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November 5, 2023 | The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



Christ Teacheth Humility – Robert Scott Lauder (1803-1869)

Today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 23: 1-12

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying,

"The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues, greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation 'Rabbi.' As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."



Our audio hearing loop has been replaced by a new hearing assistance system which requires a smartphone to operate.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 6				
Tues 7	12:05 PM	<i>William Robb (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Wed 8	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Thurs 9	12:05 PM 7:00 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin) Wedding reh: Furey & Fluharty Choir Rehearsal & RCIA
Fri 10			4:00 PM 5:30 PM	Wedding: Furey & Fluharty Wedding reh: Ames & Donovan
Sat 11			10:00 AM 1:00 PM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin) Wedding: Ames & Donovan
Sun 12	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	<i>Geraldine Marren & Family (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ <i>Our FF&F Guests</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ	10:40 AM 1:30 PM 5:00 PM	YAC Scripture Reading (Greaton) Group Baptisms (Church) Vespers (Zoom)



This weekend, we welcome the return of the talented Fairfield University Glee Club under the direction of Dr. Carole Ann Maxwell. The choir will be singing during our 11:30 Mass and will give a short concert following Mass. All are invited! Please join us in welcoming and supporting this talented group of students.

OSJ PRAYER LIST

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

Bob Moore, Janice Moore, Gail Williams, Larry Carlin, 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

✦ **THIS SUNDAY! Fairfield University Glee Club, Dr. Carole Ann Maxwell, Director: Sunday, November 5, 2023 at the 11:30 AM Mass with a short Concert following the Mass** The Fairfield University Glee Club will sing for the 11:30 AM Mass and present a short choral concert of varied compositions following the Mass. Fairfield alumni will be joining us for the Mass which has also been designated by the UEA Province as Alumni Sunday for the larger Philadelphia region. A reception will follow.



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.

The Friendship Circle is hosting a Potluck Sit Down Dinner on Wednesday, November 8th at Tish Byrne's residence in the Society Hill Towers at 6:30 PM. If interested in attending, email John Welsh @oldstjoseph.org. Also, mark your calendar for on Sunday, November 19th after the 11:30 Mass members of the Friendship Circle will be leading a 60 Minute Walking Tour of our historic neighborhood.



Remembering OSJ in your Will

It is an expense taking care of an historical structure. Please remember Old St. Joseph's in your will. Your legacy will continue!

Our bulletin is printed by the Bon Venture Company. **The deadline for your copy** is noon on Monday, 6 days prior to the Sunday bulletin. **To advertise in our bulletin**, please contact Paul McCarthy at pmccarthy@bonventure.net

YAC Scripture Reflection Group: All young adults are invited on Sundays to discuss and reflect as a group 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.

YOUNG adults

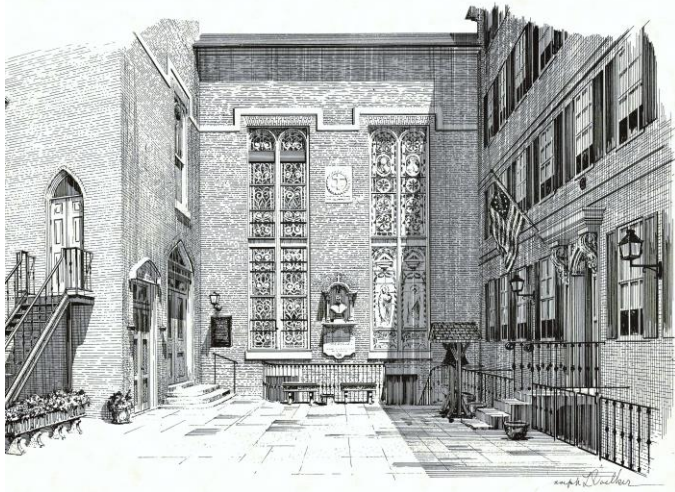
Service Opportunity - Provide Dinner to Bethesda Project's Residences: Looking for a service opportunity for the Thanksgiving season? Join OSJ YAC in supporting The Bethesda Project. Each Tuesday, we provide a 'brown bag' sandwich dinner for 10 men at one of the Bethesda Project's residences. The meal is usually a sandwich (turkey/bologna/deli chicken all work- just no pork, please!), soft fruit (banana/clementine/fruit cup), and a snack or two, packed in individual bags, plus an extra 5-10 sandwiches, in case anyone is especially hungry. These are delivered to the residence on 20th & Christian St. at 7pm on Tuesdays. This is a great way to fit some community service into a busy schedule in a very practical way and is a light lift when shared among our group.

We are seeking volunteers for the following dates: Tuesdays: November 7, November 14, November 21, November 28. Please email Alison (alison.kress@gmail.com) if you can sign up for one of the slots or with any questions! The site address details/staff contact info will be shared upon sign-up.

St. Joe's vs. UPenn Basketball Game: Join us to cheer on St. Joe's University as they take on UPenn on Friday, November 10! Tipoff is at 6:30pm, and tickets are \$35 per person. To confirm your attendance or with questions, please email Alison Kress at alison.kress@gmail.com and more details will be provided!

Welcome to Ignatian.info! We are excited to announce the launch of a new online resource from the Office of Ignatian Spirituality called Ignatian.info. What is Ignatian Spirituality? Where does it come from? And how do I practice it? Ignatian.info is a collection of resources and information on twelve foundational topics in the Ignatian tradition. Under each topic we offer a handful of the best articles, books, videos, podcasts, experiential opportunities, and other resources. There are so many good sources out there. These are the ones we have found most helpful. If Ignatian spirituality is entirely new to you, [this website is for you](http://thiswebsiteisforyou.com). If you have practiced Ignatian spirituality for years, many of these resources can help you find God in new ways — we also hope you'll share it with your friends who would like to learn more about Ignatian spirituality.

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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 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

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Care for Creation Committee

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE



Thank you for serving!

Altar Servers,
Extraordinary
Ministers of Holy
Communion,
Lectors, & Ushers:
The November
ministry [schedule](#)

[has been posted online.](#) Please log in and volunteer now for upcoming assignments in your ministry. Help us maintain a fair and balanced schedule by serving at least once every month. Thank you!



The **Anointing of the Sick** will take place at the **7:30 AM Mass on the FIRST SUNDAY** of the month beginning this weekend, **Sunday, November 5.**



You may be eligible to make a gift directly from your individual retirement account (IRA) and enjoy significant tax savings. If you are 70 ½ or older, you can give up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA directly to Old St Joseph's Church or Old St Joseph's Historic Preservation Corp (OSJHPC) without having to pay incomes taxes on the money. And your gift may qualify for your required minimum distribution.

—Give to Old St Joseph's Church through IRA:
Provide the following information to the institution that manages your IRA:
Old St. Joseph's Church
Attn: Eric German, Business Manager
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215-923-1733

FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending October 29, 2023

Daily Mass:	\$37.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$140.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,363.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$5,740.00
Total Collection:	\$8,280.00

Offertory for the week ending October 30, 2023

Daily Mass:	\$48.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$1,472.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,544.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$3,660.00
Total Collection:	\$7,242.00

Thank you

The following collections are active on ParishSOFT Giving and Text-to-Give: **Mission Sunday Collection, All Saints, All Souls, and St. Charles Borromeo**
The keywords are *MissionSunday, AllSaints, AllSouls, & StCharlesSeminary.*

ONLINE GIVING & TEXT-TO-GIVE

Please click here for access to [ParishSOFT Giving.](#)
For Text-to-Give, please dial **215-929-7151**

MONTH OF NOVEMBER: St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal: This annual appeal runs for the entire month of November. Envelopes for this collection are located in the back of the church. Your tax-deductible gift helps to enhance the many resources needed for priestly training and enables the Church to form holy, educated, and dedicated priests. Please send your donation to: The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal, 100 N 20th St, Suite 301, Phila. PA 19103.



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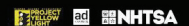
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