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May 21, 2023 | The 7th Sunday of Easter (A)



Today's Gospel: John 17: 1-11a

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began.

"I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me, I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you."



Our audio hearing loop has been replaced by a new hearing assistance system which requires a smartphone to operate.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 22	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Tues 23	12:05 PM	<i>Michael L Banshear (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Wed 24	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ		
Thurs 25	12:05 PM	<i>Our Faith, Food & Friends Guests</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Fri 26	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Wedding reh: Masciandaro & Smith Wedding reh: Meyer & Anapol
Sat 27	5:30 PM	Presider: Fr. Bur SJ	10:00 AM 1:00 PM 3:00 PM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin) Wedding: Masciandaro & Smith Wedding: Meyer & Anapol
Sun 28	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Holland SJ Presider: Fr. Holland SJ Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:15 AM 10:30 AM 5:00 PM	RCIA (Drexel) YAC Scripture Reading (Greaton) 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 21 - 27

History - May 22 1611: Pierre Biard and Ennemond Masse are the first Jesuits to set foot in New France, Acadia. The founder of Acadia and many of its French settlers were Huguenots and did not want Catholics in their midst, so their arrival was delayed three years. Biard sought to convert the Native American Abenaki by proving that Christian healing methods were superior to their own. He acquired a reputation as a powerful shaman after the son of the Grand Sagamore, who had been left for dead during an epidemic. He eventually was taken hostage by the Huguenots and exiled to Virginia, then forced by the British to return to France.

Saints: May 18: The Ascension of the Lord. There is a special slab of stone found in the Chapel of the Ascension on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem. Tradition holds that it bears the right footprint of the Risen Lord before he ascended to heaven. (The left print is housed in a mosque.) Among those pilgrims inspired by the tradition was Inigo of Loyola. He visited the Holy Land in September 1523, and visited Ascension Rock not once but twice because he wanted to commit to memory the details of the footprints, particularly the direction they were facing. Each time, guards refused to allow him, so he bribed them: first time with a pen knife, and the second time with a pair of scissors. He later incorporated these kinds of details into his imaginative compositions of place for praying over scriptural passages.

Ignatian Spirituality: the role of desires (part one of three) The Spiritual Exercises are a way to find God and God's will. To do so, one must first be free. The Exercises presuppose the presence of the desire to find God. This condition of desire can exist at many levels. It may already be deep and explicit: 'I want God, but I don't know how'; 'I've tried and been frustrated and cannot find the way'. It can be present in a thousand guises, all the way to an implicit longing that is expressed, it may be, in words like: 'I am uneasy, restless and unsatisfied'; 'I wish I could find peace of mind and peace of soul'; 'I don't really know what I want, but it may have something to do with religion.' It may simply be a barely expressed longing to find meaning. And all this masking a real desire for God.

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)



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)

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.



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.

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!



EMAIL PHISHING SCAMS CONTINUE

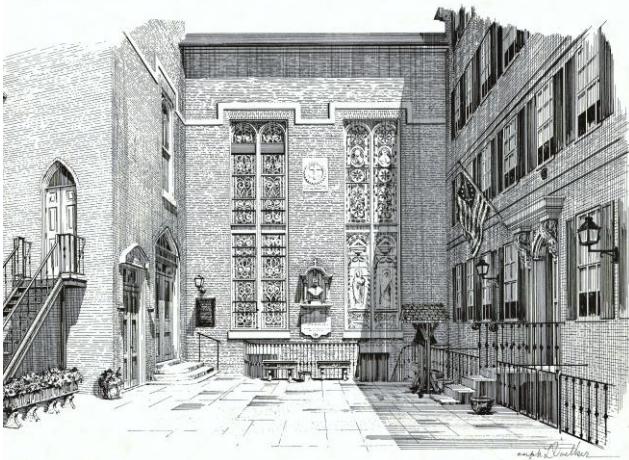
A few years back, someone culled email addresses listed on our website. Since then, numerous parishioners have received phishing emails. Here is an example of a phishing email sent to me:

Subject: PEACE BE UNTO YOU
Hello Eric,
How are you doing?
I need a favor from you, email me as soon as you get this message.

God Bless,
Fr. Frank Hannafey

Please be on the lookout for similar emails **AND PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND TO THEM.** **There is always a sense of urgency with these scam emails which is one clue.** They are also always very brief and Fr. Hannafey's email address (fhannafey@oldstjoseph.org) is never the email address they use. If you have any questions concerning the validity of an email you receive from any OSJ staff member, please forward it to me at germane@oldstjoseph.org.

Thank you,
Eric German
OSJ Business Manager



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

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Care for Creation Committee

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MUSIC AT OSJ

Piano Recital TODAY, 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.



FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending May 14, 2023

Daily Mass:	\$41.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$3,506.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$1,313.00
<u>Online Giving Sunday Collection:</u>	<u>\$3,678.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$8,538.00

Offertory for the week ending May 15, 2022

Daily Mass:	\$47.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$3,011.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$1,010.00
<u>Online Giving Sunday Collection:</u>	<u>\$3,771.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$7,839.00

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.**

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023



Sponsored by Old St. Joseph's Parish Pastoral Council, the Adult Education, Ignatian Spirituality, and Care for Creation Committees.

Are You Ready to Take Action? We have prayed to discern how Old Saint Joseph's will "live the call to social justice" and with Father Thomas Massaro, S.J. we have studied Church teaching about our Catholic calling to do justice. Now we will begin to answer that call as a parish. **IN TWO WEEKS**, on Sunday, June 4, we will meet to form a new social justice committee.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE 9:30 AM MASS, there will be a brief meeting to sign up leaders and members for an OSJ social justice committee to work on parish initiatives. We will also provide information on opportunities for joining with existing organizations taking action now.

AT 1:00 PM IN BARBELIN HALL, the council and committees will present a PANEL discussion of current actions in Philadelphia to address:

- Homelessness
- Health care disparities
- Representatives of the Welcome Center providing citizenship and English as a Second Language services for people immigrating to the US and Philadelphia
- Care for Creation

AT THIS EVENT, we will sign up leaders and members for a new OSJ SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE. Also, representatives of existing organizations will provide opportunities for immediate action/involvement.

Let us begin to answer the call.



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.



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.

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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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