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May 7, 2023 | The 5th Sunday of Easter (A)



Today's Gospel: John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."



Our audio hearing loop has been replaced by a new hearing assistance system which requires a smartphone to operate.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 8	12:05 PM	<i>The Whitfield Family (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Tues 9	12:05 PM	<i>Carol Corson & Thomas Gallagher (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Wed 10	12:05 PM	Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society Presider: Fr. Holland SJ		
Thurs 11	12:05 PM	<i>Winifred Grace (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Fri 12	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ		
Sat 13	5:30 PM	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Sun 14	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Donaldson SJ Presider: Fr. Donaldson SJ Presider: Bishop John J. McIntyre	10:15 AM 10:30 AM 5:00 PM	RCIA (Drexel) YAC Scripture Reading (Greaton) Vespers (Zoom)

THIS WEEK IN JESUIT HISTORY: May 7 - 13

History - May 8, 1861: President Abraham Lincoln visits Georgetown University, to review the 69th New York Regiment, known as the "Irish Regiment" which had been billeted there since early May. Bernard McMahon, a Jesuit Scholastic, and teacher in Georgetown's preparatory division, describes the impact of the Sixty-Ninth, as well as the only recorded visit by Abraham Lincoln to campus: . . . They are quite domesticated now and give extremely little trouble, save a general soiling of the establishment. They enjoy themselves hugely with the small boys' gymnasium and alley. A sentinel guards the large boys' gymnasium from everybody except the students. The see-saw for a time was the principal object of attraction. They'd get some green one, coax him on to it, and while in the air give it a twitch and dump him off . . . We have a regimental drill at three and company drill all day long. "Uncle Abe," accompanied by Mr. Seward, Cameron and others, drove up to the College on Wednesday and reviewed the troops . . .

Saint - May 8: Blessed John Sullivan, S.J. of Ireland. Sullivan was known as a deeply spiritual and endlessly generous man, and by some even he was known as a healer and a miracle-worker. His father was a wealthy barrister, and his mother came from a well-to do family. The boys were raised Protestant, the girls Catholic, like their parents. In his mid-30s, he became Catholic, and four years later entered the Jesuits. He became well known by people all around Clongowes as a virtuous and selfless man; he would travel often around to the nearby villages using an old bicycle and seeing to the need of the sick or the poor. Many people even attested to his healing power; with numerous seemingly miraculous cures during his time at Clongowes thought to have been due to him. A miracle has been attributed to him where a woman in Dublin in 1954 recovered from cancer after praying to John Sullivan. He was declared a 'Servant of God' in September 1960, 'Venerable' in November 2014 and 'Blessed' on 13 May 2017

Ignatian Spirituality: There's something thoroughly Ignatian about finding God in music. St. Ignatius's spiritual approach mostly bypasses the concepts and ideas stuffed into our heads and strives to touch the heart directly. That's what music does too. Music is literally beyond words. He himself loved to sing and to dance. As Chilean Jesuit Cristobal Fones puts it, "We as Jesuits have worked with the arts from the beginning, especially in the first two centuries. It's a way of communicating things, but not just a means—in a certain way it's also a sacramental. It has an inner value; it's not just something in between the message and the people. And I think the more we work with the arts, the more we enter the mystery of God and express it in a free way—gratuita— not trying to capture God, but just being with him. Being who we are... expressed in different ways—in this case, through music. I really believe God is like a chord. Like Ignatius did. At the Cardoner [a river in Manresa, Spain], he understood God as three musical keys, and that's a chord. There is something in harmony that reflects the beauty of God among us.

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.

Cynthia Locke, Grazyna Kolondra, 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.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION CANCELLED: At the close of the nomination period, the incumbent Parish Pastoral Council members standing for re-election were nominated along with two other parishioners, who subsequently withdrew from consideration. As there is no opposition to the re-election of the two incumbents, no voting is necessary, and the previously scheduled election is cancelled.

Congratulations and thanks to John Bitterman and Stephen Paesani for their re-instatement without opposition to three-year terms on the Council beginning May 21.

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!

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to thank the heads of the various ministries and chairs of the committees at OSJ for a very productive meeting this past Sunday, April 30th. Each of the chairs/heads, or a representative of their group, provided an update on their mission and planned initiatives and activities for 2023 to the Parish Council, Fr. Hannafey and Fr. Holland. This allowed the Council to stay informed of the many great works that are being undertaken on all of our behalf. It also afforded an opportunity for each group to hear what others are doing, and where practical, to collaborate and offer advice. Special thanks to those that presented:

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Nina Vitullo

Homebound Ministry: Denise Faucher

Faith, Food & Friends: Deborah Hluchan

Adult Ed: Toni Tomei Culleton

Friendship Circle: Beth Shay

Women Faith & Fellowship: Beth Shay

Parish Life: Louise Vizcaino

Young Adult Community: Danielle Critelli

Care for Creation: Bill Stigliani

Ignatian Spirituality & Formation: John Bitterman

Music Ministry: Mark Bani

Ushers: Nikola Sizgorich

Lectors: Kathleen Catanese

Altar Servers: Len Mancini

Moving forward, the Parish Council will hold such a meeting with the chairs/heads at least once a year to encourage information sharing and collaboration.

Regards,

John Bitterman

OSJ Parish Council, Chair



COMMITMENT SUNDAY

SAVE THE DATE!

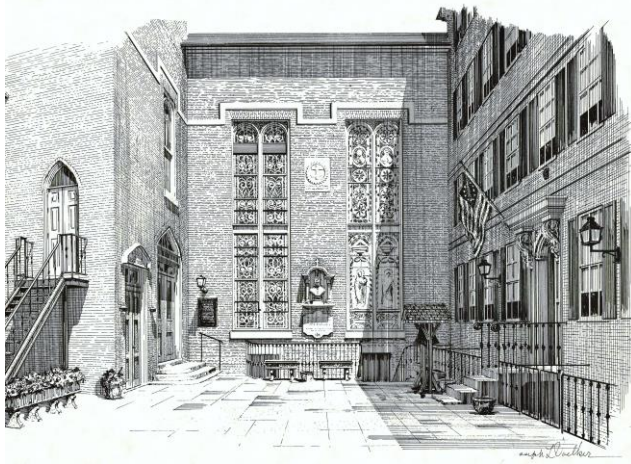
Looking to put your faith into action? Take the next step on **Sunday, June 4, 2023!**

Brief meeting after the 9:30 Mass

- o Fellowship and refreshments!
- o Parish social justice leaders
- o Social justice action opportunities
- o Re-establish parish Social Justice Committee

Full panel discussion after the 11:30 Mass

- o Fellowship and refreshments!
- o Parish social justice leaders
 - Homelessness
 - Health care disparities
 - Care for Creation
- o Local agency for migrants and asylum seekers
- o Social justice action opportunities
- o Re-establish Social Justice Committee



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 6:00 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.

OSJ STAFF and COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Pastor

Fr. Francis Hannafey SJ (pastor@oldstjoseph.org)

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Paul Holland SJ (pholland@oldstjoseph.org)

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PREP & Baptism Coordinator

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Faith, Food & Friends Director

Deborah Hluchan (faithandfriends@oldstjoseph.org)

Parish Pastoral Council

Pastor, Fr. Francis Hannafey; Chair, John Bitterman
Secretary, Nina Vitullo (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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Friendship Circle (former Eldership Committee)

John Welsh (friendshipcircle@oldstjoseph.org)

Parish Life

Joe Casey (parishlife@oldstjoseph.org)

Ignatian Spirituality and Formation

John Bitterman (osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org)

Women, Faith and Fellowship

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Young Adult Community

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Altar Servers

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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Nina Vitullo (clow@oldstjoseph.org)

Faith, Food and Friends:

Deborah Hluchan and Mary Freedman
(faithandfriends@oldstjoseph.org)

Care for Creation Committee

Bill Stigliani (careforcreation@oldstjoseph.org)

MUSIC AT OSJ

Piano Recital 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.



OSJ 12:05 PM Daily Mass Summer Schedule: Beginning on Monday, June 5, 2023, we will offer three, 12:05 PM daily Masses per week during the summer months on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays (June 6 – Sept. 1). We will not offer daily Masses on Mondays or Fridays during the summer. Regarding Announced Masses scheduled for Mondays and Fridays this summer, these Masses will be transferred to the weekends: Monday Masses will be moved to the Saturday Vigil of the same week. Friday Masses will be moved to the 7:30 AM Sunday Mass of the same week.

HEARING ASSISTANCE SYSTEM UPDATE: A few parishioners have been reporting problems with our new hearing system. Most of the time, the following will be causing the issue: Every time you come to OSJ, you'll need to go into your Wi-Fi connection and make sure **StJosephChurch-Audio098** is chosen before you open the *Listen Everywhere* app. If you don't do this, your smartphone will default to another Wi-Fi address, and you will not be able to connect to the hearing system. **NOTE:** If your hearing aids are equipped with Bluetooth, the system will play directly into your hearing aids. If you don't have Bluetooth, you'll need to use earphones with your smartphone.

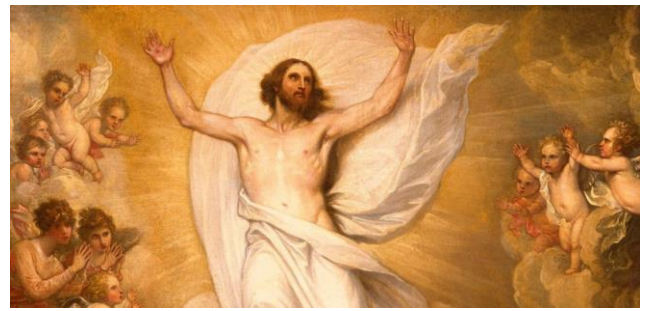


Confirmation Next Sunday!

May 14th at the 11:30 AM Mass

The Most Reverend Bishop John J. McIntyre will officiate at Confirmation at the 11:30 Mass next Sunday, May 14. **Note:** Pews will be reserved to provide for the 30 confirmands and their sponsors.

You may wish to consider attending one of our other Masses on May 13 or 14.



Ascension Thursday, May 18

A Holyday of Obligation

Masses at 12:05 & 6:00 PM

Note: We have relaxed parking for both Masses.

FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending April 30, 2023

Daily Mass:	\$75.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,326.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$275.00
<u>Online Giving Sunday Collection:</u>	<u>\$4,725.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$7,401.00

Offertory for the week ending May 1, 2022

Daily Mass:	\$32.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$5,648.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$760.00
<u>Online Giving Sunday Collection:</u>	<u>\$4,020.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$10,460.00



2022/2023 Easter Collection Comparison

2023 Easter Collection Total: \$24,896.00
2022 Easter Collection Total: \$23,278.00

Thank You!

Second Collection This Weekend, May 6 & 7:

Catholic Home Missions

Please give as generously as you are able.

The following collection is active on our Online Giving and Text-to-Give sites:

Catholic Home Missions

For Text-to-Give (215-929-7151) the keyword is **Missions**

COFFEE HOURS THIS WEEKEND, SUNDAY,

MAY 7: Please join us after the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses today for refreshments and fellowship. See you then!



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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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