

# Old St. Joseph's Church

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September 24, 2023 | The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



**Today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16a**

*The Red Vineyard – Vincent van Gogh*

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So, they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So, when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."



Our audio hearing loop has been replaced by a new hearing assistance system which requires a smartphone to operate.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 25				
Tues 26	12:05 PM	<i>John S. Grady (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Wed 27	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Thurs 28	12:05 PM	<i>Vincent Lamonica (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Fri 29			5:00 PM	Wedding reh: Vittorio & McDevitt
Sat 30			7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (Barbelin) & RCIA (Drexel)
Fri 29			2:00 PM	Wedding: Vittorio & McDevitt
Sat 30			5:00 PM	Wedding reh: Kienzel & Stash
Sun 1	7:30 AM	<i>Our FF&amp;F Guests</i> Presider: Fr. Donaldson SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
	9:30 AM	<i>The Godzieba Family (L &amp; D)</i> Presider: Fr. Donaldson SJ	3:00 PM	Wedding: Kienzel & Stash
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	1:00 PM	100 Reasons for Hope (Barbelin)
			5:00 PM	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 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.*

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 began on Thursday evenings in the rectory. The first session was held on September 14, at 7:00 PM (and ended at 8:15). We will continue to 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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

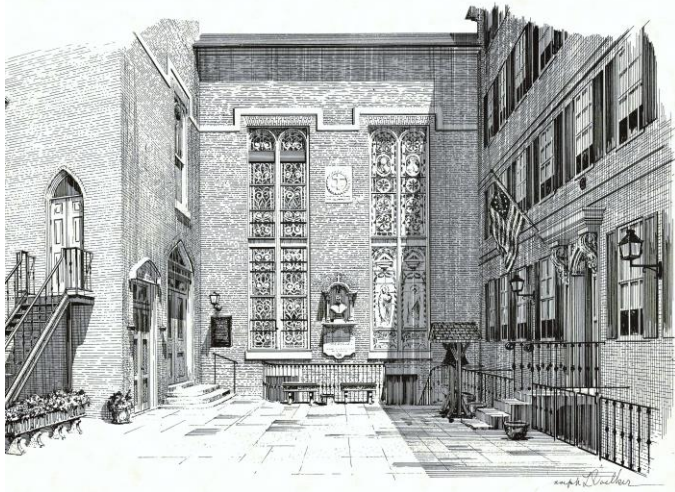
**Double-edge razors**

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!



**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](mailto:spaesani@gmail.com) and he will send you the Zoom link.



## 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](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

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

### Pastor

Fr. Francis Hannafey SJ ([pastor@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:pastor@oldstjoseph.org))

### In Residence

Br. Robert Carson SJ

### Business Manager

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Donna Soultoukis ([dsoultoukis@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:dsoultoukis@oldstjoseph.org))

### Parish Offices

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### 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

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### Friendship Circle (former Eldership Committee)

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### Parish Life

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### Women, Faith and Fellowship

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### Homebound Ministry

Dennis Faucher ([homeEM@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:homeEM@oldstjoseph.org))

### Hospital Ministry

Jesse LaGrossa ([office@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:office@oldstjoseph.org))

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Kathleen Catanese ([lectors@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:lectors@oldstjoseph.org))

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Nikola Sizgorich ([ushers@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:ushers@oldstjoseph.org))

### Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

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

### Faith, Food and Friends:

Deborah Hluchan and Mary Freedman

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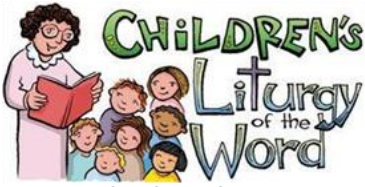
### Social Justice Committee

Sarah Johnson & Bob Culleton

([socialjustice@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:socialjustice@oldstjoseph.org))

### Care for Creation Committee

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



**Our Children's Liturgy of the Word has returned to the 9:30 Mass!** All parish children and friends are invited to

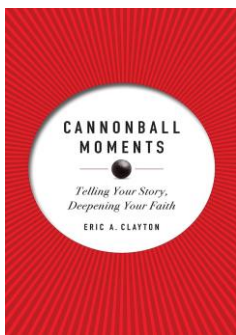
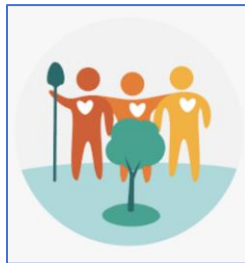
join us for faith formation. We welcome children of all ages, and it is especially meaningful for children preschool age through fourth grade. Any questions please email Nina Vitullo at [clow@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:clow@oldstjoseph.org).



**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](mailto: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 **THIS 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](mailto:careforcreation@oldstjoseph.org).



**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 7<sup>th</sup>

**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](mailto:osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org)

**FINANCIAL INFO**

**Offertory for the week ending September 17, 2023**

Daily Mass:	\$13.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$1,057.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,649.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$3,758.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$7,477.00</b>

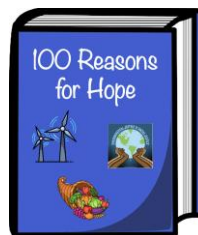
**Offertory for the week ending September 18, 2022**

Daily Mass:	\$82.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$485.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$3,201.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,019.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$7,787.00</b>

*Thank you*

**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](mailto: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.



**OSJ's Friendship Circle is hosting a Happy Hour** on Wednesday, September 27th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at The Olde Bar at 125 Walnut Street. If you are interested in joining us, please send an email to [friendshipcircle@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:friendshipcircle@oldstjoseph.org).

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*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  
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And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil.*



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