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March 17, 2024 | The Fifth Sunday in Lent (A)



Today's Gospel: John 11: 3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Resurrection of Lazarus – Andrey Mironov, 2014

The sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus, saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in 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 18					
Tues 19	12:05 PM	<i>Saint Joseph</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)	
	6:00 PM	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	6:00 PM	Mass	
Wed 20	12:05 PM	<i>Giancarlo Mazzoleni (D)</i>	7:00 PM	Dinner in Barbelin Hall (tickets required)	
		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
Thurs 21	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>			
		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
Fri 22			9:30 AM	St. Mary's School Confessions (Church)	
Sat 23			10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)	
			1:00 PM	Lenten Confessions (Church)	
Sun 24	7:30 AM	<i>Geraldine Marren & Family (D)</i>		PALM SUNDAY	
		Presider: Fr. Donaldson SJ	10:30 AM	Children's Choir rehearsal (Church)	
	9:30 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	5:00 PM	Zoom Vespers	
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Donaldson SJ			
		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			

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.



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, 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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word March/April 2024



"The Way of the Cross for Children" on Palm Sunday, March 24, 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 8th 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 began on March 10th. 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 17th. 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 programing!**

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

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 have been heard in the church on Saturday afternoons during Lent - and we have one remaining date next weekend:

Saturday, 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.

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 or call Bill Culleton at 215.284. 2860!

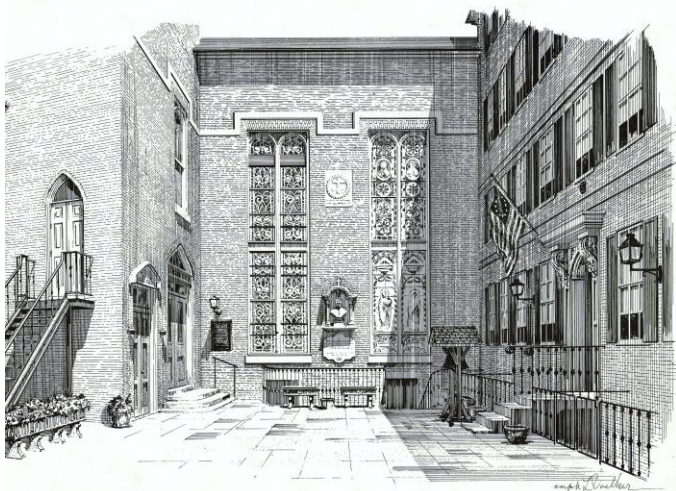
Dear OSJ Parishioners,

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.

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)

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Parish Pastoral Council

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Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Nina Vitullo (clow@oldstjoseph.org)

Faith, Food and Friends:

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Care for Creation Committee

Bill Stigliani (careforcreation@oldstjoseph.org)



OSJ'S 2024 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday ~ March 24

Masses at 7:30, 9:30, & 11:30am

Holy Thursday ~ March 28

Confessions: 11:30am – 12:30pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30pm

Compline: 9:30pm

Good Friday ~ March 29

Stations of the Cross: 12:05pm

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion: 3:00pm

Easter Vigil ~ Saturday, March 30

(No 5:30pm Vigil)

Mass at 8:00pm

Easter Sunday ~ March 31

Masses at 7:30am, 9:30am (w/CLOW),
& 11:30am

Note: We have relaxed parking for each service.

FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending March 10, 2024

Daily Mass Collection	\$15.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$570.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$6,014.87
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,201.00
Total Collection:	\$8,800.87

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

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



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.



Father Judge High School Class of 1974, 50-Year Reunion, Saturday, April 27th from 6 - 10 PM at Father Judge. The cost is \$80 per person. For more information contact khuckel@fatherjudge.com.



OSJ Annual Easter Egg Hunt: The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place immediately after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday in the North Park area next to the church. Children may bring a small basket to collect the eggs. Donations of plastic eggs with treats inside would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off in the basket

located in the back of church on Sunday mornings.
Thank you!

The OSJ Reading Group will meet next on Tuesday, 2 April at 7.30 via Zoom. Our book for the month is *Tinkers*, by Paul Harding. New members are welcome. Contact Carol Shloss at shlosscarol@gmail.com to be added to the group.



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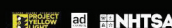
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*Our Father who art in Heaven,
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Thy kingdom come
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On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
As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

