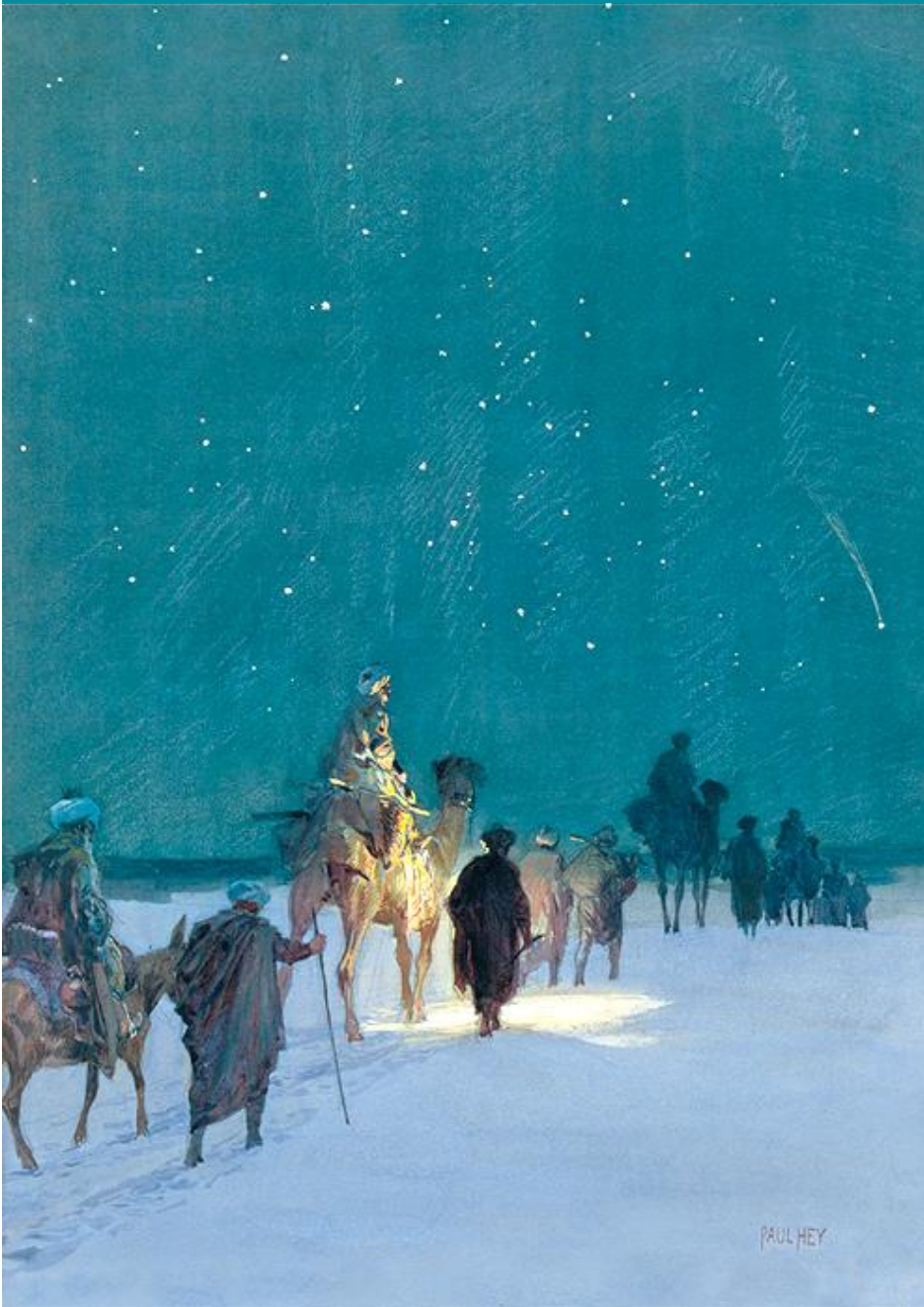


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January 7, 2024 | The Epiphany of the Lord



Today's Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary, his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

Artwork: *The Three Kings* – Paul Hey (1867-1952) German



We have 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					
Mon	8				
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Patricia Lees (D)</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)	
9		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
Wed	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>			
10		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
Thurs	12:05 PM	<i>Louis May (D)</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)	
11		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal & RCIA	
Fri	12				
Sat			10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)	
13					
Sun	7:30 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	10:40 AM	YAC Scripture Reading (Greaton)	
14		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
	9:30 AM	<i>Our FF&F Guests (L)</i>			
		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Geinzer SJ			

THANK YOU

We offer our warmest thanks to all who helped to make the season bright here at OSJ! Thanks to Mark Bani, the Schola Cantorum, our cantors, and the children who sang so beautifully at our Masses. To all our liturgical ministers – thank you! Thanks to Joe Casey and his crew for the beautiful decorations inside and out and for the after-Mass courtyard socials. Thanks to Ron Piselli of the Ronald Rex Piselli Funeral Chapels for the loan of his antique Florentine statue of the infant Christ. Finally, warm thanks to all of you for your generosity in the Advent and Christmas collections and for your many kindnesses to the parish. You are a great blessing and Christmas gift. We wish you all a very blessed New Year!

Giving Tree Thanks

On behalf of the Children of the Gesu School and the Sisters of St Joseph Welcome Center in Kensington, many thanks for including them in your Christmas Gift Giving. Through your generosity we collected 180 books for the Gesu Children, and 48 sweatshirts/pants and 72 gifts cards for the SSJ. It was a very impressive collection. Many, many thanks from our friends at Gesu & SSJ and the OSJ Social Justice Committee.

OSJ PRAYER LIST

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

Greg Alexander, Howard Magen, 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

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.

Ministry Schedule

Altar Servers, Ushers, Lectors, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: please log in to the app or website and volunteer now for upcoming assignments in your ministry. In

order to maintain a fair and balanced schedule, we need each person to serve at least once every month. Thank you for your faithful service to your parish! +AMDG!



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.

Ignatian.info

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.

Are you a Costco or other big box store customer? Faith, Food & Friends has a favor to ask. An item frequently requested by our guests is a roll of toilet paper. So, if on your next visit to a big box store, you could purchase a large size package of toilet paper for FF&F, it would be greatly appreciated. You may drop off a package any time that the rectory is open, or at FF&F on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday, or after Mass on Sunday. Many thanks!

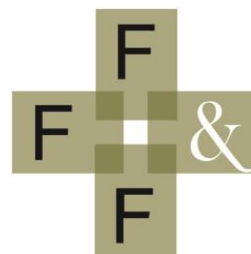


YAC Scripture Reflection Group: All young adults are invited on Sundays to discuss and reflect as a group the weekend's readings. The structure will include a reading of the scripture for that day, followed by a short bit of quiet prayer before an opportunity for sharing and discussion. Materials will 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. NOTE: The group will not meet between Christmas (12/24) and New Years (12/31).

YOUNG adults

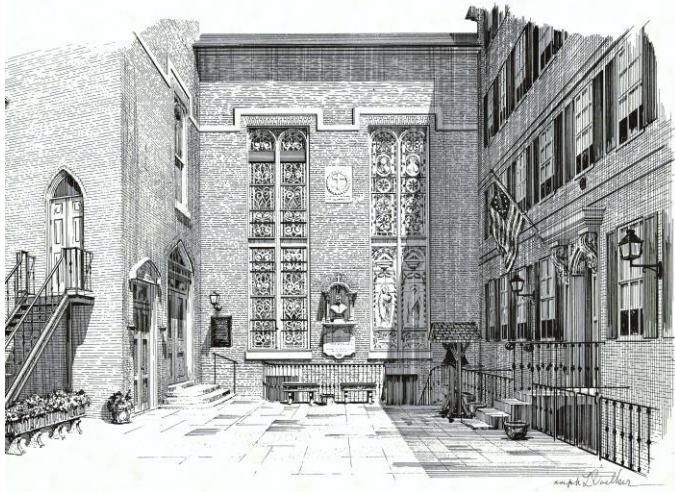
YAC EVENTS: TODAY! Sun. January 7 after 11:30am Mass: Lunch to celebrate Epiphany. Location TBD. **Fri. January 19, PM TBD:** Phila Museum of Art visit. **January 21 after all Masses:** Young Adult Coffee Hours in Barbelin Hall. **For more info, please email osjyac@gmail.com.**

Service Opportunity - Provide Dinner to Bethesda Project's Residences: Thank you for the tremendous response over the past few weeks! As we enter the Advent season, we are continuing to provide dinner for 10 guests at one of the Bethesda Project's residences each week. We are looking for volunteers to 'sponsor' each week, by providing a 'brown bag' sandwich dinner for 10 guests, usually comprising a sandwich, fruit, and a snack or two, as well as a few extra sandwiches, should anyone be especially hungry. The total cost is typically \$75-90, and no ongoing commitment is required. All are welcome- individuals, families, or groups. Once prepped, the bagged dinners should be delivered to the shelter in Rittenhouse Square at 7pm on the assigned Tuesday. This is a great way to fit some community service into a busy schedule in a very practical way!



Faith, Food & Friends – Our Christmas Wishes: It's been quite a year! In 2023, we have seen dramatic increases in the number of hungry and housing-insecure guests coming to FF&F for a hot meal and other assistance. Thanks to the generous support of OSJ

parishioners, FF&F is able to distribute socks and personal care items to our guests weekly. To enable us to meet our guests' basic needs through the winter, **our Christmas list includes donations of the following items: Bar soap; travel-size deodorant; travel-size body lotion; & disposable twin blade razors.** Please visit the Faith, Food & Friends Amazon wish list ([click here](#)) where you can find these essentials and other items that would be most appreciated by our guests. We ask that you consider making a Christmas gift to FF&F of one or more of these items. We thank you for your support. Merry Christmas!



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

Please see the bottom of the front page of the bulletin for information on our hearing assistance system.

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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SAVE THE DATE!

Bring a Friend! Coffee Hours for Young Adults on January 21,

2024: On Sunday, January 21, 2024, OSJ Parish Council will sponsor coffee hours after the

9:30 and 11:30 Masses for young adults (anyone under the age of 40). ALL ARE INVITED – including anyone over 40!

The theme will be “A Taste of Italy (Philadelphia Style)” and we will offer Italian coffee and pastries, as well as music, conversation, and fellowship. We invite all young adults to come and bring any friends who are young adult Philly residents. RSVP at osjpc@oldstjoseph.org or just come after the Masses.

We are looking forward to meeting you and helping to expand the young adult community in our parish.



FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending December 24, 2023

Daily Mass:	\$0.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,052.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$6,068.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,471.00
Total Collection:	\$12,591.46

Thank you

The December 31st collection was not counted in time for inclusion in this weekend’s bulletin and will be published next week.

The Christmas collections will be published in the January 21 bulletin to allow time for late donations. End of the Year 2023 contribution statements will be snail-mailed by January 31st.

Second Collection Next Weekend

January 14: Catholic Relief Service. Please give as generously as you are able.

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

Christmas, Christmas Music Memorials, Christmas Flowers Memorials, Solemnity of Mary, and Catholic Relief Services

The keywords are

Christmas, ChristmasFlowers, ChristmasMusic, SolemnityMary, CatholicRelief

ONLINE GIVING & TEXT-TO-GIVE

Please click here for access to [ParishSOFT Giving](#).

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



Children's Liturgy of The Word

CLOW CONTINUES EVERY SUNDAY!

With thanks to the continued efforts of Nina

Vitullo and her dedicated group of volunteers, CLOW is scheduled during the 9:30 Masses every Sunday. The children will be invited to leave with a trained leader after the opening prayers and process to Barbelin Hall. Parents of the youngest children are invited to join as well. Leaders will read and discuss Sunday’s readings from the Children’s Lectionary, sing and pray with the children. The group will be led back to the church before the Liturgy of the Eucharist. If you have any questions, please contact Nina Vitullo at vitullon@oldstjoseph.org.

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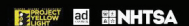
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