

# Old St. Joseph's Church

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March 31, 2024 | Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



**Dear Parishioners and Friends of Old St. Joseph's Church,**

The day I began to write this message (ten days before Easter Sunday to meet a publication deadline) it was 29 degrees Fahrenheit outside with strong windchills making it feel much colder. I could not help but ask myself—is Easter almost here? Yes, Easter has indeed arrived, early this year. Our hearts, minds, bodies, and our personal and communal faith journeys long for the joy and truth that Easter brings us.

Our faith this Easter and every Easter is that the Lord has truly risen and our God continues to offer us hope and the promise of new life. Christ's Resurrection seems especially urgent and welcome for us in the times we are living. The good news we celebrate this Easter is that into the uncertainty of our present experience in the world the Risen Lord comes to dwell with us. Because of what God has done and continues to do in the Resurrection of Christ we can ourselves dwell in confidence and peace. This is very good news indeed.

The scriptures tell us that the first believers in Jesus were confused, afraid, and uncertain about the future after his suffering and death. In our vulnerability we too can recognize perhaps more clearly our need for Christ as Savior. We welcome Christ into our suffering and into our weary hearts and bodies. We also welcome the Risen One into the joy and love that also animates our lives in many graced ways. Let us try to rest with the Risen Lord for a while this Easter.

Part of my own personal Easter imagination is that at least two or three persons were needed to roll away the heavy stone from that dark empty tomb on the first Easter morning. It will also take two or three of us gathered together in a community of faith to help each other joyfully celebrate the coming of the Risen Christ into our lives and world. Let us generously help one another welcome the Risen Christ this Easter. The Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-1889) in his famous poem "The Wreck of the Deutschland" writes: "Let Him Easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness of us." I've always loved and learned from Hopkins' use of the word "Easter" as a verb instead of a noun. Easter is always about living. Easter can deeply transform all dimensions of our lives. We pray that we are open to allow Christ to "Easter in us" in these days and always.

On behalf of the parish staff at Willings Alley, sincere thanks for your continued presence in our community and your generosity to Old St. Joseph's Church.

Happy Easter!

Francis T. Hannafey, S.J.  
Pastor



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## This Week at Old St. Joseph's

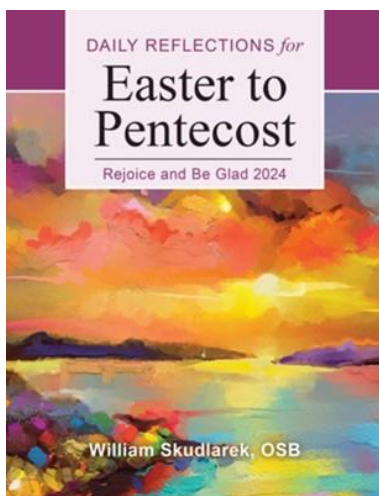
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Tues	2	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)
Wed	3	12:05 PM	<i>Terence McCarthy (L)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	
Thurs	4	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall) 7:30 PM RCIA (Drexel)
Fri	5			5:00 PM Wedding reh: Alberto & Casano
Sat	6			10:00 AM Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall) 1:00 PM Wedding: Alberto & Casano 1:30 PM 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat (Barbelin Hall)
Sun	7	7:30 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	Coffee Hrs Post-9:30 & 11:30 Masses
		9:30 AM	<i>Edward &amp; Mary Britt Family (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	1:30 PM Group Baptisms (Church)
		11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Geinzer SJ	5:00 PM Zoom Vespers

## OSJ PRAYER LIST

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

Gloria Brull, Fran DelRe, Darla Himles, 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.*



## Daily Reflections for Easter to Pentecost

The OSJ Ignatian Spirituality Committee invites all parishioners to set aside a few minutes a day during the Easter season to pray at home with **Daily Reflections for Easter to Pentecost**. This year's book of reflections, based on the daily Scripture

readings, is written by William Skudlarek, OSB. Subtitled "Rejoice and Be Glad," each entry includes suggestions for applying the passages to your own life. **Copies are available in the back of the church.**

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



**OSJ Children's Choir**- Rehearsals began 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.

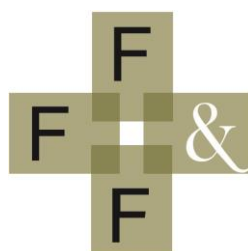
**Thank you for your generosity and commitment to OSJ's children's programming!**

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

**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.



**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!



**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** For Your Charity That Allows our Faith, Food & Friends Ministry to Flourish!

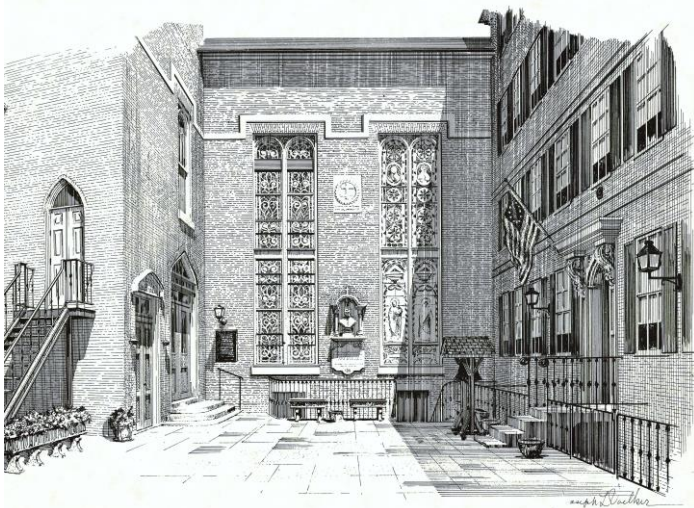
Three days a week, FF&F serves a freshly cooked hot lunch to up to 70 guests in Barbelin Hall as we

strive to live out our commitment to the Ignatian values promoting solidarity, compassion and service to the marginalized and those in need. And thanks to the generous support of OSJ parishioners, FF&F is able to distribute essential personal care items to our guests weekly.

To enable us to meet our guests' basic needs through the coming months, our spring list of most needed items includes donations of the following: Bar soap, deodorant, double-edge razors, and body lotion. We also have short supplies of toothpaste and toothbrushes. Please visit the Faith, Food & Friends Amazon wish list [\[click here\]](#) where you can find a listing of these essentials and other items that would be appreciated by our guests. We ask that you consider making a gift to FF&F of one or more of these items, by ordering through Amazon or a retailer of your choice or by delivering the items directly to OSJ. We thank you again for your support.

We have one final favor to ask. Are you a Costco or other big box store customer? An item frequently requested by our guests is a roll of toilet paper. If, on your next visit to a big box store, you could purchase a large size package of toilet paper for FF&F, it would be greatly appreciated. You may drop off a package of toilet paper (or any other wish list donation) any time that the rectory is open, or at FF&F on Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday, or after Mass on Sunday. Many thanks!





## 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))

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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

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



## St. Joseph's Day Thanks!

A warm word of thanks to all who attended and participated in our St. Joseph's Mass & Dinner on Tuesday, March 19. Thanks to all who made this liturgy extra special. Thanks to Termini Bros Bakery in South Philly for donating their delicious zeppole (St. Joseph's cakes). And a special thanks to Joe Casey and his volunteer crew for the wonderful dinner served in Barbelin Hall.

Photos courtesy of Nik Sizgorich.

*Thank you*

Our thanks to Ron Piselli of the Ronald Rex Piselli Funeral Chapels for furnishing the antique ciborium and veil for our Holy Thursday Mass.



**Catholic History Lecture:** The American Catholic Historical Society's (264 S. 4th Street) annual Spring Lecture will be held on Tuesday, April 16, with dinner at 6pm and lecture at 7pm. Dr. Daniel Cosacchi (University of Scranton) will speak on his book, Great American Prophets: Pope Francis's Models of Christian Life. The cost is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. To register, visit [amchs.org](http://amchs.org).

## FINANCIAL INFO

### Offertory for the week ending March 24, 2024

Daily Mass Collection	\$65.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$365.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$5,262.15
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,505.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$8,197.15</b>

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**The Collection for Good Friday supports  
Christian efforts in the Holy Land.  
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### 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



### 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!



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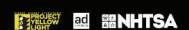
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*Our Father who art in Heaven,  
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On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who  
trespass against us;  
And lead us not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

