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January 14, 2024 | The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)



Today's Gospel: John 1:35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —, "Where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.

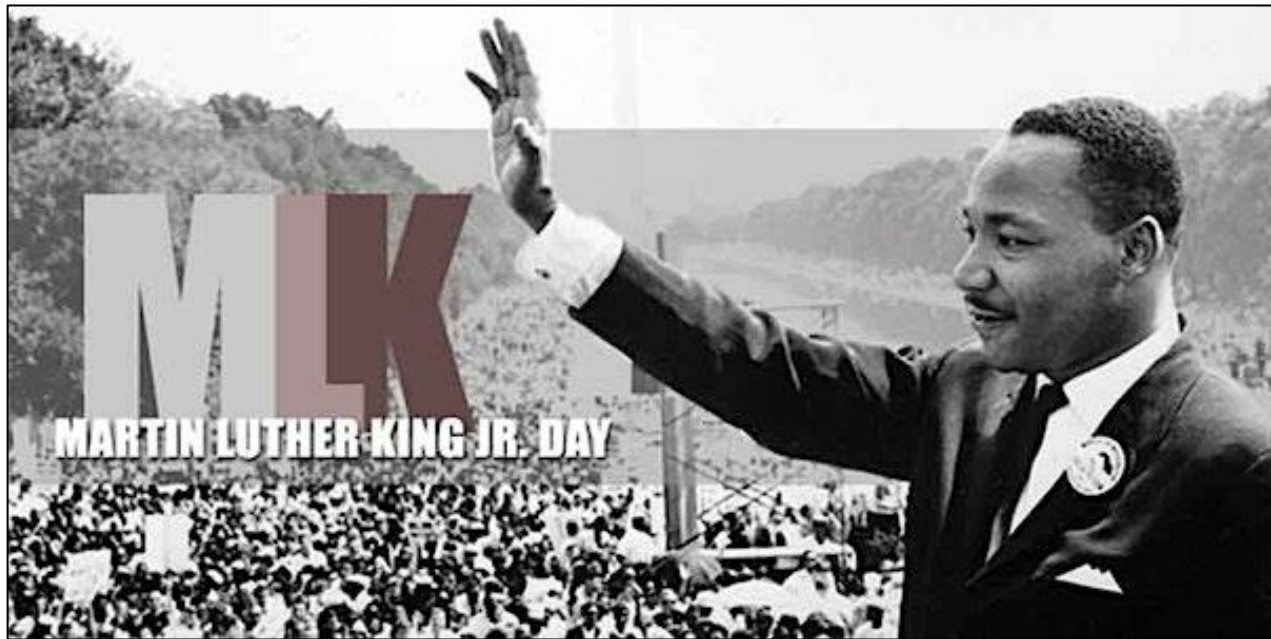
Artwork: *John Showing the Lamb of God to Andrew* – Ottavio Vannini, Italian (1585-1643)



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 15	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY Church offices closed in observance				
Tues 16	12:05 PM	<i>Wm, Henry, & Rose Mary Eells & Family (D)</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)	
Wed 17	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Thurs 18	12:05 PM	<i>Giancarlo Mazzoleni (D)</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)	
		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal & RCIA	
Fri 19					
Sat 20			8:00 AM	Safety & Security Training Workshop	
			10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)	
Sun 21	7:30 AM	<i>John DiLello (D)</i>	10:30 AM	Coffee Hour	
		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	12:30 PM	Coffee Hour	
	9:30 AM	<i>James Convery (D)</i>	10:40 AM	YAC Scripture Reading (Greaton)	
		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	5:00 PM	Zoom Vespers	
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ			

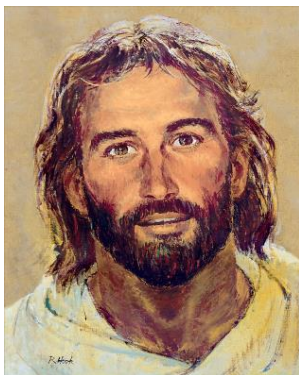


OSJ PRAYER LIST

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

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 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.



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.**

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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.

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).



YAC EVENTS: 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!

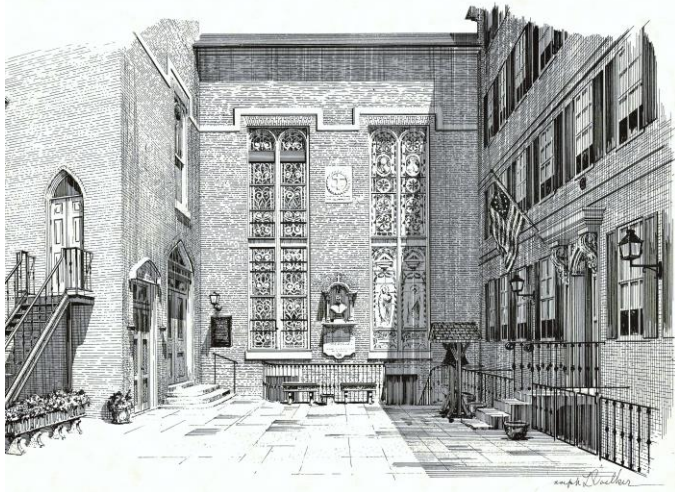
CLOW CONTINUES EVERY SUNDAY!

Children's Liturgy of The Word

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.



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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Care for Creation Committee

Bill Stigliani (careforcreation@oldstjoseph.org)



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 or under 20!

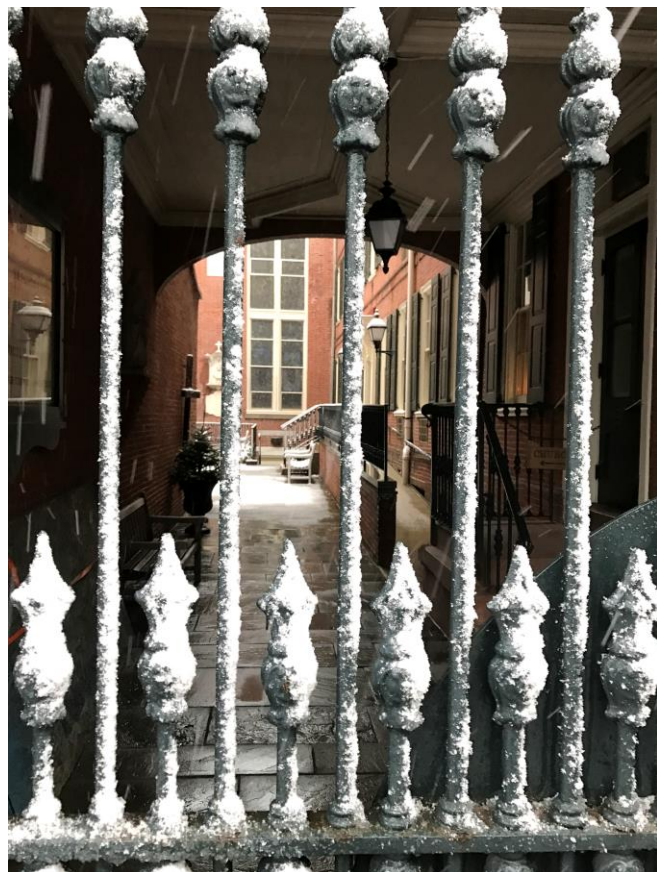
The theme will be “A Taste of Italy (Philadelphia Style)” and we will offer Italian coffee and pastries, as well as music, conversation, and fellowship. We invite all young adults to come and bring any friends who are young adult Philly residents. RSVP at osjpc@oldstjoseph.org or just come after the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

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



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.



FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending December 31, 2023

Daily Mass:	\$46.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$3,320.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$990.00
<u>Online Giving Sunday Collection:</u>	<u>\$5,722.46</u>
Total Collection:	\$10,784.46

Offertory for the week ending January 7, 2024

Daily Mass:	\$24.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,576.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$300.00
<u>Online Giving Sunday Collection:</u>	<u>\$4,794.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$7,694.00

Thank you

Second Collection This Weekend

January 14: Catholic Relief Service. 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

The Christmas collections total will be published next weekend 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.

December Collection Comparison

Since there were four Sundays in December 2022, and five in December 2023, an average was taken to compare the change in giving:

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.

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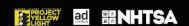
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