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August 13, 2023 | The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



Christ Rescuing Peter from Drowning (1370) – Lorenzo Veneziano

Today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-23

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening, he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was, he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."



Our audio hearing loop has been replaced by a new hearing assistance system which requires a smartphone to operate.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 14				
Tues 15	12:05 PM	<i>Holyday – No Announced Mass</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	12:05 PM 10:00 AM	Mass for Assumption FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Wed 16	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ		
Thurs 17	12:05 PM	<i>Edward & Mary Britt Family (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin) Wedding reh: Fedewitz & Gross
Fri 18			3:00 PM	Wedding: Fedewitz & Gross
Sat 19	5:30 PM	<i>Thomas Benson</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Sun 20	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	<i>Giancarlo Mazzoleni (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ Presider: Fr. Ruff SJ Presider: Fr. Ruff SJ	10:30 AM 5:00 PM	YAC Scripture Reading (Greaton Parlor) Coffee Hours: 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM Vespers (Zoom)

OSJ PRAYER LIST

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

Paul Smith, Dennis Scott, Susanna Mazzoleni, Rosemarie Greco, Anne Morrissey, John Butts, Grazyna Kolondra, Richard Swift, Joseph Kahrigier, Brendan Minihan, Helen Walsh, Julio Umberto Rivera, Paul Clement, Marilyn Davies, 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 13

History - August 15, 1534: St Ignatius and his first six companions (Peter Baber, Francis Xavier, Diego Laynes, Simon Rodrigues, Alfonso Salmeron and Nicholas Bobadilla) took first simple vows at Mass celebrated by Faber, at Montmartre, Paris. Faber was the only priest in the group until 1537.

Saint - August 18 St Alberto Hurtado SJ (1910-52): was a Chilean Jesuit priest, lawyer, social worker and writer. Conscious of his own impoverished background and ever grateful for the help he and his family had received in their great difficulties, Hurtado was active in social involvement. His strong faith was transformed into action with his founding of an organization similar to Boys Town In the United States. His shelters, called Home of Christ, took in all children in need of food and shelter, abandoned or not. He also purchased a 1946 green pickup truck and monitored the streets at night to help those in need that he could reach. His own charisma brought him many collaborators and benefactors. It is estimated that between 1945 and 1951 more than 850,000 children received some help from the movement. Inspired by the social teaching of the church, in 1947 he founded the Chilean Trade Union Association, meant to train leaders and to instill Christian values in the labor unions. To disseminate the social teaching of the church and help Christians reflect and act on the serious social problems faced by Chile, he founded in 1951 the periodical message. He died in 1952 after a short battle with pancreatic cancer.

Ignatian Spirituality: Universal Apostolic Preferences (sixth of nine installments) Third UAP: Accompanying Youth
Youth is a time for fundamental decisions and the beginning of fulfilling our dreams. And yet, young people today face enormous challenges: the uncertainty of relationship in a digital era, diminishing opportunities for work, the growth of political violence, discrimination, degradation of the environment. All of this makes it difficult for them to find a road where they can build supportive personal and family relations based on solid spiritual and financial foundations.

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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Nina Vitullo (cloy@oldstjoseph.org)

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Social Justice Committee

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Care for Creation Committee

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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 August 6, 2023

Daily Mass:	\$46.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$840.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,936.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$5,170.00
Total Collection:	\$8,992.00

Offertory for the week ending August 7, 2022

Daily Mass:	\$19.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$2,309.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$1,923.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,075.00
Total Collection:	\$8,326.50

Thank you



The next coffee hours will take place on Sunday, August 20th.

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.

Second Collection This 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**

Old St. Joseph's Church NEW MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning September 1, 2023

12:05 p.m. Daily Mass

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday

Sunday Masses

7:30, 9:30, & 11:30 a.m.

NOTE: August 26 will be our last

5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass



ST. IGNATIUS DAY THANKS!

Our thanks to our liturgical ministers and musicians and to the many volunteers who helped with set-up, preparing, and serving the

food for this year's St. Ignatius Day Mass and Dinner. As always, a special thanks to Joe Casey and his dedicated group of volunteers. Thank you all.

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*Our Father who art in Heaven,
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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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