

# Old St. Joseph's Church

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April 23, 2023 | The 3rd Sunday of Easter (A)



## Today's Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said

to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

Artwork: *Christ and the Disciples at Emmaus* – Pascal Dagnan Bouveret (1852-1929)



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## This Week at Old St. Joseph's

Date		Mass Intention and Presider	Calendar Events	
Mon 24	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Tues 25	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Wed 26	12:05 PM	Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society Presider: Fr. Holland SJ		
Thurs 27	12:05 PM	<i>Our FF&amp;F Guests</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Fri 28	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ		
Sat 29	5:30 PM	Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	10:00 AM 2:00 PM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin) Confirmation Retreat (Barbelin) Confirmation Parents' Mtg (Church)
Sun 30	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ Presider: Fr. Holland	10:30 AM 12:30 PM 5:00 PM	YAC Scripture Reading (Greaton) Women, Faith & Fellowship (Renaissance Hotel) Vespers (Zoom)

### THIS WEEK IN JESUIT HISTORY: April 23 - 29

**History:** On April 27, 1880, while French Premier Jules Ferry visited Amiens, shouts were raised under the windows of the Jesuit College: "Les Jesuites a la guillotine." Ferry issued decrees dissolving the Jesuits and other congregations not authorized under the Concordat of 1801 between the Vatican and the French government. His anticlericalism also espoused secular compulsory education, forbidding any religious from directing or teaching in any educational establishment.

**Saint: Peter Canisius, April 27.** For a half-century Peter Canisius led the Catholic Reformation in Austria, Bavaria, and Bohemia, and so is reckoned an apostle to Germany, second only to St. Boniface. He preached and taught in parishes, reformed and founded universities, wrote many books including popular catechisms, restored lapsed Catholics, converted Protestants, preached retreats, and found time to care for the sick. In his last thirty years traveling more than twenty thousand miles on foot or horseback, Canisius revitalized Catholic life. His preaching and catechizing won the hearts of Catholics and attracted nominal Protestants to the church. In Vienna his personal care for plague victims made him a most popular figure. After 1555, Peter Canisius published his famous Summary of Christian Doctrine and two smaller catechisms. These books generated the Catholic Reformation as Luther's catechism had spread Protestantism. Canisius's catechisms also helped launch the Catholic press. In the late sixteenth century, when open hostility typified relations between Catholics and Protestants, Peter Canisius advised charity and moderation. He opposed theological debates with Protestant leaders. He believed such efforts only heightened division and embittered relations. In 1591, Peter Canisius suffered a stroke that nearly killed him. But he recovered and devoted himself to writing for six more years until his death in 1597.

**Ignatian Spirituality:** The sixteenth and seventeenth centuries was the time of the Renaissance, the rebirth of Western civilization after centuries of feudal rule. People were beginning to realize that it might just be possible to understand nature and, to some extent, to predict and control it, and this was heady knowledge. It affected philosophy, politics, and religion, and all of these, to some extent, affected all of society.

The two biggest controversies in which Jesuit scientists became embroiled were those regarding the legitimate place of Earth in the universe and the nature of the infinite. In both cases, there were those who felt that science was intruding on God's prerogatives or that science was attempting to dethrone humans and God from their rightful places in the cosmos. The Church came down as squarely opposed to the Copernican solar system (in which the Earth and planets orbit the Sun), just as it was not in favor of mathematical infinities (or their converse, the infinitesimal). And, in both cases, scientists and mathematicians, including some Jesuits, showed the Church to be in error. These were but two steps in a process that continues to this day, in which scientific findings seem to detract from the authority of the Church, weakening it ever so slightly.

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.

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

## Requiescat in Pace

**Joanne Nicholson**, sister of Old St. Joseph's parishioner Stephen Paesani, passed away on Thursday, April 13 after battling cancer. Joanne's Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Mother of Good Counsel Church, Bryn Mawr, PA Please keep Stephen and his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers. Donations may be made to OSJ's Food, Faith & Friends program in Joanne's memory.

*Eternal rest, grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

**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](http://oldstjoseph.org). Voting will take place from May 6 to May 21 on the Parish website; paper ballots will also be available.

**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



The Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia, will be the principal celebrant and homilist at the **Annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday, May 6th**. This Mass is celebrated for married couples within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

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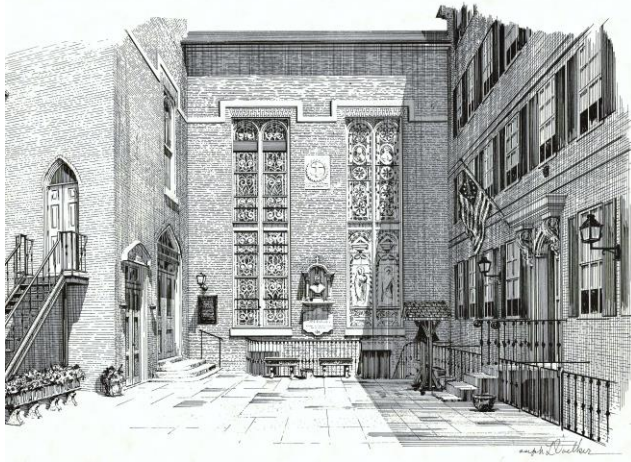
**Saturday, May 6, 2023**

**5:15 p.m. Anticipated Mass for Sunday**

**Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul**

**18th Street & Benjamin Franklin Pkwy. Phila. 19103**

Newlywed couples, as well as those who have been married for 5, 10, 25 or 50 years are encouraged to attend this special celebration of married life. Friends and family are also encouraged to attend with the special couples. To register, please call 215-587-0500 or visit <https://form.jotform.com/220415651368151>.



## 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))

### In Residence

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### Business Manager

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### 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

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### Hospital Ministry

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

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### Children's Liturgy of the Word

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### Faith, Food and Friends:

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### Care for Creation Committee

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



**Holy Week liturgies** result from the work of many ministers, some visible to the community, many others moving like the Holy Spirit, known more by the presence and effects of their contributions! Whether you helped with one

specific liturgy, or contributed several times throughout the Week, our deepest thanks to each of the seventy-five of you who helped make Holy Week so prayerful and joyful:

Kathleen Mathis, Anne Theim, Katherine Giodano, Rob Maliff, Charles Reed, Patricia Nelson, Marie Jovino, Tony Vitullo, Roman Galas, Joe Casey, Sheila Kennedy, Tish Byrne, Marie Scarppulla, Rana McNamara, Nancy Wood, Rebecca Dennison, Nik Sizgorich, Rob Wasilewski, John Schlesinger, Joria Le, Dimitrios Soultoukis, Kathleen Catanese, Patricia Indelicato, Richard Le, Donna Soultoukis, Maria Ramirez, Len Mancini, Ed McDevitt, Frank Thornton, Fr. Ray Donaldson, Mary Freedman, Beth Shay, Corrine McGrath, Stephen Paesani, John Bitterman, Cynthia Locke, Nina Vitullo, Bill Cullerton, Christine Szczepanowski, Anna Adams, Alec Cassel, Joseph Ferrara, Belen Fresno, Robert Lord-Schell, Kathleen McAvooy, Thomas McAvooy, Marcy Wells, Larry Bishop, Jesse LaGrossa, Dennis Scott, Margaret DiPinto, Tim Donofrio, Marty Tantum, Scott Edmunds, Paul Shay, Louise Vizcaino, Bill Stewart, Tony Godzieba, Lou Ann Bulik, Melissa Pinheiro, Maeve Pinheiro Mark Bani, Maryl Apadula, Aurelia Bond, Robert Culleton, Kelsey Debner, Adriana de Palma, Thomas Johnson, Chelsea Laggan, Carol Shloss, Kristen Swenson, Zachary Zaitlin, Stephen Bradley, Genevieve Joseph, Quinton Lewis, Logan Laudenslager, Josef Samargia, Jenifer Smith, Maya Stockman, David Brown.

And a special word of thanks to our newest members, Andrew Huff and Rick Carlson, their sponsors and the RCIA team.



**EARTH DAY EVENT: Please join us after the 9:30 Mass this weekend** 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.

## FINANCIAL INFO

### Offertory for the week ending April 16, 2023

Daily Mass:	\$87.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$1,790.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$280.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$3,956.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$6,113.00</b>

### Offertory for the week ending April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday fell on April 17 last year. The yearly regular weekend collection comparisons will begin again next week.

## 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



**The Women, Faith and Fellowship Committee** invites women of Old St. Joseph's parish to gather for conversation, with

coffee or brunch, at Franklin Social on Sunday, April 30th at 12:30 PM. Please RSVP by email to wff@oldstjoseph.org Franklin Social is located in the Renaissance Hotel at 401 Chestnut Street.

Also, save the date for our Women's Spring Reflection on Sunday, June 11th at 12:30 PM in Barbelin Hall. Author, Christine Marie Eberle, will discuss What Can We Learn from Our Foremothers in Faith: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary.



## 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!

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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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