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November 12, 2023 | The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 1-13

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

Five of them were foolish and five were wise.

The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.

Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

At midnight, there was a cry,

'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'

Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps.

The foolish ones said to the wise,

'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'

But the wise ones replied,

'No, for there may not be enough for us and you.

Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.'

While they went off to buy it,

the bridegroom came

and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him.

Then the door was locked.

Afterwards the other virgins came and said,

'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!'

But he said in reply,

'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'

Therefore, stay awake,

for you know neither the day nor the hour."



Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins (detail)
– Friedrich Wilhelm Schadow (1788-1862)



Our audio hearing loop has been replaced by a new hearing assistance system which requires a smartphone to operate.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 13				
Tues 14	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Wed 15	12:05 PM	<i>The Edward & Mary Britt Family (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Thurs 16	12:05 PM 7:00 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 & RCIA
Fri 17				
Sat 18			10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Sun 19	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	<i>Judith Nilon (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Donaldson SJ <i>Giancarlo Mazzoleni (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Donaldson SJ Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:40 AM 5:00 PM	YAC Scripture Reading (Greaton) Vespers (Zoom)



Our thanks to the Fairfield University Glee Club for joining us in song and worship last weekend at the 11:30 Mass. It is always a joy to have these wonderful and talented students and their director Carole Ann Maxwell visit OSJ as they have every 4 to 5 years over the past 20+ years!

OSJ PRAYER LIST

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

Louise Cruz Vizcaino, 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, 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



Lessons and Carols with the Schola Cantorum on Sunday, December 17, 2023 (Gaudete Sunday) at 3:00.

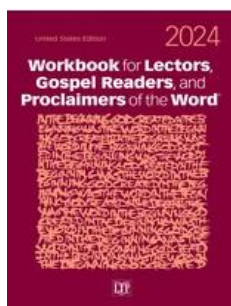
Join us next Sunday, November 19th after the 11:30 Mass for a 60 Minute Walking Tour of our Society Hill Neighborhood. The tour will be led by Tish Byrne and its focus will be on getting to know our historic neighborhood in America's Most Historic Square Mile.



Reception of Catechumens: On Sunday, November 19, at the 11:30 Mass, Lisa Anne Cumming and Christopher Perez will be formally received as Catechumens in the Church. This is the next step in their process to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, at the Easter Vigil on March 30. Please keep Lisa and Chris, as well as the other members of our RCIA group in your prayers.

TO ALL OSJ LECTORS:

Copies of "Workbook for Lectors 2024" have arrived. Please pick up your copy in the sacristy after Mass.



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 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.

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. 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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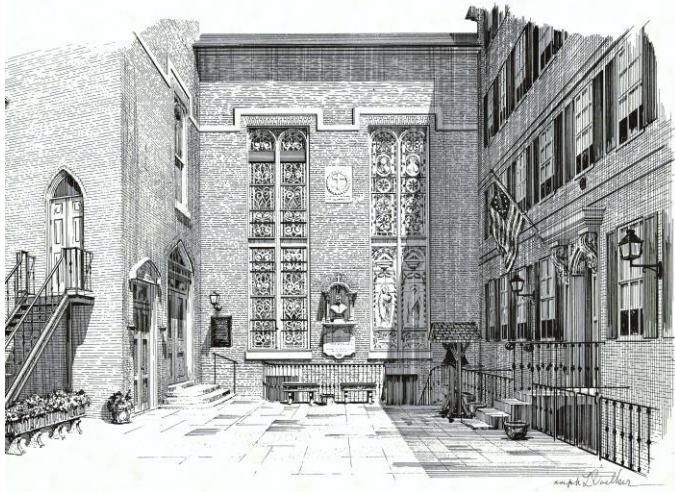


Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, & Ushers: The November ministry [schedule](#)

[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!

NOVEMBER 26 BULLETIN DEADLINE

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, **the deadline for your copy for the November 26 bulletin is Noon on Friday, Nov. 17.**



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.

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Care for Creation Committee

Bill Stigliani (careforcreation@oldstjoseph.org)

Parish Council Coffee Hours and Listening Sessions:

The Parish Council cordially invites you to coffee hours on December 10th after all Masses. Members of the Parish Council will host Listening Sessions during this time to hear from you the parishioner of OSJ. Please join us and make your voice heard. We look forward to seeing you there.



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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Requiescat in Pace

Longstanding OSJ parishioner **Paul Clement**, husband of Flo Marianni, passed away on November 2nd after a lengthy illness. Paul's Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at OSJ on November 9. Please keep Flo and her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, 24th and Poplar Sts. (Fairmount), Philadelphia, in celebration of its 80th anniversary, invites you to "One Faith – Many Voices", a concert of sacred music drawn from both Eastern and Western traditions. Composers from the Eastern tradition include Bortniansky, Hurko, Zakkak, Tavener and Lysenko; from the Western tradition, Pitoni, Distler, Palestrina and Victoria. Save the date: Sunday, December 10, at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are bargain-priced at \$15 at the door. Ticket sales support the parish's special outreach to Philadelphia Ukrainian-Americans and Ukrainian refugees living here, and humanitarian aid to the people of Ukraine. Light refreshments are included. We hope to see you there!

FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending November 5, 2023

Daily Mass:	\$25.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$1,635.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$3,796.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$5,774.00
Total Collection:	\$11,230.00

October Collection Totals Comparison

October 2022: \$38,789

October 2023: \$40,838

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.*

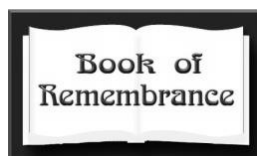
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For Text-to-Give, please dial **215-929-7151**

The Month of November is the *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.



OSJ's Book of Remembrance is located on the BVM Altar and will remain there during the month of November. All are invited to write in the names of their loved ones who have passed away.



Old St. Joseph's Thanksgiving Schedule Thursday, November 23rd - Mass at 10:00 AM

Note: The rectory offices will be closed on Thanksgiving & Black Friday.

Enjoy the holiday weekend!

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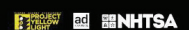
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