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May 14, 2023 | The 6th Sunday of Easter (A)



Today's Gospel: John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:
"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
And I will ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always,
the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept,
because it neither sees nor knows him.
But you know him, because he remains with you,
and will be in you.
I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.
In a little while the world will no longer see me,
but you will see me, because I live and you will live.
On that day you will realize that I am in my Father
and you are in me and I in you.
Whoever has my commandments and observes them
is the one who loves me.
And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I will love him and reveal myself to him."



Our audio hearing loop has been replaced by a new hearing assistance system which requires a smartphone to operate.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 15	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Tues 16	12:05 PM	<i>Joseph Gianfortune (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Wed 17	12:05 PM	<i>Lourdes Anchetta</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ		
Thurs 18	12:05 PM	<i>The ASCENSION of the LORD</i> <i>Holyday – No Announced Mass</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 12:05 PM 6:00 PM	St. Mary School Mass FF&F Lunch (Barbelin) Ascension Noon Mass Ascension Evening Mass
Fri 19	12:05 PM	<i>Giancarlo Mazzoleni (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	5:00 PM	Wedding reh: Dalzell & Dolente
Sat 20	5:30 PM	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM 3:30 PM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin) Wedding: Dalzell & Dolent
Sun 21	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ Presider: Fr. Holland SJ Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	10:15 AM 10:30 AM 3:00 PM 5:00 PM	RCIA (Drexel) YAC Scripture Reading (Greaton) PIANO RECITAL Vespers (Zoom)

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, 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.

THIS WEEK IN JESUIT HISTORY: May 14 - 20

History - May 20 1521: Inigo de Loyola (later St. Ignatius) was seriously wounded while defending the Castle of Pamplona against the French.

May 15 1815: The readmission of the Society into Spain. But the fathers were again exiled on July 31, 1820.

Saint: May 16 St Andrew Bobola Bobola was born in Poland, November 30, 1591. He became a Jesuit at age 20, ordained on March 12, 1622, the day Ignatius and Francis Xavier were canonized. Much of his pastoral work for the next twenty years involved preaching, restoring Catholicism in areas where many had stopped practicing, and caring for plague victims. He was heckled as "Robber of Souls" as some tried to shout him down, but he persisted and won back whole towns by spreading Eucharistic spirituality. In 1657 Russian Cossacks captured and brutally tortured him, demanding he convert to Orthodoxy. After his death, he was buried in the crypt beneath a Jesuit church and forgotten. In 1702, he appeared in a vision to the Jesuit rector in Pinsk, who ordered that the body should be found. When it was, the body was found incorrupt.

Ignatian Spirituality: The First Principle and Foundation: *The FPF* is a kind of touchstone that reveals in some way how far someone making the Spiritual Exercises is likely to go or to grow. The dry and laconic text is wholly free from emotional resonance, containing in its brevity and dryness all that later unfolds. It is less like the foundation of a building than a seed of life, a principle of force, of movement and growth. This principle of growth is not in the text or in the words but in the reality that the text expresses. The FPF is like an X-ray that discloses one's desire that is already present, perhaps explicitly, perhaps latently, perhaps strongly and consciously, perhaps obscurely and delicately. Anyone who has some fairly mature experience of life and some realistic sense of self also begins to recognize the ambiguity of one's desires, the darkness in one's heart, one's moral impotence, the feelings that can surge in revolt or revulsion. One may realize, "I am not free. But I can desire to be. God wants me to be free."



COMMUNION UPDATE:

In light of the fact that the Covid-19 transmission rate is now at its lowest level ever and risks are extremely low, Eucharistic Ministers are no longer

obligated to wear a mask during the distribution of communion.



Laudato Si' Week 2023

will be celebrated May 21-28 to mark the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on care for

creation. This global celebration will unite Catholics to rejoice in the progress we have made in bringing Laudato Si' to life.

This year's theme will be "Hope for the earth. Hope for humanity." The main resource guiding the week's events will be the film "The Letter." It features Pope Francis meeting with local leaders from India, Senegal, Hawaii, and the Brazilian Amazon. Each of them represents a voice that is not being heard - the voice of wildlife, the voice of the Indigenous, the voice of the youth, and the voice of the poor. You may access the film at: <https://www.theletterfilm.org/> or click here.

OSJ's Care for Creation Committee
(careforcreation@oldstjoseph.org)

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!



WHEN A GUEST COMES, CHRIST COMES! Would you like to be the person to meet and greet them at the door? Are you reliable, outgoing, and helpful? We have opportunities available for parishioners to serve

as USHERS during our beautiful weekend liturgies! This is a great step where you can expand your horizons and make some new friends! Scheduling is flexible and training will be provided! To sign-up, go to our homepage (<https://www.oldstjoseph.org>) and click "Sign-up to serve in a ministry". +AMDG!



COMMITMENT SUNDAY

SAVE THE DATE!

Looking to put your faith into action? Take the next step on

Sunday, June 4, 2023!

Brief meeting in Barbelin Hall 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

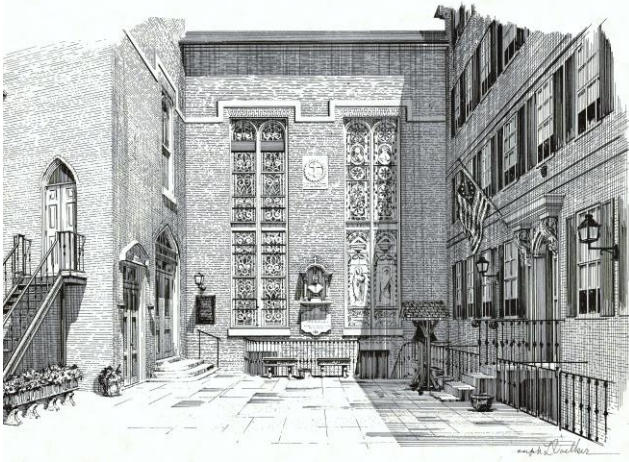
Full panel discussion in Barbelin Hall after the 11:30 Mass

- o Fellowship and refreshments!
- o Panel: Opportunities to work for justice
 - Homelessness
 - Health care disparities
 - Immigration, citizenship and English as a 2nd language
 - Care for Creation
- o Local agency for migrants and asylum seekers
- o Social justice action opportunities
- o Re-establish Social Justice Committee



Faith, Food & Friends - Personal Care

Items Requested for Guests: Thanks to the generous support of our parishioners, Faith, Food & Friends is able to distribute needed personal care items to our guests on a weekly basis. To help keep our supply closet stocked and meet our guests' needs through the summer months, we are especially in need of the following items: **bar soap, deodorant, razors and toothpaste.** Please visit the [FF&F Amazon wish list](#) on the OSJ website where you can find these essentials and other items that would be most appreciated by our guests. We hope that you will consider making a donation of one or more of these items.



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.

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MUSIC AT OSJ

Piano Recital Next Sunday, May 21: All are invited to hear Michael Caruso as he and some of his students from the Settlement Music School present a piano recital here at OSJ next Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 3:00 PM. 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.) Please join us for this highlight of our music season.



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.

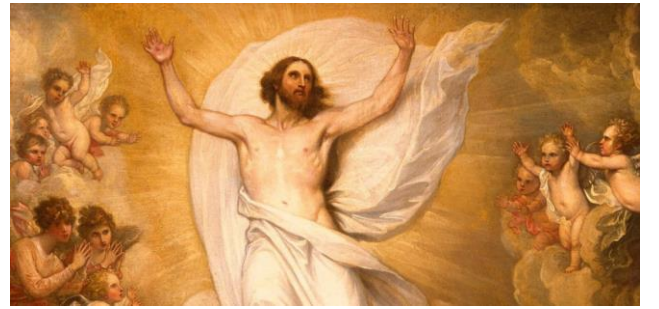
HEARING ASSISTANCE SYSTEM UPDATE:

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 This Sunday – May 14: 11:30 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 May 7, 2023

Daily Mass:	\$64.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,804.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$513.00
<u>Online Giving Sunday Collection:</u>	<u>\$4,356.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$7,737.00

Offertory for the week ending May 8, 2022

Daily Mass:	\$114.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$3,214.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$1,161.00
<u>Online Giving Sunday Collection:</u>	<u>\$4,058.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$8,547.00

Thank You!

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

Catholic Home Missions, Ascension Thursday

For Text-to-Give (215-929-7151) the keywords are **Missions, & Ascension.**



Save the date: Please join Women, Faith and Fellowship for A Women's Spring Reflection on Sunday, June 11th from 12:30 PM to 3:00 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*. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by 6/5/2023 to wff@oldstjoseph.org

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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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