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August 6, 2023 | Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord



Today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."



Our audio hearing loop has been replaced by a new hearing assistance system which requires a smartphone to operate.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	7		7:30 PM	Adult Ed Comm Zoom Mtg
Tues	8	12:05 PM <i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Wed	9	12:05 PM <i>Kathleen George (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ		
Thurs	10	12:05 PM <i>Gaizka Idoeta (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	10:00 AM 6:30 PM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin) Wedding reh: Ormandy & Kingsman
Fri	11		3:30 PM 5:00 PM	Wedding: Ormandy & Kingsman Wedding reh: Grzywinski & Horan
Sat	12	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: Grzywinski & Horan
Sun	13	7:30 AM <i>Mary Convery (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ 9:30 AM Presider: Fr. Holland SJ 11:30 AM Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	10:30 AM 1:30 PM 5:00 PM	YAC Scripture Reading (Greaton Parlor) Group Baptisms (Church) Vespers (Zoom)

OSJ PRAYER LIST

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

Susanna Mazzoleni, Rosemarie Greco, Anne Morrissey, John Butts, Grazyna Kolondra, Richard Swift, Joseph Kahriger, Brendan Minihan, 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 August 6

History: August 6, 1816 - In a letter to John Adams, Thomas Jefferson writes "I dislike with you the restoration of the Jesuits, because it makes a retrograde step from light toward darkness."

Saint: August 6 - Feast of the Transfiguration

"The Transfiguration scene is packed with majesty and mystery. Do you remember the experience of Moses on Mount Sinai? The events of Sinai are re-enacted in the experience of the new Moses. Like the first Moses, Jesus too goes up a mountain. His face too shines unbearably. A cloud covers this mountain too, a luminous cloud, the symbol of God's presence. Here too God speaks from the cloud. Even the three booths or tents Peter wants to set up recall the Feast of Tabernacles or Booths that commemorated the sojourn of the Israelites on Sinai while they received the revelation of the law through Moses.

Here we go beyond Sinai. Here Moses and Elias represent the law and the prophets; their presence bears witness that in Jesus the law and the prophets are fulfilled. And here we meet that astounding paradox: To be Messiah meant to suffer, and still Jesus was the glorious Son of Man. (From Walter Burghardt, SJ, *Sir, We Would Like to See Jesus*)

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

Second UAP: Walking with the excluded. The UAP's are meant to point us in ways that transcend mere considerations of planning, to places where God's word can be heard, and God's gift can be received, in particularly clear and challenging ways. Places of vulnerability, places that might seem threatening. It's about letting God change us. The UAP's are meant to be a means through which God will change us, leading us beyond 'every form of self-centredness'. In short, the preferences are 'orientations that go beyond "doing something"'. They should bring about transformation – personal, communal, and institutional. They are meant to stretch us.

YOUNG adults

OSJ Young Adult Community Summer Book Club: Sunday, 8/27 after Mass. Location TBD. Join us this summer for a book discussion of "The Seven Story Mountain" by Thomas Merton. On August 27th, we'll discuss Parts 2 and 3 (279 pages). Email osjyac@gmail.com with any questions and to confirm participation!

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.



SAVE THE DATE!

The Saint Maria Goretti Class of 1963's 60-year reunion being held on October 28, 2023 from 1-5 pm at Galdo's Catering in Philly. For more

information contact a committee member, JoAnne Belfatto (jrmodonnell@verizon.net); JoAnn Fiorentino (joanntthomas@yahoo.com); Lydia Carbone (leelu740@verizon.net); or Joanne Tampanello (jml22112000@yahoo.com).



COMMUNION AT OSJ: Just a reminder that the communion procession at Mass begins with the side pews from front to back, then the center pews from back to front. Please follow the directions of the Ushers. Thank you.

MASS SCHEDULE ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Summer greetings!

I write to update the OSJ community on two changes to our current Mass schedule. After conversation with the parish staff and the parish council I have decided that due to the departure of Father Holland at the end of August we need to adjust our present Mass offerings. These changes are necessary because there will be one full-time priest in residence at OSJ going forward.

First, we will need to discontinue offering the 5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass at the end of the summer. You may recall that we brought the 5:30pm Mass back on a trial basis as we came out of the Covid pandemic. Unfortunately, the attendance at this Mass has remained consistently low for some time. With Father Holland's upcoming departure from the parish and after consultation I have reached the decision that the parish will be unable to sustain this Mass going forward.

We will continue to offer the Saturday 5:30pm Mass through the month of August and it will conclude in our schedule on Saturday, August 26th. In the coming weeks I will personally be present at the 5:30pm Mass to speak about this change with those who regularly attend this liturgy. Our present Sunday morning Mass schedule (7:30, 9:30, 11:30) will continue as usual.

Second, during the summer months we have reduced the 12:05pm daily Mass to Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays only. Following consultation with the parish council and the parish staff, I have also decided to continue with this schedule on a permanent basis. This adjustment will enable OSJ to remain committed to offering daily Mass during the week but at a more manageable level.

While I know that these changes may be difficult for some of you, please know that these decisions have been made carefully to position our parish for the future. In the years ahead we will inevitably see a reduced Jesuit priest presence at OSJ and we need to prepare for this now. Fortunately, Jesuits from the Arrupe Hall Jesuit Community at SJU will continue to assist our community by presiding at Sunday Masses as they have in recent years.

Thank you for your presence and devotion to the OSJ parish community.

Prayers and good wishes,

Francis T. Hannafey, S.J.
Pastor



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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.



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A Holyday of Obligation

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Mass at 12:05 PM only

FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending July 30, 2023

Daily Mass:	\$24.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$50.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,257.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$3,948.46
Total Collection:	\$6,279.46

Offertory for the week ending July 31, 2022

Daily Mass:	\$48.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$1,130.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,093.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$3,810.50
Total Collection:	\$7,081.50

Thank you

Second Collection Next Weekend

August 12 & 13

Catholic University

Please give as generously as you are able.

ONLINE GIVING & TEXT-TO-GIVE

The Catholic University and the Assumption collections are both active on the [ParishSOFT](#) and Text-to-Give (215-929-7151) sites.

For Text-to-Give, the fund names are **CatholicU** and **Assumption**

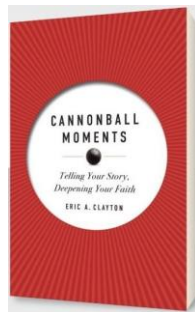


The next coffee hours will take place THIS WEEKEND! - Sunday, August 6th.

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 are selling copies for \$15. The book is also available online and on Kindle.



Requiescat in Pace

Thalia Papadopoulos, sister of longstanding OSJ parishioner Dimitrios Soultoukis, passed away unexpectedly in her home country of Greece during the weekend of July 29th. Please keep Dimitrios and Donna Soultoukis and their friends and family members in your thoughts and prayers.

Eternal rest, grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

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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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