

# Old St. Joseph's Church

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March 10, 2024 | The Fourth Sunday in Lent (A) – Laetare Sunday



*Christ Healing the Blind (detail) – El Greco (1541-1614)*

**Today's Gospel:** John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent —. So, he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So, then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So, some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So, they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshipped him.



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	11				
Tues	12	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)
Wed	13	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Thurs	14	12:05 PM	<i>Jerry Hartman (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Fri	15			5:00 PM	Wedding reh: Flanagan & Aucello
				6:00 PM	Wedding reh: Sunday & Rada
Sat	16			10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)
				1:00 PM	Wedding: Sunday & Rada
				3:30 PM	Wedding: Flanagan & Aucello
Sun	17	7:30 AM	<i>Edward &amp; Mary Britt Family (D)</i> Presider: TBA	*****	<b>COFFEE HOURS AFTER ALL MASSES!</b>
		9:30 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: TBA	10:30 AM	Children's Choir rehearsal (Church)
		11:30 AM	Presider: TBA	5:00 PM	Zoom Vespers

**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](mailto:joetcasey@aol.com) to volunteer and for more information.



### Faith, Food and Friends Fundraiser for Personal

**Care Items:** Molto Bene Ravioli Co. will be on site at the St. Joseph's Day Dinner with their line of small batch ravioli, sauces and soups for sale. 10% of all sales will be donated to Old St. Joseph's Faith, Food and Friends to buy much needed personal care items for the growing number of guests.

## OSJ PRAYER LIST

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

Glenn Malek, 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 Kahrigier, 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.*

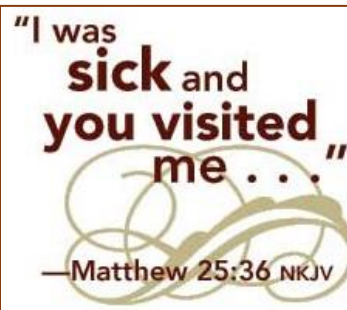
**The Scrutinies:** As part of their final preparations for Baptism, the Elect/Catechumens will experience the Scrutinies. These are special prayers for the Elect that they may be free of and protected from any evil and anything that is not of God. The Scrutinies are celebrated on the 3rd, 4th, & 5th 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.

## Old St. Joseph's Church Lenten Reconciliation

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

**Saturdays: March 9 & March 23 from 1 to 2 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.



### 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

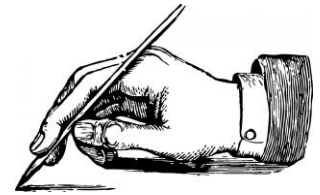
Catholic patient population at the Hospital exceeds 50 patients most of the time. A very small group of ministers in our Parish are carrying out this ministry by visiting the Catholic patients and offering them the Eucharistic. At present there are only 7 active ministers of whom only 4 visit the Hospital 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

**Calling Writers:** Want to give back to Old Saint Joseph's Community? Like to write? Want to tell the world about your personal Ignatian journey? We need two or three writers to do short news items for the Jesuit newsletter and longer magazine style pieces about what's happening "on the Alley". So, remove that bushel basket and let your light shine! Contact us at [osjpc@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:osjpc@oldstjoseph.org) or call Bill Culleton at 215.284. 2860!



**St. Patrick's Day happy hour social.**  
Thursday, March 14th at PJ Clark's, 601 Walnut Street, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

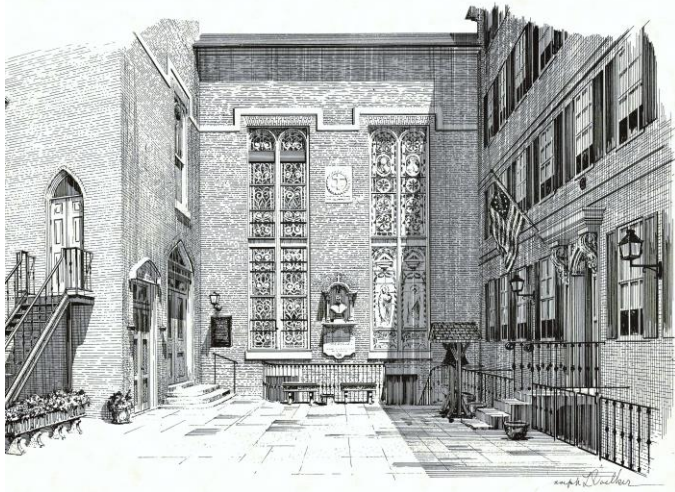
Please join us and feel free to bring your friends.



Dear OSJ Parishioners,

I am happy to share the good news that OSJ has recently received a generous gift of \$ 22,500. from the Arrupe Jesuit Community at St. Joseph University. We are grateful to Fr. Steve Surovick, S.J. (Superior) and members of the Jesuit Community for their thoughtfulness to our parish. The Jesuit Community has asked that we direct these funds to Ignatian programming, and a number of these efforts are already underway in the parish. Thank you to members of the Jesuit Community in the Philadelphia area who continue to support our parish in many ways.

Sincerely,  
Francis T. Hannafey, S.J, Pastor



## 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

### Business Manager

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### PREP & Baptism Coordinator

Christine Szczepanowski ([prep@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:prep@oldstjoseph.org))

### 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

Rita O'Brien and Jeanmarie Zippo  
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### Friendship Circle (former Eldership Committee)

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### Parish Life

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### Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Nina Vitullo ([clow@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:clow@oldstjoseph.org))

### Faith, Food and Friends:

Deborah Hluchan and Mary Freedman  
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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

**Classical Guitar Concert at OSJ:** All are invited to mark your calendars to join us for a musical highlight of our Spring season here at OSJ! On Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 3:00 PM students from the renowned Curtis Institute of Music will present a concert of classical guitar music--both solo and duo works, including compositions by Fernando Sor and Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco. Admission to the concert is free. A free will offering to benefit our music program at OSJ will be gratefully received.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word March/April 2024



**"The Way of the Cross for Children" on Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Mass:** All children, PREP students and family members are invited to attend this special children's liturgy of the word. We will present the stations of the cross with visual aids and music. After each station there will be a reflection on our Lord's passion relatable to children. This

program is especially meaningful for children in pre-school through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Whether you are a regular at CLOW or new to the program, we encourage you to come share in this once yearly tradition. NOTE: Highschoolers interested in being a lector at the program can email Nina Vitullo at vitullon@oldstjoseph.org.



**OSJ Children's Choir-** Rehearsals begin on March 10<sup>th</sup>. The children will sing on Sunday April 21 at 9:30 AM Mass. All children are welcome to join the choir. To register please email Nina Vitullo at vitullon@oldstjoseph.org.



**Coffee Hours after ALL Masses on March 17<sup>th</sup>.** CLOW will be hosting St. Patrick's Day crafts after the 9:30 AM Mass.

Please consider donating through our parish online giving site or by picking up a "bowl" at the back of church. Please return all donations by Palm Sunday.



**Thank you for your generosity and commitment to OSJ's children's programming!**

Questions? Email Nina Vitullo: vitullon@oldstjoseph.org.

## FINANCIAL INFO

### Offertory for the week ending March 3, 2024

Daily Mass Collection	\$5.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$852.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,792.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,974.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$8,623.00</b>

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

### Second Collection This Weekend 3/10/24

#### The Church in Latin America

Please give as generously as you are able.

#### February Collection Comparison

February 2023: \$34,471

February 2024: \$38,393

**NOTE:** February 2024 shows an increase of \$3,922 or 11.38% over February 2023.

Fiscal Year to Date:

Our collections are up \$23,920 or 8.63% over FY2023.

**Thank you for your continued support of OSJ!**

#### The following collections are active on our Online Giving and Text-to-Give sites:

Operation Rice Bowl

Church in Latin America,

Easter Flowers and Music Memorials,

Holy Thursday, Good Friday/Holy Land,

Easter Sunday, Catholic Charities Appeal

For Text-to-Give (215-929-7151) the keywords are RiceBowl, LatinAmer, EasterFlowers, EasterMusic, HolyThur, GoodFri, and Easter

### Set Clocks Ahead



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

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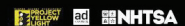
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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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.*

