

Old St. Joseph's Church

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August 27, 2023 | The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



Today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 16: 13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Christ Giving the Keys to St. Peter
1626 by Guido Reni



Our audio hearing loop has been replaced by a new hearing assistance system which requires a smartphone to operate.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 28				
Tues 29	12:05 PM	<i>Nicholas Augustine (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Wed 30	12:05 PM	<i>Rose Augustine (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Thurs 31	12:05 PM	<i>Hugh & Cormac Logue (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Fri 1				
Sat 2			10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Sun 3	7:30 AM	<i>Old St Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: TBA	10:30 AM	Coffee Hours post-9:30 & 11:30 Masses
	9:30 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: TBA	5:00 PM	Vespers (Zoom)
	11:30 AM	Presider: TBA		

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 Kahriger, 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 27

History - August 29, 1541: Jean Codure, first of the founders to die, + at Rome. This was four months after his final vows at St. Paul's. Hewas the first Jesuit to be sent on mission outside of Italy. In Rome, on this day, Ignatius sensed this, stopped, and told his companions of the death.

Saint - August 27th St David Lewis SJ Martyr of England, 1679. He died forgiving his enemies and persecutors. He was an apostle to the poor in his native Wales for three decades before he was caught and hanged.

Ignatian Spirituality: Universal Apostolic Preferences (eighth of nine installments) Fourth UAP: Care for our common home

Creation today is crying out as never before, laboring to be set free (Romans 8). Today's environmental crisis is impacting in a particular way on the poor and vulnerable. Action is needed urgently by Christians and by all people of good will. Whole nations and peoples need an ecological conversion if we are to be honest custodians of this wonderful planet. We can still change the course of history.

Our faith is one that wants creation to be cherished and renewed. A whole new way of living opens up as a consequence of a personal and passionate relationship with Jesus. We get the grace to transcend ourselves (Laudato Si', 208). We get new strength to care for others and for creation (LS, 217). We can live with a new horizon, embracing Jesus' vision of the Kingdom of God, of a renewed and transformed world and ecosystem where we are all brothers and sisters, responsible to each other.



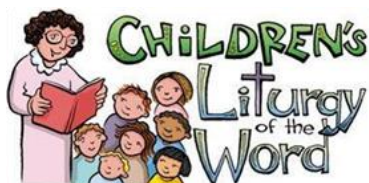
RCIA at Old St. Joseph's

For those who are interested in becoming Catholic or those who would like to complete their Christian initiation (Confirmation and/or Communion), you are invited to consider being part of the Rite of

Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

This year, our RCIA program will be held on Thursday evenings in the rectory. The first session is September 14, beginning at 7:00 PM (and ending at 8:15). We will meet most Thursdays (with some exceptions), leading to the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation that will take place at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night, March 30, 2024.

For questions about the program or to register, please send your inquiry to rcia@oldstjoseph.org.



Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume weekly on September 10 at 9:30 AM Mass. All parish children and friends are invited to join us for faith

formation. We welcome children of all ages, and it is especially meaningful for children preschool age through fourth grade. Any questions please email Nina Vitullo at clov@oldstjoseph.org.

Children's Choir- Calling all singers!

Our children's choir under the direction of Dr. Mark Bani will sing at the 9:30 AM Mass on October 8th. Rehearsals begin on September 10th immediately following the 9:30 AM Mass. For more information or to sign up please email Nina Vitullo at vitullon@oldstjoseph.org.



Please join us on September 17 at the 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses for Welcome Back Sunday. Whether you're returning from summer vacation or haven't been to Old St. Joseph's in some time, we welcome you to come together and reconnect as a parish. Immediately following each mass, we will host a Ministry Fair where interested people can find out more information and sign up for one of our many ministries. Refreshments will be provided.

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



OSJ STAFF and COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Pastor

Fr. Francis Hannafey SJ (pastor@oldstjoseph.org)

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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

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Barry Eiswerth, chair

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Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

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Faith, Food and Friends:

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Social Justice Committee

Sarah Johnson & Bob Culleton

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Care for Creation Committee

Bill Stigliani (careforcreation@oldstjoseph.org)

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.



Farewell Reception for Fr. Holland
TODAY after the 11:30 Mass
August 27, 2023

Please join us in celebrating Fr. Holland and wishing him a bon voyage before he leaves for his new position as pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Greenwich, Connecticut.

FINANCIAL INFO

Due to scheduling, the August 27 collection was not counted in time for inclusion in this week's bulletin and will be published next week.

Thank you

for your continued support of Old St. Joseph's!

Second Collection Next Weekend: Sept. 2 & 3
Black and Indian Missions

Please give generously.

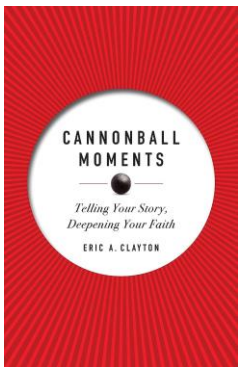


ONLINE GIVING & TEXT-TO-GIVE

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

For Text-to-Give, the fund names are

CatholicU, Assumption, and BlackandIndian



The Ignatian Spirituality Committee invites all to attend an Afternoon Tea with Eric Clayton, author of this year's One Book, One Parish selection Cannonball Moments. Eric Clayton will lead the discussion of his book, explore the major themes, and allow for personal reflections from the group. A few copies of the book are still available for purchase for \$15.00.

Date: Saturday, October 7th

Location: OSJ, Barbelin Hall

Time: 1:30 to 3:00pm

Cost: Free, a goodwill offering is appreciated

Please RSVP by October 1st for the event by emailing: osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org.



OSJ Young Adult Community Summer Book Club: This Wednesday, August 30th - location can be received by emailing osjyac@gmail.com. "The Seven Story Mountain" by Thomas Merton. We'll

discuss Parts 2 and 3 (279 pages).



Attention Parents: A reminder that PREP begins Monday, Sept. 11. If you haven't yet registered, please do so via the emailed form. If your child is in 1st-7th grade in a non-Catholic school and not in PREP (formerly CCD), please contact

Christine Szczepanowski at 215-923-1733 x123 or prep@oldstjoseph.org to enroll or for further information.

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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