

# Old St. Joseph's Church

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February 4, 2024 | The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)



*Christ Healing Peter's Mother-in-law – Monastery Decani, Kosovo*

## Today's Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them.

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him.

Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose, have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.



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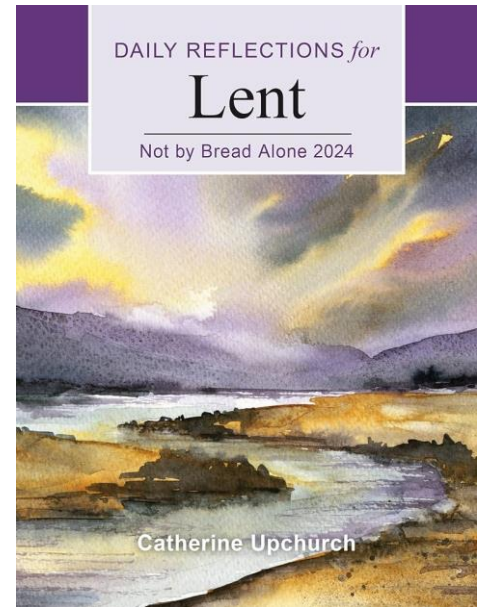
## This Week at Old St. Joseph's

Date					
Mon	5				
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Paul Clement (D)</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)	
6		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	7:00 PM	Parish Council Zoom Mtg.	
Wed	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>			
7		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
Thurs	12:05 PM	<i>Frank Monzo, Jr.</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)	
8		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal & RCIA	
Fri	9				
Sat			10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)	
Sun	7:30 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	10:40 AM	YAC Scripture Reading (Greateon)	
11		Presider: Fr. Donaldson SJ	1:30 PM	Group Baptisms (Church)	
	9:30 AM	<i>Mary Convery (D)</i>	5:00 PM	Zoom Vespers	
		Presider: Fr. Donaldson SJ			
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			



**ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 14:** Ashes will be distributed during our **12:05 PM and 6:00 PM** Masses on Wednesday, Feb 14. **RELAXED PARKING NOTE:** We have relaxed parking for both Masses!

**Daily Reflections for Lent:** The OSJ Ignatian Spirituality Committee invites all parishioners to set aside a few minutes a day during Lent to pray at home with *Daily Reflections for Lent – Not by Bread Alone 2024*. This year's book of reflections, based on the daily Scripture readings, is written by Catherine Upchurch. **Books will be distributed after all Masses on February 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.**



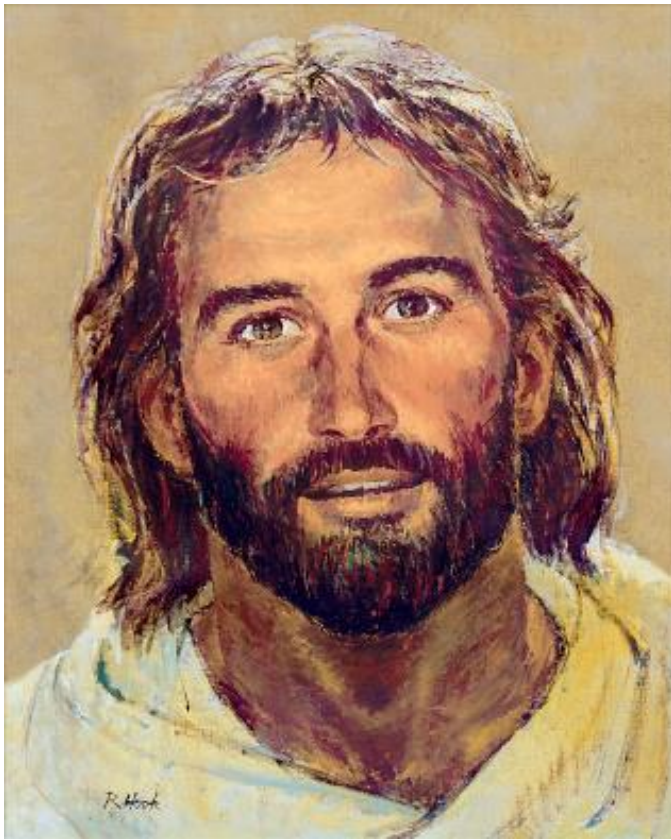
### OSJ PRAYER LIST

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

Wayne Franks, 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, Susanna Mazzoleni, Rosemarie Greco, Anne Morrissey, John Butts, Grazyna Kolondra, Richard Swift, Joseph Kahriger, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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!!



**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.](#)



# A Taste of Italy

Old St. Joseph's Parish Council would like to thank everyone who attended the Young Adult coffee hours on January 21. Jesse LaGrossa promises more "Taste of Italy" coffee hours to come, and we also plan to offer different themes in the future. Thanks to all of you, the day was a splendid success despite the snow!







Join us for a nice cup of homemade soup and bread **TODAY - 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.

**THIS 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**

**Today - Sunday, February 4, 2024**

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



**Catholic History Lecture:** On Sunday, February 18, at 2:00 pm, the American Catholic Historical Society (263 S. 4th Street) will host a talk by Ms. Bea Joyner. She will speak on her documentary project,

"Oneness: A Black Catholic's Journey," which began with her efforts to record Black Catholic life at Most Blessed Sacrament parish in West Philadelphia. The event is free and open to the public, with the option for in-person or online attendance. Visit [amchs.org](http://amchs.org) for details and to RSVP.



**All Parishioners are invited to the Friendship Circle's Mardi Gras Party** at PJ Clark's from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, February 13th. Bring your friends.

**Hallahan - Class of '74 - 50th Reunion:** Sunday, May 19, 2024, 12:00 pm - Brunch at Panache. For more details email: [HallahanClassof1974@gmail.com](mailto:HallahanClassof1974@gmail.com).

**FINANCIAL INFO**

**Offertory for the week ending January 28, 2024**

Daily Mass Collection	\$52.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,134.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$450.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,785.46
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$7,421.46</b>

*Thank you*

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

Please give as generously as you are able.

The following collections are active on ParishSOFT Giving and Text-to-Give: **Catholic Relief Services and Care of Aging and Infirm Priests**

The keywords are *CatholicRelief* and *AgingPriests*

**ONLINE GIVING & TEXT-TO-GIVE**

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

**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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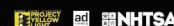
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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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.*

