

# Old St. Joseph's Church

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October 1, 2023 | The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



*Parable of the Two Sons* (2012) Andrey Mironov

Today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."



Our audio hearing loop has been replaced by a new hearing assistance system which requires a smartphone to operate.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 2			7:30 PM	Adult Ed Zoom Mtg
Tues 3	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Wed 4	12:05 PM	Geraldine Marren & Family (D) Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	9:30 AM	SMIPS' Prayer Service
Thurs 5	12:05 PM	<i>The Ferrara Family (L&amp;D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM 7:00 PM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin) Choir Rehearsal (Barbelin) & RCIA (Drexel)
Fri 6			5:00 PM 6:00 PM	Wedding reh: Walker & Houseman Wedding reh: Bourdelais & Carmody
Sat 7			10:00 AM 1:00 PM 1:30 PM 3:00 PM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin) Wedding: Bourdelais & Carmody One Book, One Parish Talk & Luncheon Wedding: Walker & Houseman
Sun 8	7:30 AM	<i>Louis T. Braca, Jr</i> Presider: Fr. Donaldson SJ	10:30 AM	Faith & Blue (Courtyard) Please see last page for details.
	9:30 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Donaldson SJ	10:40 AM	YAC Scripture Reading (Greaton)
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	12:45 PM 5:00 PM	Lector Training (Church) Vespers (Zoom)

September 18, 2023

On behalf of our pastor Fr. Francis Hannafey SJ, the Old St. Joseph's Parish Council, staff, and our dedicated volunteers we would like to thank you our parishioners and friends for attending the Welcome Back Sunday Masses and Ministry Fairs. When we come together to celebrate the liturgy, we strengthen our parish community united in Christ. Each of us is called to share our faith and mission as Church and work together as disciples.

At Old St. Joseph's Church, we are proud to have many spiritual and communal opportunities that strengthen our community of believers. All are welcome to join us and serve during our liturgies or by joining one of our vibrant committees. Through service to our parish community as well as the people of Philadelphia we deepen our faith and love of Christ.

Thank you to all who currently serve at Old St. Joseph's for your commitment and enthusiasm. We look forward to gathering each week and continuing to flourish in faithfulness.

If you would like more information on our Ministries and Committees, please visit the Old St. Joseph's Church website.

God Bless,  
Nina Vitullo

### 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-2023-24 SEASON

✂ **All Souls' Requiem Mass**, The Schola Cantorum: Thursday, November 2, 2023, at 7:00 PM. Josef Rheinberger's divinely beautiful setting of his Requiem Mass in D minor will be sung by our choir in the context of a Mass, commemorating the faithful departed on All Souls' Day.

✂ **The Fairfield University Glee Club**: Sunday, November 5, 2023, singing at the 11:30 AM Mass with a Choral Concert following Mass. The Fairfield University Glee Club, under the direction of Dr. Carole Ann Maxwell will sing at the 11:30 AM Mass, and present a short concert following the Mass. A reception will follow in Barbelin Hall.

✂ **Lessons and Carols**, The Schola Cantorum: Sunday, December 17, 2023 (Gaudete Sunday) at 3:00 PM. A festive Advent tradition at Old St. Joseph's, the Schola Cantorum, under the direction of Dr. Bani, will present an Advent Service of Lessons and Carols proclaiming God's promise of salvation through sacred scripture, seasonal choral anthems, and favorite settings of familiar carols. A free will offering will be gratefully accepted. A reception will follow the service.

✂ **A Concert of Classical Guitar Music**: Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 3:00 PM. Students from the Curtis Institute of Music Performing Xingxing Yao and Muxin Li will perform solo and duo works for classical guitar in the lovely setting and superb acoustics of our church. Music by Fernando Sor and Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco. Free will offering.

**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 10/1, and 10/8. For more info or to sign up please email Nina Vitullo at vitullon@oldstjoseph.org.



## YOUNG adults

**YAC Scripture Reflection Group on Sundays at 10:40AM**, OSJ Rectory: Greaton Parlor: All young adults are invited on Sundays to discuss and reflect as a group on the weekend's readings. The structure

will include a reading of the scripture for that day, followed by a short bit of quiet prayer before an opportunity for sharing and discussion. Materials will be provided, and all are welcome. The reflection group gathers in the Greaton (middle) Parlor of the rectory at 10:40am, between the 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses. Please enter through the sacristy or hall door at the front of the main church to the right of the altar. If you have any questions, please contact osjyac@gmail.com.

**New Member Happy Hour: Wednesday, October 11** at 7pm - The Plough & The Stars: Save the date for a happy hour to meet other young adults at the parish! We welcome all new and interested young adults to learn more about our community! All are invited! For more details, email osjyac@gmail.com.

**YAC goes to the Philadelphia Museum of Art:** Friday, October 20 at 6:30pm. \*More details to be provided at a later date.

**St. Joe's vs. UPenn Basketball Game:** Friday, November 10 (time TBA). \*More details to be provided at a later date.

**Holiday Happy Hour:** Saturday, December 9 (time TBA), location TBD. \*More details to be provided at a later date.

**Christmas Potluck & White Elephant Event:** Sunday, December 17 (time TBA), Barbelin Hall, OSJ. \*More details to be provided at a later date.



**Children's Liturgy of the Word & the Care for Creation Committee Present: A Prayer for the Earth Event for the Children** on Sunday, Oct.

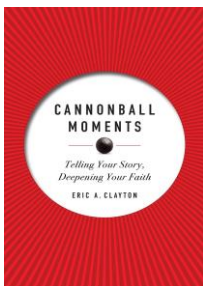
15, 2023. Coffee Hour after 9:30 Mass. Join us as we guide the children in writing their prayers, pinning them onto a large image of Earth, and displaying them prominently in the parish hall.



**SAVE THE DATE: Liturgical Workshop/Day of Recollection, October 28th, 9am-12pm.** As part of the Parish Year of Eucharistic Revival which aims to foster Eucharistic devotion at the parish level by strengthening our liturgical life, OSJ

will host a liturgical workshop focusing on "Why we do what we do" during our liturgical celebrations particularly surrounding the Eucharist.

The workshop will be led by Fr. Tom Scirghi, SJ, a liturgical theologian from Fordham University. **ALL ARE WELCOME**, please register by emailing to office@oldstjoseph.org.



## NEXT SATURDAY!

**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>

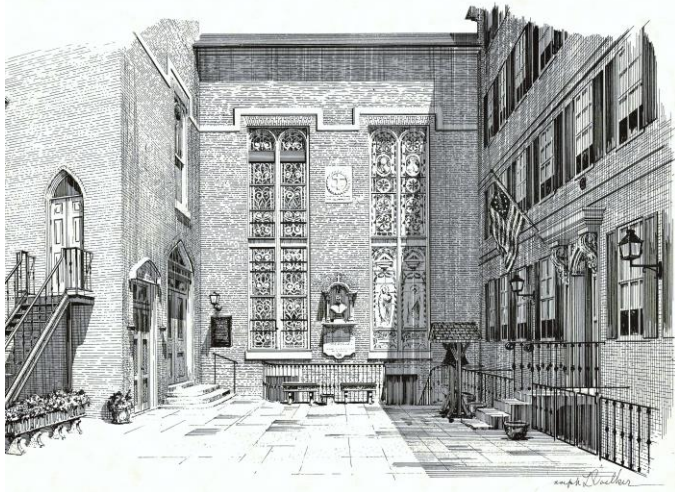
**Location:** OSJ, Barbelin Hall

**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





## 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 the 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

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### PREP & Baptism Coordinator

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### 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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### 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](mailto:careforcreation@oldstjoseph.org))

**WELCOME BACK SUNDAY – September 17, 2023**



**FINANCIAL INFO**

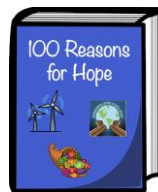
**Offertory for the week ending September 24, 2023**

Daily Mass:	\$26.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$2,381.57
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,033.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,169.46
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$8,610.03</b>

**Offertory for the week ending September 25, 2022**

Daily Mass:	\$93.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$578.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,492.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$3,571.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$6,734.00</b>

*Thank you*



**TODAY!** Join the Care for Creation Committee in the presentation of its document, Caring for Creation: 100 Reasons for Hope. **The event is scheduled TODAY, 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.

**Faith and Blue, October 8, 2023 – NEXT SUNDAY!**

National Faith and Blue Weekend facilitates safer and stronger communities by engaging law enforcement officers and residents through the connection of faith-based organizations. The Philadelphia Police Department's sixth district has selected Old St. Joseph's Church to partner with them on this year's event. **On October 8<sup>th</sup> officers from the sixth district will be present in our courtyard from 10:30 to 11:30 AM to engage with parishioners and community members.** Please stop by to say hello, receive crime prevention information, or ask questions of our officers.



If you are not currently on our email list and would like to receive our weekly bulletin and important updates, please send your request to [office@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:office@oldstjoseph.org).



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Thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
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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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