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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A)



Christ in Glory – Francesco Bassano the Younger, Italian (1549-1592)

Today's Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry, and you gave me no food, I was thirsty, and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."



Our audio hearing loop has been replaced by a new hearing assistance system which requires a smartphone to operate.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 27				
Tues 28	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Wed 29	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Thurs 30	12:05 PM 7:00 PM	<i>Judith Nilon (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal / RCIA
Fri 1			5:00 PM	Wedding reh: Julian & Inguagiato
Sat 2			10:00 AM 3:00 PM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin) Wedding: Julian & Inguagiato
Sun 3	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	<i>Judith Nilon (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Donaldson SJ <i>World Aids Day</i> Presider: Fr. Donaldson SJ Presider: Fr. Ruff SJ	7:30 AM 10:40 AM 5:00 PM	Anointing during Mass YAC Scripture Reading (Greaton) Vespers (Zoom)

Old St. Joseph's Advent Giving Tree Returns!

Our Advent Giving Tree has returned to the back of the church! Please take one or more of the 200+ tags from the tree and buy a picture book or early reader for a child of The Gesu School located at 17th & Thompson Streets. **Bring your gift, WRAPPED with the tag attached to it, back to the tree or to the rectory front office, no later than 1:00 PM on Sunday December 17.** The books will be given to the Gesu students pre-K through Grade 2. This is a very special event for these children, and we are very grateful that so many of you participate so generously every year. The books will be distributed by Santa at the Gesu Christmas Party.

Due to the pandemic, for the past three years we set up Amazon Wish Lists for parishioners to purchase gifts for this program. Since many of the gifts arrived after Christmas last year, we will no longer continue this method of giving. Instead, this year we will issue grants from the *Barbelin Center for Outreach Ministries Fund* to the other three organizations we supported last year – The Bethesda Project, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, and The Sisters of St. Joseph Welcome Center. If you would prefer to make your gift by helping to replenish funds to our Barbelin Ministries Fund, please make your check payable to “OSJ Church” and write “Barbelin Ministries” on the memo line so your donation is deposited into the correct account.

Thank you for your commitment and generosity to this annual program which brings joy to our neighbors who are in need.

OSJ PRAYER LIST

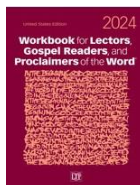
In your prayers, please remember our sick and homebound brothers and sisters
and our ministry at Pennsylvania Hospital.

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 Kahrigier, 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.

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.



OSJ's CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2023

CHRISTMAS EVE DAY – ADVENT IV

SUNDAY, December 24

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30

CHRISTMAS EVE

Children's Mass at 4:00pm

Prelude, Organ & Choral Selections at 8:40pm

followed by Mass at 9:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25

Mass at 10:00am only

NOTE: There will be hot cider and cookies served in the courtyard after each Mass on Christmas Eve. Relaxed parking is available for all Masses. Please place a parking notice on your dashboard!



The **Anointing of the Sick** will take place during the 7:30 a.m. Mass next weekend, December 3, 2023.

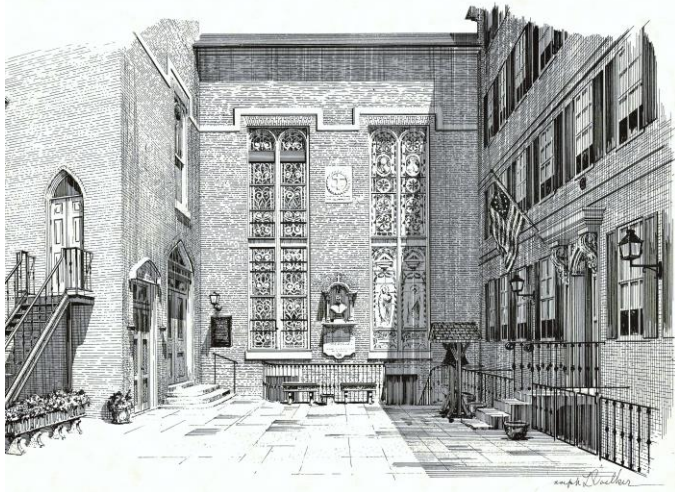
YAC Scripture Reflection Group: All young adults are invited on Sundays to discuss and reflect as a group the weekend's readings. The structure will include a reading of the scripture for that day, followed by a

YOUNG
adults

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. **NOTE: The group will not meet Thanksgiving weekend (11/26) and between Christmas (12/24) and New Years (12/31).**

Sunday, December 10 after the 11:30am Mass: Post-Mass Lunch @ Oh Brothers: All young adults are invited! Jackie W will lead the group. Please look for her in the courtyard after Mass so we can walk to lunch together! If you are meeting us at the restaurant, please email osjyac@gmail.com so we know to expect you!

Tuesdays @ 7pm, Service Opportunity - Provide dinner to Bethesda Project's residences, 20th & Christian Street: 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. 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.



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)

MUSIC at OSJ



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

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.

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

Due to our bulletin company's Thanksgiving weekend deadline, the November 19th collection was not counted in time for this week's bulletin and will be published next week. As always, thank you for your continued support of Old St. Joseph's Church.

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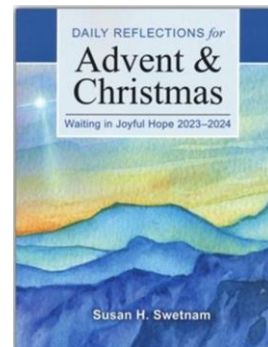
Retired Religious Collection Next Weekend:
Dec. 2 & 3 Please give as generously as you are able.

The following collections are active on ParishSOFT Giving and Text-to-Give:
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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.**

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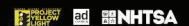
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