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September 17, 2023 | The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



Today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

Parable of the Unforgiving Servant – Claude Vignon (1593-1670)

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion, the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."



Our audio hearing loop has been replaced by a new hearing assistance system which requires a smartphone to operate.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 18				
Tues 19	12:05 PM	<i>Giancarlo Mazzoleni (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Wed 20	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	7:00 PM	Finance Council Zoom Mtg
Thurs 21	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM 7:00 PM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin) Choir Rehearsal (Barbelin) & RCIA (Drexel)
Fri 22			5:00 PM	Wedding reh: Floer & Jones
Sat 23			10:00 AM 3:30 PM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin) Wedding: Floer & Jones
Sun 24	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	<i>Edward & Mary Britt Family (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ <i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Women Faith & Fellowship (Drexel) Vespers (Zoom)

OSJ PRAYER LIST

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

Michael Nardi, Michael Paesani, Rosario Lamberto, Gina Hil, Mary Beggy, 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.

Join us for an evening conversation featuring:

Fr. Brian Strassburger, SJ, Host of the Jesuit Border Podcast
Matt Egler DiFerdinando '10, Immigration Attorney, HIAS PA
Nick Napolitano, (Panel Moderator) Provincial Assistant for Social Ministries, Jesuits USA East

And others working to support immigrants in Philadelphia.



**How does our
Catholic Faith and
Jesuit Identity call us
to respond to the
needs of Migrants?**



Monday, September 18, 2023
St. Joseph's Preparatory School
Presentation 7:00pm, doors open 6:45pm



MUSIC AT OSJ

Our parish choir, the Schola Cantorum, has begun an exciting new season. We welcome them back and look forward to their splendid music for the season! The start of the choir year offers an ideal opportunity to consider becoming a part of the ministry of music here at Old St. Joseph's Church. The Schola Cantorum provides a varied repertoire of outstanding classical sacred music for the 11:30 AM Mass each Sunday (mid-September through early June) and for the various holy days throughout the liturgical year such as Christmas and Easter, as well as for the November All Souls' Requiem Mass and for the December Lessons and Carols.

The choir is an excellent way to enter more fully into the spiritual and liturgical life of the Church. The Schola Cantorum meets for rehearsals each Thursday evening in Barbelin hall from 7:00 - 8:45 P.M. and on Sunday mornings at 11:00 A.M. for rehearsal before the 11:30 AM Choral Mass.

If you would like to know more about our choir, I welcome the opportunity to speak with you following the weekend Masses, or you may wish to contact me at the church music office: music@oldstjoseph.org
—Mark Bani (Music Director)

Children's Choir- Calling all singers! Our children's choir under the direction of Dr. Mark Bani will sing at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on October 15th.

Rehearsals began on September 10th immediately following the 9:30 AM Mass and continue on 9/24, 10/1, and 10/8. For more info or to sign up please email Nina Vitullo at vitullon@oldstjoseph.org.



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.



The OSJ Reading Group will meet in the Loyola Room in Parish Hall on Tuesday, 3 October, at 7.30 p.m. Our book for the month is *Waiting for Snow in Havana* by Carlos Eire. New members are welcome. Contact Carol Shloss at shlosscarol@gmail.com.



Faith, Food & Friends – Our End-of-Summer Wish List: Faith, Food & Friends has been back inside Barbelin Hall for over a year now. Each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, our volunteers cook and serve hot lunches to approximately 60 hungry and housing-insecure

men and women.

Thanks to the generous support of our parishioners and friends, FF&F has been able to distribute needed personal care items to our guests on a weekly basis. To keep our supply closet stocked and meet our guests' needs through the autumn months, we are especially in need of the following items:

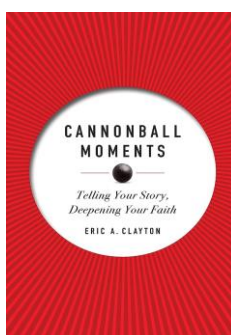
Bar soap (bath size)

Travel size deodorant

Double-edge razors

Please visit the [FF&F Amazon wish list](#) on the OSJ website where you can find these essentials and other items that would be most appreciated by our guests. We hope that you will consider making a donation of one or more of these items. Thank you for your support!

Are you a Costco or other box store customer? Faith Food & Friends has a favor to ask. A frequently asked for item by our guests is a roll of toilet paper. So, if you find yourself in your favorite box store and would like to donate a large size package of toilet paper to FF&F, it would be greatly appreciated. Drop it off anytime the rectory is open, at FF&F on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday, or after Mass on Sunday. Many thanks!



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.

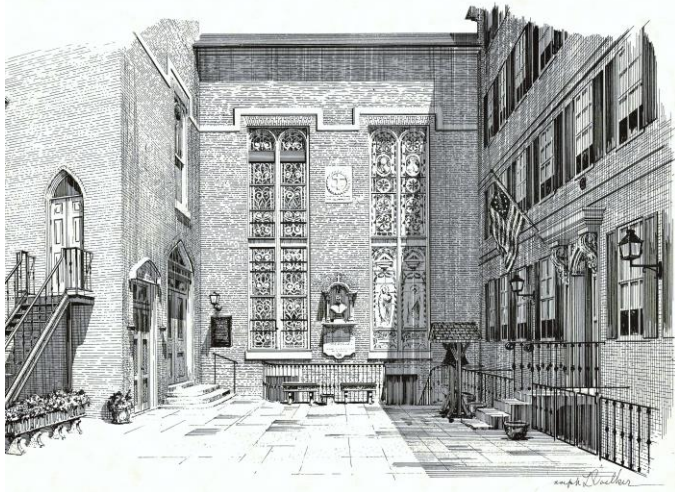
Date: Saturday, October 7th

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



INFORMATION

Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Friday: 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Mass Times

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 12:05 PM

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 AM

Holy Days: 12:05 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

Tues., Wed., & Thurs: 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 will take place according to schedule in the bulletin.

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

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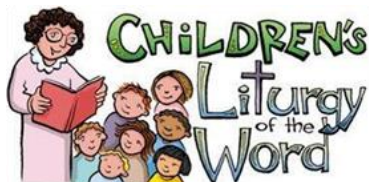
Care for Creation Committee

Bill Stigliani (careforcreation@oldstjoseph.org)

WELCOME BACK *Sunday*

**Please join us this weekend - 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.



Our Children's Liturgy of the Word has returned!

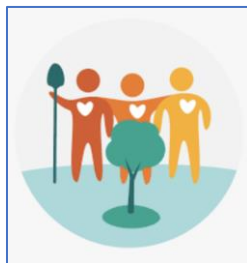
All parish children and friends are invited to join us for faith formation. We welcome children of all ages, and it is especially meaningful for children preschool age through fourth grade. Any questions please email Nina Vitullo at clow@oldstjoseph.org.



Attention Parents: A reminder that PREP began on 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 info.

Cleanup Party with Faith Food & Friends:

Join Care for Creation and Faith, Food, & Friends for a light neighborhood clean-up **on Saturday September 23rd.** Members of the parish and guests from the FF&F program will meet at **10:00am** at Barbelin Hall to pick up trash in the parks surrounding the church, followed by lunch with the FF&F guests in Barbelin at **11:00am.** Space is limited, so please RSVP to careforcreation@oldstjoseph.org.



FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending September 10, 2023

Daily Mass:	\$7.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$843.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,905.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,652.46
Total Collection:	\$8,407.46

Offertory for the week ending September 11, 2022

Daily Mass:	\$58.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$600.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$3,375.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$3,510.00
Total Collection:	\$7,543.00

Thank you

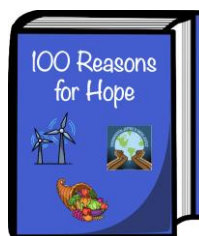


ONLINE GIVING & TEXT-TO-GIVE

The Black & Indian Missions collection is active on the [ParishSOFT](#) and Text-to-Give (215-929-7151) sites. For Text-to-Give, the fund name is ***BlackandIndian***

The Women, Faith and Fellowship Committee

invites the women of the parish and female guests to gather for conversation and fellowship on Sunday, September 24th from 10 AM until 11:30 AM in the Drexel Parlor in the Rectory. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to wff@oldstjoseph.org.



Join the Care for Creation Committee

in the presentation of its document, *Caring for Creation: 100 Reasons for Hope*. The event is scheduled for Sunday, October 1st from 1:00-3:00 pm in Barbelin Hall. Listen to the stories of so many

people, groups, and organizations doing the good work of healing the planet. Learn too how active hope can encourage you to contribute your unique gifts to this work. This is the kickoff event, in honor of St. Francis' feast day on October 4, of our yearlong program Active Hope, Sustainable Solutions. A light lunch will be served during the presentation.

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*Our Father who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
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Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who
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And lead us not into temptation
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