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January 21, 2024 | The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)



Today's Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

Artwork:
The Calling of Peter and Andrew
—Fra Angelico (1387-1455)



We have a 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	22			
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)
23		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Wed	12:05 PM	<i>Geraldine Marren & Family (D)</i>		
24		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Thurs	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)
25		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal & RCIA
Fri	26			
Sat			10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)
27				
Sun	7:30 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	10:00 AM	Women, Faith & Fellowship (Drexel)
28		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:40 AM	YAC Scripture Reading (Greaton)
	9:30 AM	<i>Eleanor Jones (D)</i>	5:00 PM	Zoom Vespers
		Presider: Fr. Surovick SJ		
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Geinzer SJ		



Pray for Peace with Old St. Joseph's Church

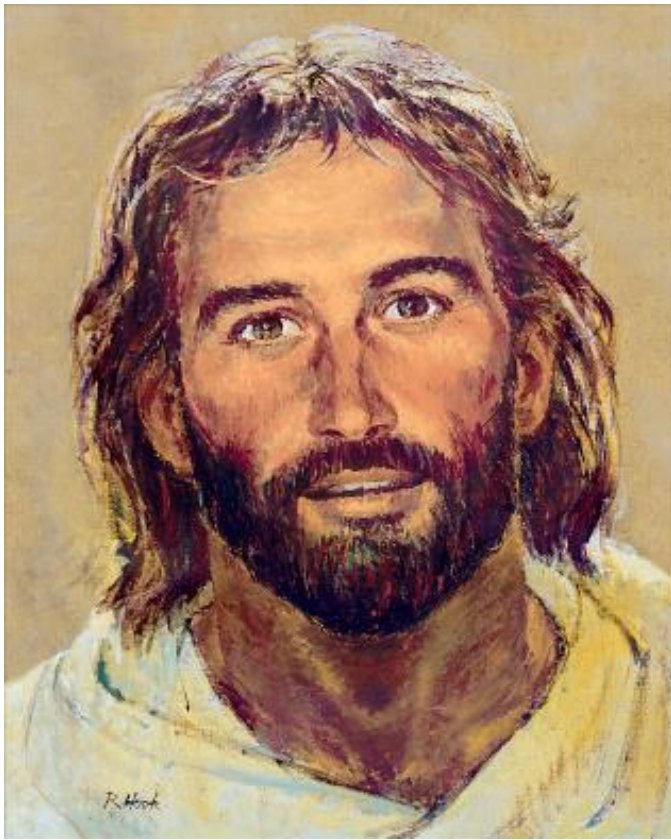
If you are wondering what you can do in the face of war in the Middle East, Ukraine, and Africa, we have something you can do today, tomorrow, and every day, or once or twice a week. It's very simple, and it won't cost you a cent - Pray for peace. Jesus said, "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them." So let us agree and commit to pray for peace. Each week, Old St. Joseph's will post a prayer for peace on the website. Please pray with us for peace, and please invite your friends to do the same. [Please click here to access the prayer series on our website.](#)

OSJ PRAYER LIST

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

Fr. Jerry McAndrews SJ, Sr. Maria Christi Drysdale GNSH, 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 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

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.



The Ignatian Spirituality & Formation and Care
for Creation Committees Invite You to a Lenten
Eight-Week Spiritual Exercises Series:
Bring Christ to the World

What: The series will be an eight-week guided prayer experience for small groups, modeled on the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. Each group will meet weekly for about an hour. Participants can choose Sundays after the 9:30 am Mass, Sundays after the 11:30 am Mass, or Tuesdays at 10 am. Each week will have a theme. During the weeks between meetings, participants will pray and reflect on scriptural readings on their own in accord with each theme. Participants will gather each week in small groups to share reflections and experiences of the weekly prayer periods.

When and Where: The first meetings will be Sunday, February 11 and Tuesday, February 13, respectively, and will meet weekly in the OSJ Rectory. The series will run for eight consecutive weeks, with exception to Easter Sunday and Easter Tuesday. The last meetings will be held on Sunday, April 7 and Tuesday, April 9. **We hope you will consider joining us!**

RSVP by Friday, February 2: For more information and to reserve your space, email us at osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org **NOTE: when you RSVP, please specify which day & time you wish to attend.**

AMDG

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**

**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.

Children's Liturgy of The Word
CLOW

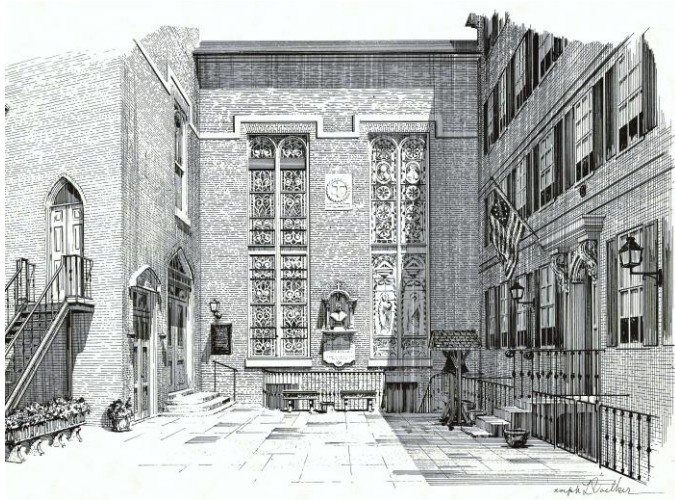


The OSJ Reading Group will meet next on Tuesday, 6 February, at 7.30 p.m. via Zoom. Our book for the month is Paul Lynch: Prophet Song. New members are welcome. Contact Carol Shloss to be added to the Zoom link: shlosscarol@gmail.com.

MUSIC AT OSJ: All are invited to mark your calendars to join us for a musical highlight of our Spring season here at OSJ! **On Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 3:00 PM** students from the renowned Curtis Institute of Music will present a concert of classical guitar music--both solo and duo works, including compositions by Fernando Sor and Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco.



Catholic History Lecture TODAY! January 21 at 2:00pm the American Catholic Historical Society (263 S. 4th Street) will host a lecture by Grant Stanton, a doctoral candidate at the University of Pennsylvania, on "The Anti-Catholic Origins of the American Revolution." The event is free and open to the public. All are invited. Visit amchs.org for details.



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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TODAY! Bring a Friend!

Coffee Hours for Young Adults:

January 21, 2024: Today, January 21, OSJ Parish Council is sponsoring 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 or under 20!

The theme is “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 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.



Join us for a nice cup of homemade soup and bread on **Sunday, February 4** immediately after the **11:30 Mass**. We will share a presentation on how nutritious foods simultaneously support the well-being of the planet and nurture us on our spiritual journey. Come and share ideas and delicious recipes. Sponsored by OSJ’s Care for Creation Committee.



WOMEN

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

The Women, Faith and Fellowship Committee

invites the women of the parish and female guests to

its Coffee and Conversation

on Sunday, January 28th from 10 AM to 11:15 AM in the Drexel Parlor in the Rectory. Please RSVP to wff@oldstjoseph.org.

Several **SEPTA bus routes** in the local area around OSJ are changing due to construction at Penns Landing. This affects routes 5, 12, 17, 21, 33, 38, 42, and 44. More info and details can be found at <https://www.septa.org>.



FINANCIAL INFO

Due to Martin Luther King Day and our bulletin printing company’s shortened schedule, the January 14 collection was not counted in time for inclusion in this weekend’s bulletin and will be published next week. Thank you for your continued support of Old St. Joseph’s Church.

The following collection is active on ParishSOFT Giving and Text-to-Give: **Catholic Relief Services**

The keywords is *CatholicRelief*

ONLINE GIVING & TEXT-TO-GIVE

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

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

2023 Christmas Collections 2023

Christmas Flowers:	\$1,470.00
Christmas Music:	\$2,067.00
Christmas Collection:	\$38,613.00
Total Collection:	\$42,150.00

2022 Christmas Collections 2022

Christmas Flowers:	\$1,668.00
Christmas Music:	\$3,598.00
Christmas Collection:	\$37,188.00
Total Collection:	\$42,454.00

December Collection Comparison

Since there were four Sundays in December 2022, and five in December 2023, a weekly average was taken to compare the change in giving. Note: The totals do not include any Christmas donations.

December 2022 Weekly Average: \$8,184.00

December 2023 Weekly Average: \$10,025.00

December 2023 shows an **increase of 18.36%** in Sunday and Weekday giving over December 2022.

Thank you for your increased financial support!

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who
trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.*



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