarlo Mazzoleni (D) Presider: Fr. Holland SJ		
Thurs 20	12:05 PM	<i>The Edward & Mary Britt Family (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Fri 21	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	5:00 PM	Wedding reh: Ryan & Higgins
Sat 22	5:30 PM	Presider: TBA	10:00 AM	First Reconciliation (Church) FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
			3:00 PM	Wedding: Ryan & Higgins
Sun 23	7:30 AM	Presider: TBA	10:30 AM	Family Earth Day Planting (North Patio)
	9:30 AM	Presider: TBA		YAC Scripture Reading (Greatorn)
	11:30 AM	Presider: TBA	5:00 PM	Vespers (Zoom)

THIS WEEK IN JESUIT HISTORY: April 16 - 22

History: April 22, 1541. Once Ignatius had been elected as Superior eighteen days prior, the first Jesuits went to St. Paul Outside the Walls, to pronounce their solemn vows as members of the Society of Jesus, and to Ignatius as General. Soon they became known as Jesuits—those peculiarly associated with the name of Jesus—at first in a pejorative sense, but then more generally as an expression of esteem.

Saint: April 22 the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Society of Jesus. At all the key moments in the coming to life of the Society of Jesus, Mary was there: when Ignatius left his old life behind him, he made a vigil before the Black Madonna on the eve of the feast of the Annunciation in 1522; when he made his first vows, it was on the feast of the Assumption, 1534; and when he celebrated Mass for the first time, it was in the church of St Mary Major on Christmas Day, 1538. Seven months after the official approval of the Society by Pope Paul IV, Ignatius and his first five companions celebrated this new birth by making their vows together at our Lady's altar in the Basilica of St Paul Outside-the-Walls, on 22nd April 1541. Ignatius had been elected the superior general two weeks earlier and so it was he who presided at the Mass which those first Companions celebrated together. As Mary had helped bring Jesus to birth so she, too, helped bring to birth this community of brothers and priests who would be her Son's Companions.

The image of our Lady of the Way was in a small chapel where Ignatius often used to pray. It is a symbol not only of the Mother – the one who helps bring Jesus to life - but also of the Mother who accompanies her Son and His followers on their way, on our journey together, to the Father. Mary is there, journeying with us.

Ignatian Spirituality: Jesuit mathematicians had a significant impact on mathematics. According to one writer, "One cannot talk about mathematics in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries without seeing a Jesuit at every corner." Fabri, for example, worked on the problems of tides, optics, heliocentrism (whether the earth or the sun was the center of the universe), and tried to unify all of physics in a manner similar to geometry. Gregory Saint Vincent (1584-1667) developed polar coordinates, which are crucial to solving some types of math and physics problems. He was also important in developing analytic geometry. Ignatius-Gaston Pardies SJ investigated problems in a manner that later inspired Newton, and even questioned some of Newton's findings in a way that forced Newton to go back to clarify his thinking on some crucial points.

OSJ PRAYER LIST

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

Richard Swift, 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, 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!

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.

REUNION: Holy Family University invites all alumni back to campus for an evening of fun, reconnecting, and celebration at Reunion 2023 on Saturday, May 13. See complete details and register online at: holyfamily.edu/reunion or contact the Alumni Office at 267-341-5017 or alumni@holyfamily.edu.



VOTING BEGINS MAY 6

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.

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

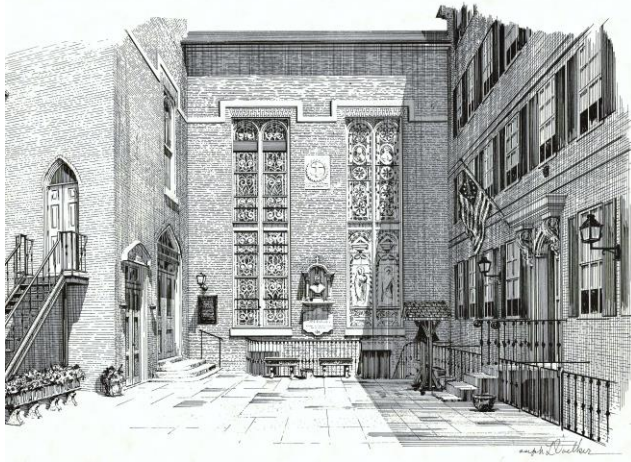
Minimum Qualifications for Elected Council Member

- 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.



Catholic History Lecture: On Tuesday, April 18, Dr. Maggie McGuinness of La Salle University will speak at the American Catholic Historical Society (263 S. 4th Street, Philadelphia) on her new book, *Katharine Drexel and the Sisters Who*

Shared Her Vision (Paulist Press). The in-person lecture at 7:00pm will be preceded by a social hour and dinner. There is also an option to attend the lecture online via Zoom. Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit www.amchs.org



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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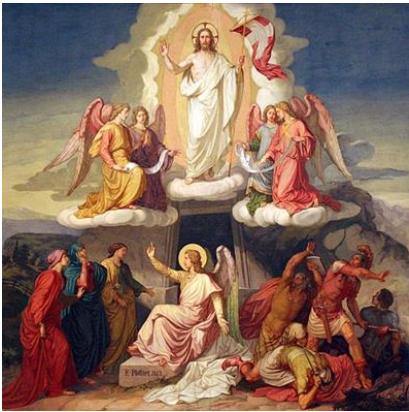
Faith, Food and Friends:

Deborah Hluchan and Mary Freedman

(faithandfriends@oldstjoseph.org)

Care for Creation Committee

Bill Stigliani (careforcreation@oldstjoseph.org)



THANK YOU! Our deepest gratitude for all those who served our community through the Holy Week liturgies: the acolytes, ushers, eucharistic ministers, lectors, cantors, choir, and music ministers; those who washed feet, carried in the

blessed oils, rang the bell, or stripped the altar; those who bore in the Cross; those who cleaned and decorated the church and contributed for flowers and music; those who provided hospitality after the Easter masses and arranged the Easter Egg Hunt for the children. And a special word of thanks to our newest members, Andrew Huff and Rick Carlson, their sponsors and the RCIA team. A full list of names will appear in next week's bulletin!

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 vitullon@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.



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.

FINANCIAL INFO

The Easter and Holy Week collections will be published on April 30 to allow time for late contributions. Thank you for your continued support of Old St. Joseph's Church.

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

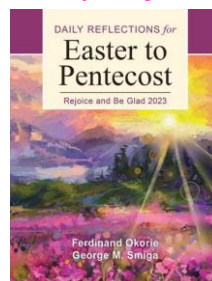
All young adults are invited on **Sundays** to discuss and reflect as a group the weekend's reading. The structure will include a reading of the scripture for that day, followed by a short bit of quiet prayer before an opportunity for sharing and discussion. The reflection group will gather at 10:40am 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.



Our thanks to Ron Piselli of the Ronald Rex Piselli Funeral Chapels for furnishing the antique

ciborium, Mass chalice, and carved wooden statue of the Risen Christ for our Holy Week & Easter celebrations.

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!

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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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