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January 28, 2024 | The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)



Today's Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were

amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

Artwork: *Jesus Casts out the Unclean Spirit* (1458) - Meister Konrad von Friesach, Cathedral of Gurk, Carinthia, Austria



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				9:30 AM	St. Mary's School Mass
29					
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>		10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)
30		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
Wed	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>			
31		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
Thurs	12:05 PM	<i>Adrienne Brody (D)</i>		10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)
1		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal & RCIA
Fri					
2					
Sat				10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)
3					
Sun	7:30 AM	<i>Edward & Mary Britt Family (D)</i>		7:30 AM	Anointing during Mass
4		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		10:40 AM	YAC Scripture Reading (Greaton)
	9:30 AM	<i>Mary Percy Mestre (D)</i>		12:30 PM	Healthy Diet, Healthy Planet (Barbelin)
		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		5:00 PM	Zoom Vespers
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Geinzer SJ			



Pray for Peace with Old St. Joseph's Church

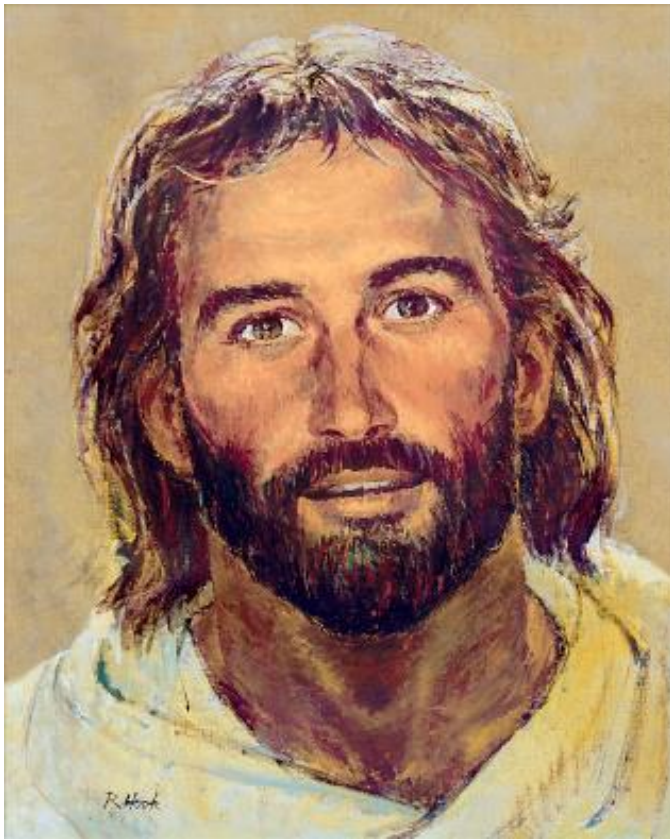
If you are wondering what you can do in the face of war in the Middle East, Ukraine, and Africa, we have something you can do today, tomorrow, and every day, or once or twice a week. It's very simple, and it won't cost you a cent - Pray for peace. Jesus said, "If two of you agree on earth about anything 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.

Neal Hébert, 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



Help Wanted for Faith Food & Friends:

Would you consider helping poor Philadelphians through our Faith Food and Friends program, faithandfriends@oldstjoseph.org? For years we have taken in the mail for homeless guests who have no mailing address. Now we need some "postal" volunteers to continue this service.

The work is easy - just sort incoming mail and file it in our special Post Office box, then give it out as people leave the program. Meanwhile you receive the grace and privilege of greeting and chatting with our guests. When needed, you may also like to help serve our nutritious hot meals.

The hours are Tuesday, Thursday and/or Saturday, 10:15 A.M. to about 12:30 PM. The "job" can be from one to three days per week, depending on your preference. Days off and vacations are assumed, which is why we are looking for more volunteers. Pay is spectacularly low: \$0.00.

Here is a chance to work with other parishioners and "walk with the poor, the outcasts of the world, those whose dignity has been violated, in a mission of reconciliation and justice", as our Jesuit brothers invite us to do. If interested, just email us at the above address, or call 215-284-2860 and ask for parishioner Bill Culleton. Thank you!!



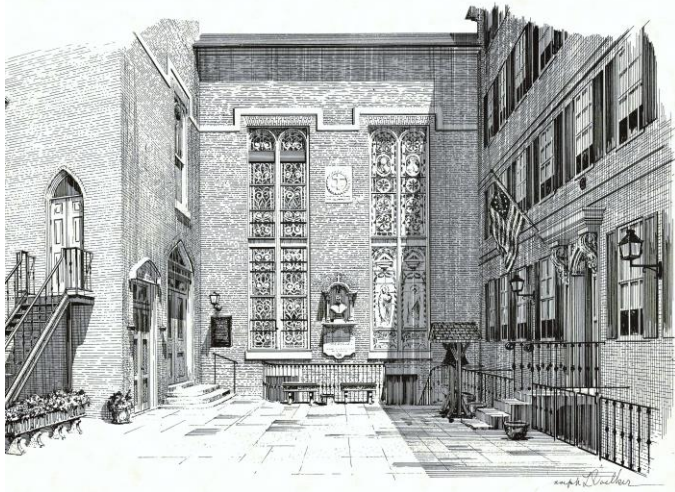
The OSJ Reading Group will meet next on Tuesday, 6 February, at 7.30 p.m. via Zoom. Our book for the month is Paul Lynch: Prophet Song. New members are welcome. Contact Carol Shloss to be added to the Zoom link: shlosscarol@gmail.com.



Requiescat in Pace

Longstanding OSJ parishioner **Brendan Minihan** passed away at the age of 80 on Wednesday, January 17. Brendan's Mass of the Resurrection took place at Old St. Joseph's Church on Friday, January 26. Please keep the Minihan Family and their 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.



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.

OSJ STAFF and COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Care for Creation Committee

Bill Stigliani (careforcreation@oldstjoseph.org)

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.



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.

NEXT WEEKEND I-95 WILL BE CLOSED!!!

Interstate I-95 will be closed from 6pm, Saturday, Feb. 3 until 5am, Monday, Feb. 5 for the I-95 CAP project. Possible bad weather could push the closure to a later date. Please plan accordingly.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Next Sunday, February 4, 2024

The Anointing of the Sick takes place at the 7:30 AM Mass on the First Sunday of each month.

FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending January 14, 2024

Daily Mass Collection	\$5.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$5,703.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$935.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,879.46
Total Collection:	\$11,522.46

Offertory for the week ending January 21, 2024

Daily Mass Collection	\$13.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,907.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$766.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,545.00
Total Collection:	\$8,231.00

Thank you

Second Collection Next Weekend – February 3 & 4: Care of the Aging & Infirm Priests of the Archdiocese

Please give as generously as you are able.

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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
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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.*

