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July 16, 2023 | The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



Today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-23

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

The disciples approached him and said, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand. Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them."

"But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."

"Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom

without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."



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				
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	<i>Jay Higgins (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ		
Thurs 20	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Fri 21				
Sat 22	5:30 PM	<i>Edward & Mary Britt Family (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Sun 23	7:30 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:30 AM	YAC Scripture Reading (Greaton)
	9:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	5:00 PM	Vespers (Zoom)
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Holland SJ		

OSJ PRAYER LIST

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

Grazyna Kolondra, Richard Swift, Joseph Kahriger, Brendan Minihan, 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: Week of July 16

History July 17, 1866 - Gerard Manley Hopkins decides to become Roman Catholic. He consulted John Henry Cardinal Newman, who received him into the Church the following October. He entered the Jesuit novitiate two years later.

Saint - July 20 Blessed Leo Mangin SJ and Bl Paul Denn SJ, Martyrs of the Boxer Rebellion

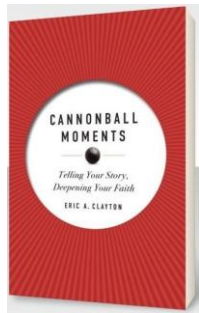
St. Leo Magnin SJ and companions, mostly women and children, were martyred during the Boxer Rebellion in China. After the Jesuit priests intoned the Confiteor and pronounced absolution, the Boxers shot into the congregation, slashed them with swords, and set the chapel afire because the Chinese Catholics of Zhujiage refused to renounce their Christian faith.

Ignatian Spirituality: Universal Apostolic Preferences (second of nine installments)

First UAP: To show the way to God. We are constantly being bombarded with images and options and there is almost no space to find our true self or to let God find us. We often don't know or drown out our own desires, our passions and a sense of our true vocation. Without the wisdom of the Spirit we can easily have a sense that we are not in charge of our own destiny, puppets at the mercy of the moment. God's dream is for us to get in touch with our deepest self, the space where God speaks to us, through discernment. Discernment is not only necessary when serious problems have to be solved, it is an instrument of struggle to follow the Lord better day by day and hour by hour.

OSJ's One Book, One Parish Selection for 2023:

This year's selection is Cannonball Moments by Eric Clayton. Discover how each of us has our own story to tell and how God speaks to us through these important moments of our lives. Members of the Ignatian Spirituality Committee **will be selling copies for \$15 after the 9:30am and 11:30am masses on July 16th**, as well as at dinner during the Feast of St. Ignatius **on Monday, July 31st**. The book is also available online and Kindle.



Ignatian Spirituality and Leadership Conference - July 27th

Creating Renewed Communities with Ignatian Inspiration

A national public health crisis of isolation and fragmentation can be countered by Ignatian methods for discernment, community building and leadership.

July 27th, 8:30 am – 3 pm,

Saint Joseph's University, Mandeville Hall

Cost: \$50 (\$30 for educators and religious)

For [More Information and Registration](#)

Conference Keynote Presentations:

"Embodied Imaginings in Art and in Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises"

Fr. Eric Studt, S.J. Ph.D., Fordham University

"Discerning Our Call to Community Through an Ignatian Lens"

Dr. Timothy Muldoon, Boston College and Celebrated Author

WORKSHOPS INCLUDE:

"Crafting Your Teaching to Create Environments of Personal Growth, Well-being and Hope" Susie Cook, St. Jose' Prep and Martin Lopez, Notre Dame Academy

"Educate Magis as a Resource for Ignatian Education" Ed Beckett, Vice President for Mission and Inclusion, Gesu School

"Ignatian Insights for Creating Communities of Solidarity (US and Kenya) to Combat the Climate Crisis?" Mr. Aaron Lemma, Water is Life Kenya

"Jesuit Education in Philadelphia: Identifying Continuities in Our Shared History" Leo Vaccaro, Social Studies Department, St Joseph's Prep and Economics Dept, SJU

"Helping Our Children Pray: Lessons from Gesu School" Ms. Laura Weatherly Gesu School

"Encountering God in the 'Enemy': Ignatian Insights for Difficult Conversations in a Divided World". Robert Barrimond, Consultant and Managing Principal RLB Enterprises LLC

Dear Parishioners and Friends of OSJ:

I have an important announcement for the parish that will come as a surprise. I say this because of our recent history of abrupt, even contentious transfers of Jesuits assigned to the parish. Today, I can inform you about a transfer under happier circumstances.

One of the creative tensions Jesuits live with is absolute commitment to the mission he is given and absolute detachment and availability for a different mission.

From the first day, a parish isn't yours. It belongs to the community and your job is to nurture and guide it so that it can thrive when you leave it. Well, that time has come for Fr. Holland.

We have all benefited from his pastoral and administrative expertise, his humor and hard work. The Bishop of Bridgeport knows him well and has asked Fr. Provincial to mission him to become the pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Greenwich, Connecticut.

The situation there and in the surrounding parishes is daunting and speaks of the confidence the bishop has in Fr. Holland as he seeks to restructure the presence of the Church in the city in the next few years.

This is also a vote of confidence for our community. We will need to make some adjustments in the next months, but with your generosity, the steady work of the Pastoral and Finance Councils, and a few Jesuit celebrants from St. Joseph's University, our parish will continue to thrive.

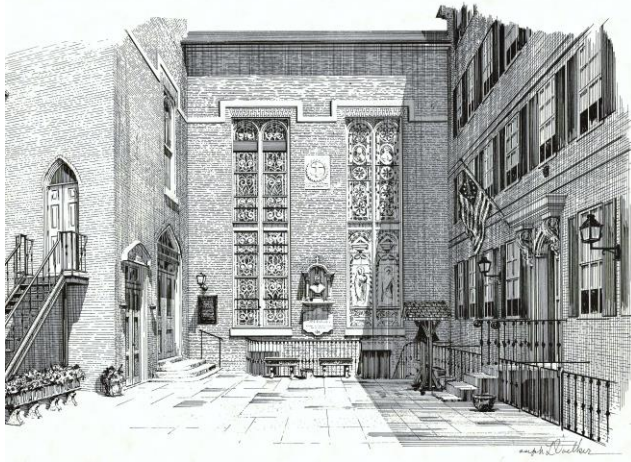
We are still going to have some time together. Fr. Holland's last Sunday with us will be August 27th. We will gather that day after the 11:30am Mass for a special reception to thank Paul for the love and labor he has shared with us and to wish him well as he begins a new chapter in his life.

Thank you for your ongoing devotion to OSJ. Let us continue to pray for one another and for our parish community.

Francis T. Hannafey, S.J.
Pastor
Old St. Joseph Church



For those interested in becoming Catholic, or those who would like to complete their Christian initiation, please email your inquiry to rcia@oldstjoseph.org. Our next RCIA program returns in early September.



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)

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The next coffee hours will take place TODAY - Sunday, JULY 16.

The Parish Council will sponsor coffee hours on the third Sunday of the month **after the 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses**. Any committee or ministry that wants to co-sponsor one of the coffee hours can email Nina Vitullo at Vitullon@oldstjoseph.org. This is a good opportunity for groups that would like to share an upcoming project with the larger parish community or recruit new members. **Please note** that our regularly scheduled 1st of the month Parish Life Coffee Hours will remain the same.

FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending July 9, 2023

Daily Mass:	\$6.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,021.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$639.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,055.46
Total Collection:	\$6,721.46

Offertory for the week ending July 10, 2022

Daily Mass:	\$50.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$1,885.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$446.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,037.50
Total Collection:	\$6,418.50

Thank You!

YOUNG adults

OSJ Young Adult Community Summer Book Club: Wednesday, 7/26 in the evening and Sunday, 8/27 after Mass. Location tbd. Join us this summer for a book discussion of "The Seven Story Mountain" by Thomas Merton.

Given that the book is 450 pages, we will split the discussion in two meetings. No need to attend one to attend the other!

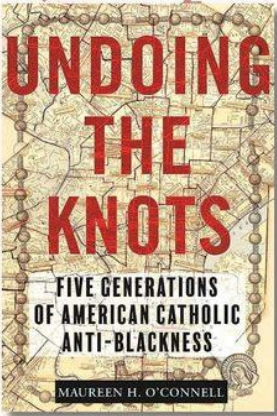
Session 1: Schedule around July 26, discuss Part 1 (185 pages)

Session 2: Schedule around August 27, discuss Parts 2 and 3 (279 pages). Email osjyac@gmail.com with any questions and to confirm participation!



**FEAST OF ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA
MONDAY, July 31, 2023 – Mass at 6:00 PM
followed by a dinner in Barbelin Hall**

Come celebrate the Feast of St. Ignatius on Monday, July 31, 2023, with Mass at 6:00 pm followed by dinner at 7:00 pm in Barbelin Hall. Tickets are \$10 for adults; children eat for free. Tickets will be on sale after the 9:30 and 11:30 Sunday masses in the back of the church. Donations of wine and dessert are greatly appreciated. Volunteers are needed for food prep on Sunday, July 30 and for set-up, serving and cleanup on Monday, July 31. Please contact Joe Casey at joetcasey@aol.com or 215-843-3573 to volunteer and for tickets. Thank you!

Summer Book Club for Racial Healing

Friday, July 7th & 21st @ 7pm
Thursday, August 17 @ 7pm
w/ the author

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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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