

# Old St. Joseph's Church

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July 9, 2023 | The 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



## Today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus exclaimed: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him."

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."



Our audio hearing loop has been replaced by a new hearing assistance system which requires a smartphone to operate.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 10				
Tues 11	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Wed 12	12:05 PM	<i>James Convery (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ		
Thurs 13	12:05 PM	<i>John S. Grady (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Fri 14			4:00 PM	Wedding reh: Shields & Marino
Sat 15	5:30 PM	<i>Deacon Stanley Zaleski (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	10:00 AM 3:30 PM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin) Wedding: Shields & Marino
Sun 16	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	<i>Carol Corson (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:30 AM 5:00 PM	YAC Scripture Reading (Greaton) Coffee Hours post 9:30 & 11:30 Masses 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 9

**History: July 13, 1556,** St Ignatius, knowing that he was nearing his death, resigned the government of the Society into the hands of Fathers John Polanco and Christopher Madrid. He died eighteen days later, July 31.

**Saint: July 15 Bl Ignatius de Azevedo and 39 companions Azevedo (1525-70)** went to Brazil in 1566 to evaluate Jesuit missions there, and after two years he managed to recruit 70 Jesuits from Spain and Portugal to join him. Most were already priests, but the band included scholastics and even novices. Their ship was boarded by pirates, and when Azevedo set up a painting of Our Lady, given him by Pope Pius V, and led the people in prayer, the pirates attacked the Jesuit, slashing his head and body with swords, and throwing him and the painting overboard. They then hunted down anyone wearing a black cassock, killing some, cutting off the arms of others and threw them overboard to drown. Only one Jesuit survived, because the pirates needed a cook. Eventually he escaped back to Portugal to tell the sad tale.

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

In 2019, the Society of Jesus has established four new "Universal Apostolic Preferences" (UAPs) that will guide its mission for ten years. The Preferences give a horizon, a point of reference to the whole Society of Jesus. They capture our imaginations and awaken our desires. The UAP's are: Showing the Way to God; Walking with the excluded; Accompanying youth; and Caring for our common home.

The worldwide discernment process leading to these new apostolic preferences focused on three main questions: Where do we hear the call of Jesus today as He carries His cross in the world? What is the Church asking of us? Where are we most needed? To learn more details, google Universal Apostolic Preferences at [www.jesuits.global](http://www.jesuits.global)



### PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

Oh glorious St. Joseph, thou who hast power to render possible even things which are considered impossible, come to our aid in our present trouble and distress. Take this important and difficult affair under thy particular protection, that it may end happily.

O dear St. Joseph, all our confidence is in thee. let it not be said that we would invoke thee in vain; and since thou art so powerful with Jesus and Mary, show that thy goodness equals thy power. Amen.



### 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!

### 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:pastor@oldstjoseph.org))

### Parochial Vicar

Fr. Paul Holland SJ ([pholland@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:pholland@oldstjoseph.org))

### In Residence

Br. Robert Carson SJ

### Business Manager

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Mark Bani ([music@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:music@oldstjoseph.org))

### Pastoral Associate for Weddings

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### Parish Offices ([office@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:office@oldstjoseph.org))

### PREP & Baptism Coordinator

Christine Szczepanowski ([prep@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:prep@oldstjoseph.org))

### Faith, Food & Friends Director

Deborah Hluchan ([faithandfriends@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:faithandfriends@oldstjoseph.org))

### Parish Pastoral Council

Pastor, Fr. Francis Hannafey; Chair, John Bitterman  
Secretary, Nina Vitullo ([osjpc@oldstjoseph.org](mailto: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  
([adulthood@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:adulthood@oldstjoseph.org))

### Friendship Circle (former Eldership Committee)

John Welsh ([friendshipcircle@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:friendshipcircle@oldstjoseph.org))

### Parish Life

Joe Casey ([parishlife@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:parishlife@oldstjoseph.org))

### Ignatian Spirituality and Formation

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### Women, Faith and Fellowship

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### Young Adult Community

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### Altar Servers

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### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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### Homebound Ministry

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### Hospital Ministry

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### Lectors

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### Ushers and Scheduling

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### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Nina Vitullo ([clow@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:clow@oldstjoseph.org))

### Faith, Food and Friends:

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### Care for Creation Committee

Bill Stigliani ([careforcreation@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:careforcreation@oldstjoseph.org))



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. **The next post 9:30 & 11:30 Mass coffee hours will take place on Sunday, July 16.**



**CLOW will return on Sunday, September 10.** Our thanks to all the volunteers who have helped to make a success of this important ministry – with special thanks to Nina Vitullo.

**The Sisters of Saint Joseph Welcome Center needs your help!**

We are looking for volunteers to teach some of our classes for adult immigrants. Opportunities are available for online and in-person English and/or citizenship preparation classes. (In-person classes take place at our Center in the heart of the Kensington section of Philadelphia.) Classes will begin in September. Teaching experience is not required. Patience and a sense of humor are helpful. Let us know of your interest by completing a short survey by using this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LWK2T6D>.



**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.

**FINANCIAL INFO**

**Offertory for the week ending July 2, 2023**

Daily Mass:	\$38.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,524.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$3,608.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$5,670.46
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$11,840.46</b>

**Offertory for the week ending July 3, 2022**

Daily Mass:	\$48.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$3,541.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$580.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$5,678.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$9,847.00</b>

*Thank You!*

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

**Campaign for Human Development**

For Text-to-Give (215-929-7151) the keyword is *Camp4HumanDev*



**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 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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### 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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