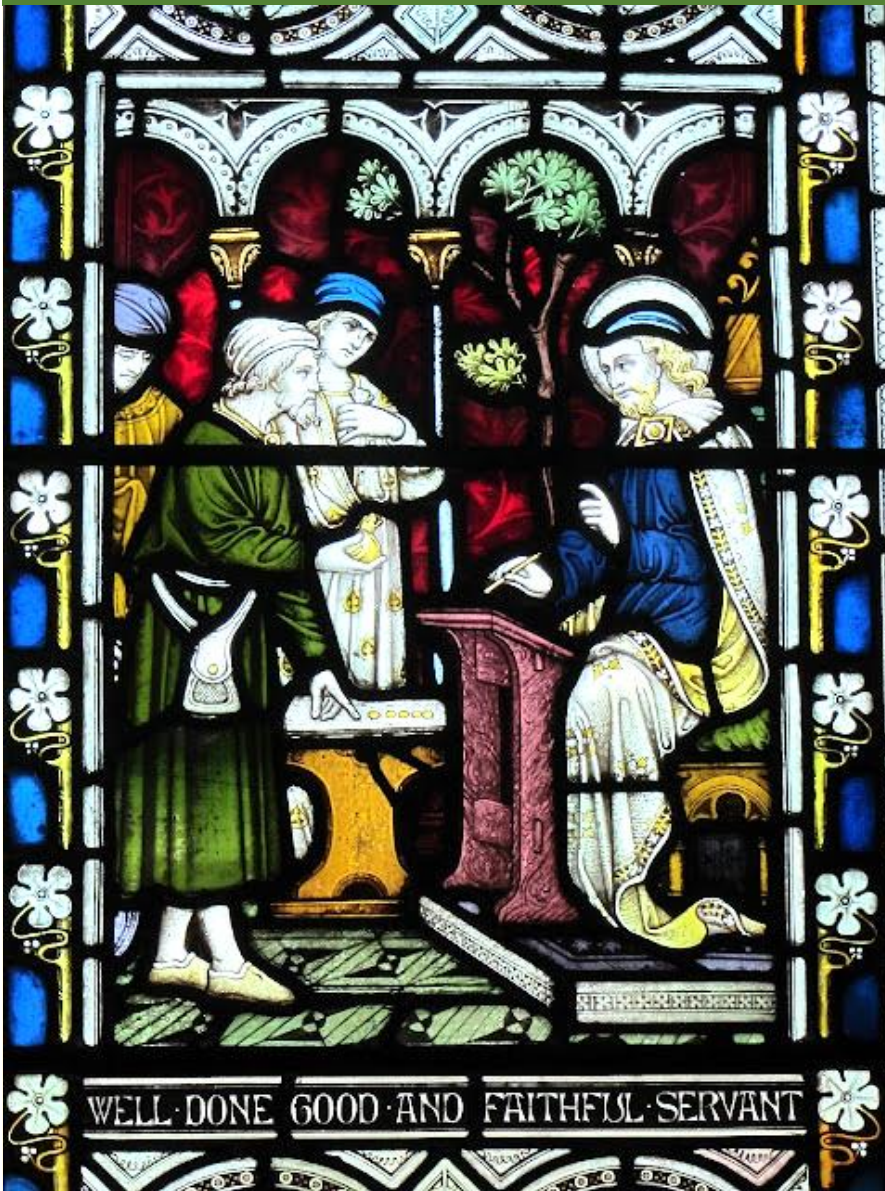


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November 19, 2023 | The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



Today's Gospel: Matthew: 25: 14-30

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one, he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one-- to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

"After a long time, the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him

in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'"



Our audio hearing loop has been replaced by a new hearing assistance system which requires a smartphone to operate.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 20			7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (Barbelin)
Tues 21	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Wed 22	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	9:30 AM	St. Mary's School Mass
Thurs 23	12:05 PM 7:00 PM	<i>Thanksgiving – No Announced Mass</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	Thanksgiving Day Mass NOTE: Rectory Offices Closed for Thanksgiving
Fri 24				NOTE: Rectory Offices Closed for Thanksgiving
Sat 25			10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Sun 26	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	<i>Winifried Grace (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ <i>Thomas L. Farris (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Ruff SJ Presider: Fr. Bur SJ	10:00 AM 10:40 AM 5:00 PM	Women, Faith & Fellowship (Drexel) YAC Scripture Reading (Greation) Vespers (Zoom)

The OSJ Adult Education Committee is planning for future programs!

Please respond to our survey. Please choose **3 topics** you would be interested in learning more about **by circling the number** next to the topic. Thank You for your help!

1. Racism in the Catholic Church
2. Catholic Basics
3. Synodality and the Upcoming Synod
4. Catholic – Jewish Relations
5. LGBTQ People and their place in the Church
6. Women and their place in the Church
7. The relationship between Science and Religion

Please return this questionnaire in the offering basket or to the rectory front office. Thank you.



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, Dec. 17

We invite you to mark your calendars to join us for a liturgical and musical highlight of our season. Our parish will present a Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 3:00 PM. The liturgy foretells Christ's coming in sacred scripture and in song, proclaimed to rouse our spirits in preparation for Christ's coming this Christmastide. In addition to festive carols for congregational singing, choral music will include works by Praetorius, Mathias, and Rutter, and organ works by Bach and Reger. (A free will offering will be gratefully accepted.) A reception will follow.

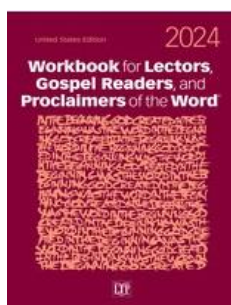


Join us today, November 19th after the 11:30 Mass for a 60 Minute Walking Tour of our Society Hill Neighborhood. The tour will be led by Tish Byrne and its focus will be on getting to know our historic neighborhood in America's Most Historic Square Mile.

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 ACTIVE OSJ LECTORS:

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



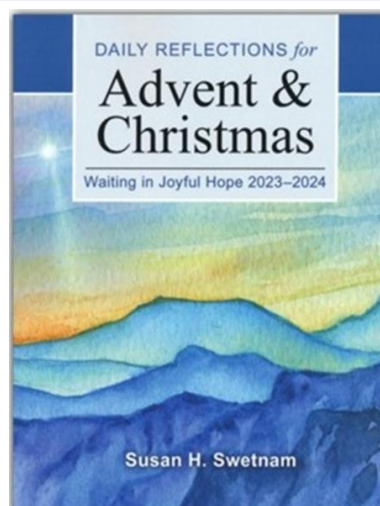
The OSJ Reading Group will meet next on Tuesday, 5 December via Zoom. Our reading for the month will be short stories by Flannery O'Connor: "The Displaced Person," "The Enduring Chill," "The Lame Shall Enter First," and "Revelation." If you would like to join us, please contact Carol Shloss and we will add you to the Zoom link: shlosscarol@gmail.com.

YAC Scripture Reflection

Group: All young adults are invited on Sundays to discuss and reflect as a group the weekend's readings. The structure

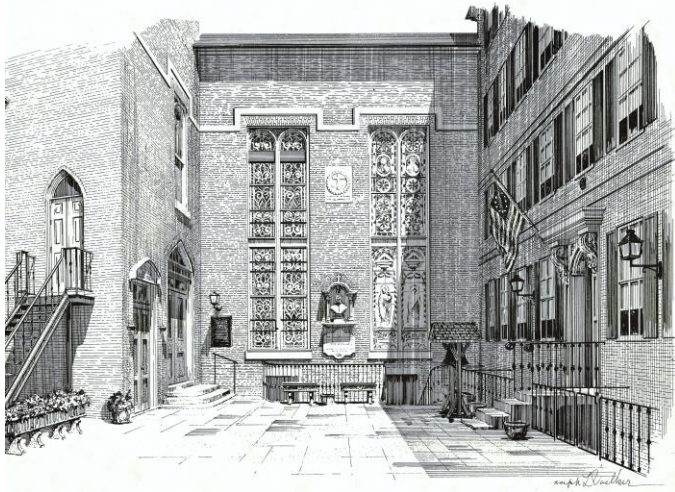
YOUNG adults

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.



Daily Reflections for Advent & Christmas

The OSJ Ignatian Spirituality Committee invites all parishioners to set aside a few minutes a day during these beautiful seasons to pray at home with **Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas**. This year's book of reflections, based on the daily Scripture readings, is written by Susan H. Swetnam. Subtitled "Waiting in Joyful Hope," each entry includes suggestions for applying the passages to your own life. **Books will be distributed after all Masses November 25 & 26 and December 2 & 3.**



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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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.



FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending November 12, 2023

Daily Mass:	\$45.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$1,532.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$4,008.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,032.00
Total Collection:	\$9,617.00

October Collection Totals Comparison

October 2022: \$38,789

October 2023: \$40,838

Thank you

The following collections is active on ParishSOFT Giving and Text-to-Give: **St. Charles Borromeo**
The keyword is *StCharlesSeminary*.

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

ADVENT by CANDLELIGHT

Women, Faith, and Fellowship invite the women of Old St. Joseph's parish to Christine Eberle's dramatic interpretation of the story of Martha and Mary entitled "The One Thing Needed" on Wednesday, December 6, 2023. Doors open at 6:30 PM in Barbelin Hall and the program begins at 7 PM. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by November 30th to wff@oldstjoseph.org.

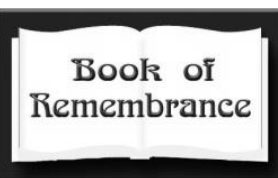


The Old St. Joseph Children's Choir, under the direction of Dr. Mark Bani will begin rehearsing on **Sunday, November 26**. The children are

scheduled to sing on Christmas Eve at the 4 PM Mass. Please email Nina Vitullo at vitullon@oldstjoseph.org for more information and to sign up. We are looking forward to hearing the children's voices lifted in song.

First Sunday of Advent Coffee Hours:

Please join us for the first Sunday of the month coffee hours on December 3rd hosted by Parish Life. All children are invited to make an Advent Wreath after the 9:30 AM Mass with our Children's Liturgy of the Word leaders.



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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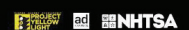
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