

# Old St. Joseph's Church

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February 25, 2024 | The Second Sunday in Lent (B)



*The Transfiguration of Christ – Duccio 1308-11*

## Today's Gospel: Mark 9: 2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.



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				6:00 PM	PREP Lenten Mass
26					
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>		10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)
27		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
Wed	12:05 PM	<i>Edith Giampietro (D)</i>		7:00 PM	Finance Council Zoom Mtg
28		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
Thurs	12:05 PM	Miriam Loughran Fenerty (D)		10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)
29		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal & RCIA
Fri				5:00 PM	Wedding reh: Doyle & Fitzgerald
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Sat				10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)
2				1:00 PM	Lenten Confessions (Church)
Sun	7:30 AM	<i>Cheryl McDonnell (L)</i>		7:30 AM	Anointing during Mass
3		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		Coffee Hrs.	After the 9:30 & 11:30 Masses
	9:30 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>		5:00 PM	Zoom Vespers
		Presider: Fr. Donaldson SJ			
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ			



### Old St. Joseph's Church Lenten Reconciliation

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

**Saturdays: March 2, March 9, & March 23  
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.

**Note:** Please enter the church through the alley/courtyard entrance.

**St. Joseph Feast Day Celebration:** Help us celebrate St. Joseph's Day on Tuesday, March 19 with Mass at 6:00 pm followed by dinner in Barbelin Hall. Tickets are on sale now after the 9:30 and 11:30 Sunday Masses: \$10 for adults; children eat for free. Donations of wine and desserts will be appreciated. Volunteers are needed to prepare the food for the dinner on Monday, March 18 and serving, set up of the hall, and clean up on Tuesday March 19. Please contact Joe Casey at joetcasey@aol.com to volunteer and for more information.

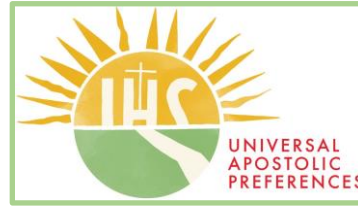
### OSJ PRAYER LIST

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

Aurelia Bond, Denise Domitrovic, Wayne Franks, Neal Hébert, Fr. Jerry McAndrews SJ, Sr. Maria Christi Drysdale GNSH, Greg Alexander, Howard Magen, 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 OSJ Reading Group will meet next on Tuesday, 5 March at 7.30 p.m. via Zoom. Our book for the month will be Alice Monro: Dear Life: Stories. New members are welcome. To be added to the Zoom link, contact Carol Shloss: shlosscarol@gmail.com.



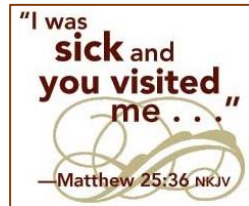
To read how Old St. Joseph's Church's Care for Creation Committee has responded to the Four Universal Apostolic Preferences,

please pick up a copy of Bill Stigliani's report located in the back of the church.

Schedules for many SEPTA bus, trolley, and subway routes will change effective Sunday, February 25th. New timetables are available at [www.septa.org](http://www.septa.org).



**SOUTHBOUND I-95 will be closed** between the I-676/Callowhill Street off-ramps and the Morris Street on-ramp from 5pm Saturday February 24th to 5am Monday February 26th. Please plan ahead and familiarize yourself with the detours and alternate routes at [www.95revive.com](http://www.95revive.com).



**Dear Fellow Parishioners:**

For many years Old St. Joseph's has been entrusted with the mission of ministering to the patients at Pennsylvania Hospital. This is a great responsibility as the Catholic patient population at the Hospital exceeds 50 patients most of the time. A very small group of ministers in our Parish are carrying out this ministry by visiting the Catholic patients and offering them the Eucharistic. At present there are only 7 active ministers of whom only 4 visit the Hospital on Sundays. This ministry is therefore in great need of additional volunteers.

All of us who serve in this ministry can tell you about the spiritually powerful encounters we regularly experience. We frequently meet patients who are enormously appreciative of our visits regardless of whether they are devout practicing Catholics or have not been connected to a church in many years. And I can't even put into words the incredible blessings we receive as ministers by sharing the Eucharist and a few minutes of prayer with folks who are in need of spiritual as well as physical care. The Gospels tell us of the many times that Jesus healed those who were suffering both physically and spiritually. We are so blessed here at Old St. Joseph's to have the opportunity to imitate the life of Jesus in this way.

I hope you will consider joining our Hospital Ministry. I am happy to tell you more and so if you have any questions or would just like chat about this, please feel free to contact me at [wstewart@kaplaw.com](mailto:wstewart@kaplaw.com). You can also contact Christine Szczepanowski of the Parish staff at [christinesz52@gmail.com](mailto:christinesz52@gmail.com).

—Bill Stewart



**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.](#)

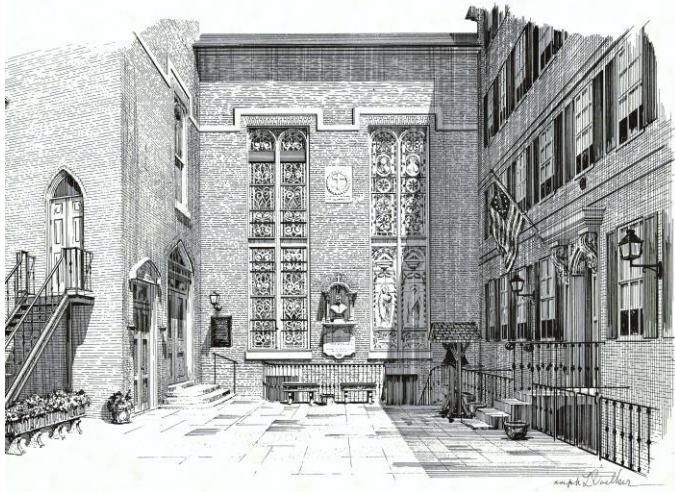
**Please Join Us!** The Women, Faith and Fellowship Committee invites women of the parish and female guests to gather for "Coffee and Conversation" on Sunday, February 25th from 10 AM to 11:15 AM in the Drexel Parlor in the Rectory. Looking forward to seeing you. Please RSVP to [wff@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:wff@oldstjoseph.org).



**The Friendship Circle is welcoming everyone** to see the film Cabrini. The film details the life of famed Roman Catholic missionary and future Saint, Francesca Cabrini, as she encounters resistance to her charity and business efforts in New York City.

It will be showing at the AMC Theater in the Fashion District (1001 Market Street) from Thursday, March 8th through Thursday, March 14th.

Members of the Friendship Circle are planning to attend an afternoon showing on Sunday, March 10th. If you are interested in joining us, email us at [FriendshipCircle@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:FriendshipCircle@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](http://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

### Pastor

Fr. Francis Hannafey SJ ([pastor@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:pastor@oldstjoseph.org))

**In Residence** Br. Robert Carson SJ

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### PREP & Baptism Coordinator

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### Faith, Food & Friends Director

Deborah Hluchan ([faithandfriends@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:faithandfriends@oldstjoseph.org))

### Parish Pastoral Council

Pastor, Fr. Francis Hannafey; Chair, John Bitterman

Secretary, Nina Vitullo ([osjpc@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:osjpc@oldstjoseph.org))

### Parish Finance Council

Paul Shay, chair

### Historic Preservation Corporation Board

Fr. Francis Hannafey SJ, president

Barry Eiswerth, chair

### Adult Education

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### Faith, Food and Friends:

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### Social Justice Committee

Sarah Johnson & Bob Culleton

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### Care for Creation Committee

Bill Stigliani ([careforcreation@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:careforcreation@oldstjoseph.org))

## MUSIC AT OSJ

Our Children's Choir will be singing at the 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday, April 21. All children are invited to join the choir for rehearsals and for April 21. Rehearsals will be held on Sundays after the 9:30 AM Mass on: March 10, 17, 24, April 7, and 14.



### The next coffee hours will take place MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>!

The Parish Council sponsors coffee hours on the third Sunday of the month after the **7:30, 9:30 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](mailto: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 (after the 9:30 & 11:30 Masses).



## FINANCIAL INFO

Due to the Presidents Day holiday, the offertory for the week ending February 18, 2024, was not counted in time for inclusion in this week's bulletin and will be published next week.

*Thank you*

### 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: **Ash Wednesday, Operation Rice Bowl, Catholic Charities Appeal**  
The keywords are *AshWednesday, RiceBowl, and CatholicCharities*

#### 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](http://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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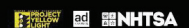
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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father who art in Heaven,  
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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.*

