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February 11, 2024 | The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)



Today's Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Healing of the Leper – Niels Larsen Stevns - 1913

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."

The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.



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 entryway bulletin boards.

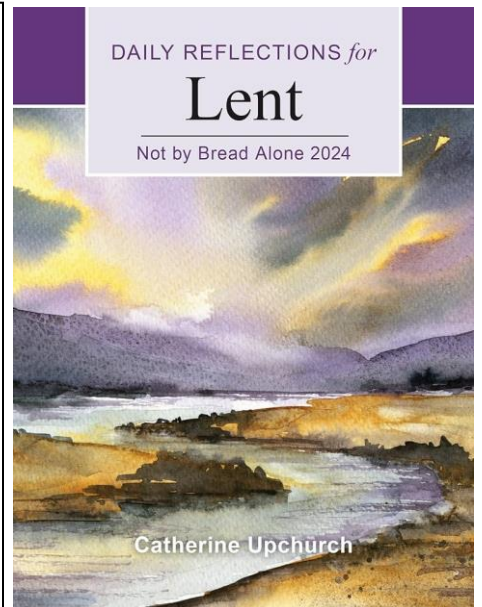
This Week at Old St. Joseph's

Date				
Mon	12			
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)
13		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Wed	12:05 PM	<i>Ash Wednesday – No Announced Masses</i>		ASH WEDNESDAY
14		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		MASSES AT 12:05 & 6:00 PM
	6:00 PM	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		Relaxed Parking! Use a parking notice!
Thurs	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)
15		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal & RCIA
Fri			5:00 PM	Wedding reh: Larm & Echausse
16			6:00 PM	Wedding reh: Kvist & O'Brien
Sat			10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)
17			1:00 PM	Wedding: Kvist & O'Brien
			3:30 PM	Wedding: Larm & Echausse
Sun	7:30 AM	<i>Geraldine Marren & Family (D)</i>	10:40 AM	YAC Scripture Reading (Greaton)
18		Presider: Fr. Bur SJ	1:30 PM	Group Baptisms (Church)
	9:30 AM	<i>Giancarlo Mazzoleni (D)</i>	5:00 PM	Zoom Vespers
		Presider: Fr. Bur SJ		
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		



ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 14: Ashes will be distributed during our **12:05 and 6:00 PM** Masses this 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 18th and 25th.**



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.

Old St. Joseph's Church Lenten Reconciliation

Confessions will be heard in the church on Saturdays during Lent on the following dates:

**March 2, March 9, & March 23, 2024
from 1:00 to 2:00 pm**

Make your Lenten celebration of this Sacrament demonstrate your Lenten effort to convert more faithfully to the baptismal life in Christ.



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 for details and to RSVP.



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

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**



The Anointing of the Sick takes place at the 7:30 AM Mass on the FIRST SUNDAY of the month.



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.

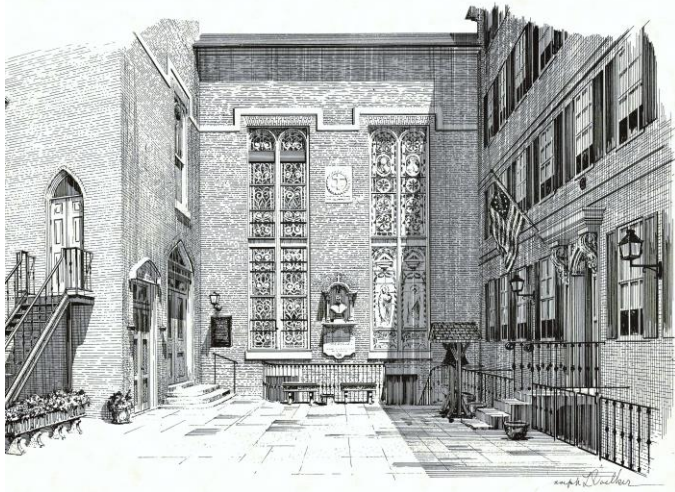
The hours are Tuesday, Thursday and/or Saturday, 10:15 A.M. to about 12:30 PM. The "job" can be from one to three days per week, depending on your preference. Days off and vacations are assumed, which is why we are looking for more volunteers. Pay is spectacularly low: \$0.00.

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!!



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.](#)



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)



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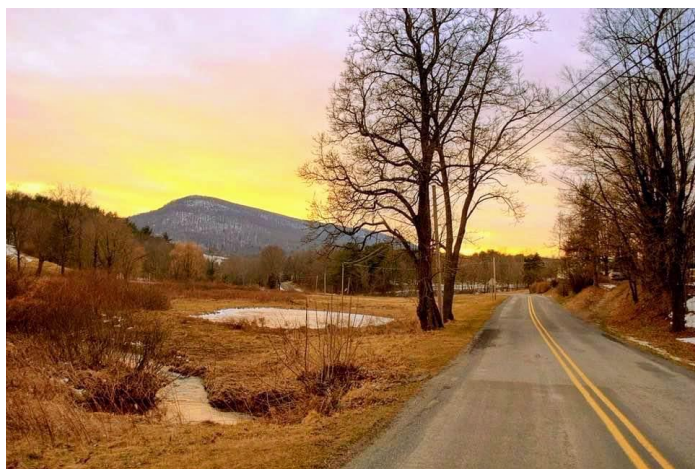
The Parish Council sponsors coffee hours on the third Sunday of the month after the 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses. Any committee or ministry that wants to co-sponsor one of the coffee hours can email Nina Vitullo at Vitullon@oldstjoseph.org. This is a good opportunity for groups that would like to share an upcoming project with the larger parish community or recruit new members. **Please note** that our regularly scheduled 1st of the month Parish Life Coffee Hours will remain the same.



Mardi Gras Party at PJ Clark's from 5:00PM to 7:00PM on Tuesday, February 13th. Everyone is invited and bring your friends.



Please Join Us! The Women, Faith and Fellowship Committee invites women of the parish and female guests to gather for "Coffee and Conversation" on Sunday, February 25th from 10 AM to 11:15 AM in the Drexel Parlor in the Rectory. Looking forward to seeing you. Please RSVP to wff@oldstjoseph.org.



FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending February 4, 2024

Daily Mass Collection	\$28.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$3,064.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$4,640.50
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$5,051.46
Total Collection:	\$12,783.96



January Collection Comparison

January 2023: \$38,917

January 2024: \$34,869

NOTE: January 2024 shows a decrease of \$4,048 or 10.4% under January 2023.

Thank you for your continued support of OSJ!

The following collections are active on ParishSOFT Giving and Text-to-Give: **Care of Aging & Infirm Priests, Operation Rice Bowl.**

The keywords are *AgingPriests* and *RiceBowl*.

ONLINE GIVING & TEXT-TO-GIVE

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

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



The Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Collection is now active on our online giving site. If you don't have an online account

and would like to donate, please make your check payable to "OSJ Church" and write *Operation Rice Bowl* on the memo line or insert your check or cash into a marked, temporary envelope located in the back of the church.



The Archdiocese of Philadelphia's annual Catholic Charities Appeal is underway. More information about the educational

and social services that the Giving Hope to All campaign supports can be found online at catholiccharitiesappeal.org. The website also describes opportunities to donate and to volunteer with organizations benefiting from the appeal. Under Parish Affiliation, please choose Old St. Joseph's—Philadelphia. You may also donate through our ParishSOFT Giving site.

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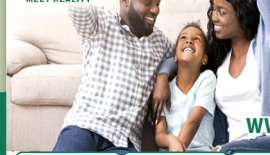
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*Our Father who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come
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On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who
trespass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

