

Old St. Joseph's Church

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March 3, 2024 | The Third Sunday in Lent (B)



Today's Gospel: John 2:13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus

would not trust himself to them because he knew them all and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

Jesus' Cleansing of the Temple – Artist unknown (1508-1519) Amiens Cathedral, France



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This Week at Old St. Joseph's

Date				
Mon	4			
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Robert Talavera (D)</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)
5		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Wed	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	9:00 AM	St. Joe's Prep Retreat
6		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	7:00 PM	Parish Council Zoom Mtg
Thurs	12:05 PM	<i>Our FF&F Guests (L)</i>		
7		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Fri	8			
Sat			8:00 AM	Security Training (Church)
9			10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)
			1:00 PM	Lenten Confessions (Church)
Sun	7:30 AM	<i>Joanne Nicholson (D)</i>	10:30 AM	Children's Choir rehearsal (Church)
10		Presider: TBD	5:00 PM	Zoom Vespers
	9:30 AM	<i>Thomas Convery (D)</i>		
		Presider: TBD		
	11:30 AM	Presider: TBD		



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, 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.

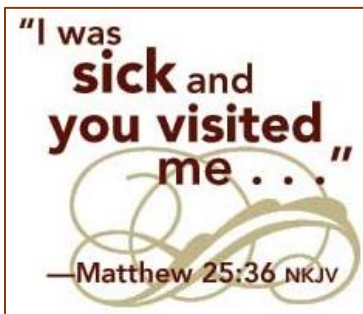
The Scrutinies: As part of their final preparations for Baptism, the Elect/Catechumens will experience the Scrutinies. These are special prayers for the Elect that they may be free of and protected from any evil and anything that is not of God. The Scrutinies are celebrated on the 3rd, 4th, & 5th Sundays of Lent, taking place after the homily. Because they are connected to Baptism, on the Sundays of the Scrutinies, the Church suggests we use the readings from Cycle A (even though we are currently in Cycle B). On these Sundays we will hear the story of the woman at the well, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus...each of these Gospel stories proclaim profound truths concerning Baptism and the new life in Christ that our Elect will experience at the Easter Vigil. During these days of Lent, please keep our Elect, as well as our candidates, in your prayers.



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.](#)



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. You can also contact Christine Szczepanowski of the Parish staff at christinesz52@gmail.com.

—Bill Stewart



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



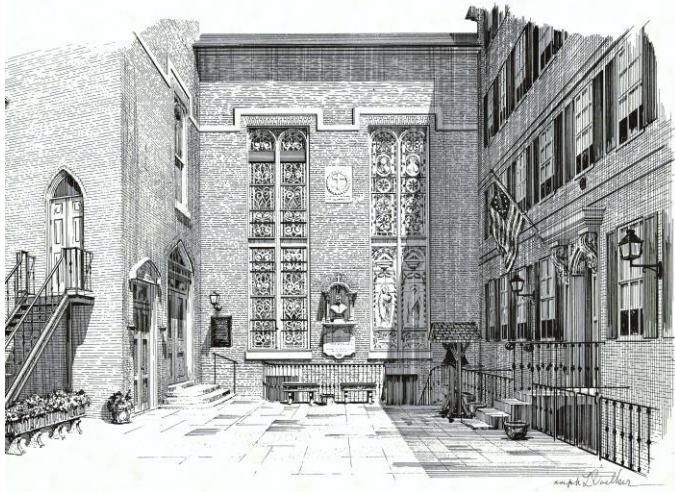
Mother Cabrini, America's First Saint, is getting her own movie!

A must see, award worthy film at AMC theaters March 8 to March 14th (www.amctheatres.com).

Our Friendship Circle is planning to attend the 12:30 showing on Sunday, March 10th at the Fashion District AMC Theater on the third floor off 11th and Market Sts. We can brunch at Frieda's or you just meet there. If interested in joining us, let us know by emailing us at FriendshipCircle@oldstjoseph.org.

Also, join us for our St. Patrick's Day happy hour social on Thursday, March 14th at PJ Clark's 601 Walnut Street from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.





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)

Confirmation This Weekend!

March 3 at the 11:30 AM Mass

The Most Reverend Michael Fitzgerald will officiate at Confirmation at the 11:30 Mass this Sunday, March 3. **Note:** Four pews will be reserved to provide for the 14 confirmands and their sponsors.

You may wish to consider attending one of our other Masses on March 3.

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 TODAY - MARCH 3RD after the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses.

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. 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).

Set Clocks Ahead



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND on SUNDAY, MARCH 10! Don't forget to turn your clocks **AHEAD** one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night!

FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending February 18, 2024

Daily Mass Collection	\$26.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$1,848.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$1,260.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$5,354.00
Total Collection:	\$8,488.00

Offertory for the week ending February 25, 2024

Daily Mass Collection	\$51.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$3,542.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$783.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,899.46
Total Collection:	\$9,275.46

Thank you for your support of Old St. Joseph's Church.

Second Collection Next Weekend 3/10/24

The Church in Latin America

Please give as generously as you are able.

The following collections are active on ParishSOFT Giving and Text-to-Give: **Ash Wednesday, Operation Rice Bowl, Catholic Charities Appeal, Church in Latin America**

The keywords are *AshWednesday, RiceBowl, CatholicCharities, and LatinAmer*

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 in full swing. Please take a bowl located in either church entryway. The collection is also active on our online giving site. If you don't have an online account and would like to donate without using a bowl, 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 ("Rice Bowl") using a temporary envelope located in the back of the church.

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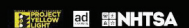
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*Our Father who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come
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On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who
trespass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

