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July 23, 2023 | The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



Today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-23 (short form)

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn."'"



Our audio hearing loop has been replaced by a new hearing assistance system which requires a smartphone to operate.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 24				
Tues 25	12:05 PM	<i>Our FF&F Guests (L)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Wed 26	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ		
Thurs 27	12:05 PM	<i>Thomas Gallagher (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Fri 28			5:00 PM	Wedding reh: Townsend & Paddock
Sat 29	5:30 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM 3:30 PM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin) Wedding: Townsend & Paddock
Sun 30	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	<i>Maretta Krantz Schmidt (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ Presider: Fr. Holland SJ Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	10:30 AM 5:00 PM	YAC Scripture Reading (Greaton Parlor) Vespers (Zoom)

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 23

History - July 25, 1922: Pope Pius XI declared St. Ignatius the heavenly patron of Spiritual Exercises and related works.

Saint - July 25 Blessed Rudolph Acquaviva SJ and companions: Acquaviva (1550-83), son of Italian nobility, chose the Jesuits instead of life at the papal court, and was sent to India to teach philosophy. He held weekly religious conversations with Muslims and Hindus, to promote mutual understanding and peace. He and four other Jesuits visited the villages south of Goa, hoping to convert the local Hindu population, but received a hostile welcome, due to punitive expeditions by the Portuguese which destroyed Hindu shrines and temples. When the Jesuits were barred from entering the village of Cuncolim, the Jesuits decided just to plant a cross on the site of a future chapel and then leave, but hundreds of angry villagers surrounded them and killed them.

Ignatian Spirituality: *Universal Apostolic Preferences (third of nine installments)*

First UAP: To show the way to God (continued)

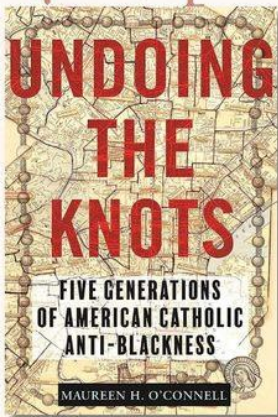
While resisting secularism, we have the opportunity to renew our presence in the heart of human history.' 'In a mature secular society, the conditions exist for the emergence of circumstances conducive to personal religious processes, independent of social or ethnic pressure, that allow people to ask profound questions and to choose freely to follow Jesus'. This can enable a new level of Christian maturity. We are invited to collaborate in an enterprise larger than ourselves, an enterprise that is of God, an enterprise in which we are but one of the agents. We seek to be a Church called to go beyond itself, to move beyond self-referentiality and theological narcissism. The Spiritual Exercises and discernment are some means for showing a way to God. This Preference undergirds the other Three ---the mission of reconciliation and justice rooted in an option to walk with the poor, the outcasts of the world, and those whose dignity has been violated, and in relationship to the rest of creation.

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!



Summer Book Club for Racial Healing

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

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul
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(Neumann Room)

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www.newencounters.org

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.



OSJ Sunday Vespers on Zoom: Every Sunday at 5PM, we offer a Zoom Vespers/Evening Prayer for anyone interested. If you are not already an

active participant and would like to be, please contact Stephen Paesani at spaesani@gmail.com and he will send you the Zoom link.

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.

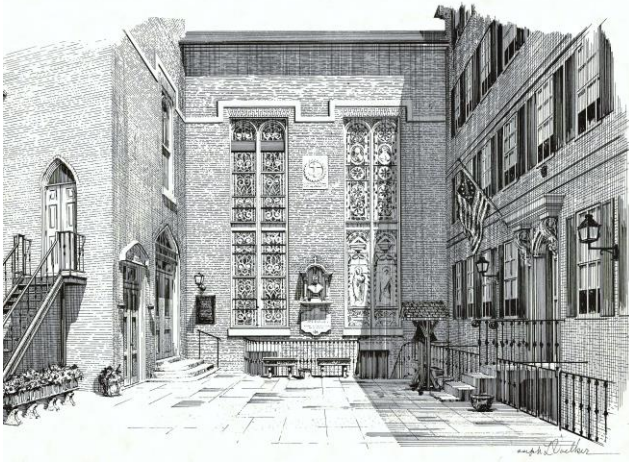
The situation there and in the surrounding parishes is daunting and speaks of the confidence the bishop has in Fr. Holland as he seeks to restructure the presence of the Church in the city in the next few years.

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



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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Christine Szczepanowski (prep@oldstjoseph.org)

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)

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Paul Shay, chair

Historic Preservation Corporation Board

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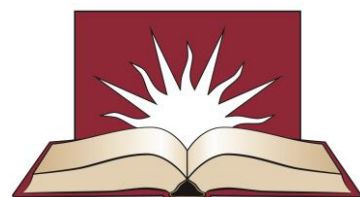
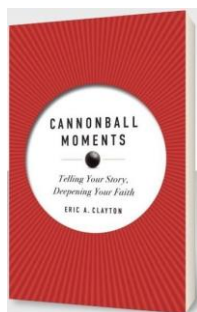


The next coffee hours will take place on Sunday, August 6, 2023.

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.

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 on Kindle.



In celebration of St. Ignatius Day, The Institute for Advanced Jesuit Studies is offering a 15% discount on inspiring Jesuit books

(please use coupon code IGNATIUS2023). Here are the inspiring Jesuit books included in this offer: "Draw Me into Your Friendship," "Choosing Christ in the World," "Handing on the Fire," "Like the Lightning, and "Hearts on Fire." These handpicked books embody the essence of Jesuit spirituality, offering profound insights, guidance, and transformative experiences. We believe they will serve as valuable companions on the faith journeys of your parishioners, deepening their understanding and practice of Ignatian spirituality—particularly the Spiritual Exercises, which have been a cornerstone of the Jesuit tradition for centuries.

[Please click here to access the website.](#)

Wishing you a joyous and blessed Feast of St. Ignatius!

—The Institute for Advanced Jesuit Studies

FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending July 16, 2023

Daily Mass:	\$15.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$693.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$1,648.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,058.46
Total Collection:	\$6,414.46

Offertory for the week ending July 17, 2022

Daily Mass:	\$27.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$979.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$1,829.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,426.80
Total Collection:	\$7,261.80

Thank you



**FEAST OF ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA
MONDAY, July 31, 2023 – Mass at 6:00PM
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!

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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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