

# Old St. Joseph's Church

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April 7, 2024 | The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Easter (B)



## Today's Gospel: John 12:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have

you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

Artwork: *Doubting Thomas* (1660) Mattia Preti



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## This Week at Old St. Joseph's

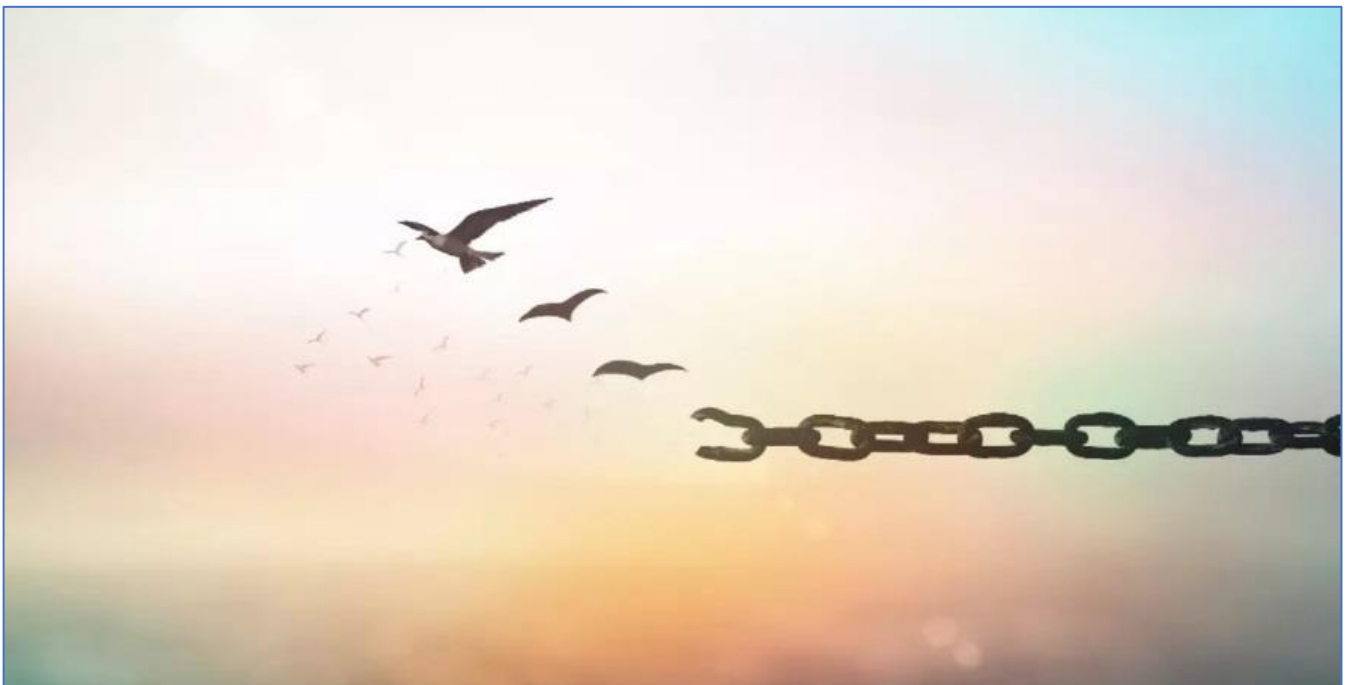
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Tues	12:05 PM	Brian O'Neill (D) Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)	
Wed	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
Thurs	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)	
			7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal & RCIA (Drexel)	
Fri	12				
Sat			10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)	
Sun	7:30 AM	<i>Barbara Campbell (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	5:00 PM	Zoom Vespers	
	9:30 AM	<i>Mary M. Convery (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ			

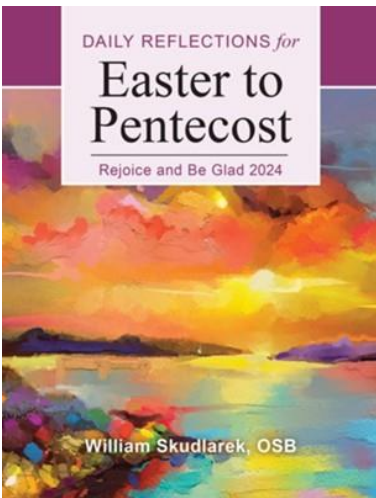
### OSJ PRAYER LIST

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 April 2024

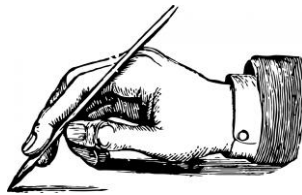


**OSJ Children's Choir-** Rehearsals began on March 10<sup>th</sup>. The children will sing on Sunday April 21 at 9:30 AM Mass. All children are welcome to join the choir. To register please email Nina Vitullo at vitullon@oldstjoseph.org.

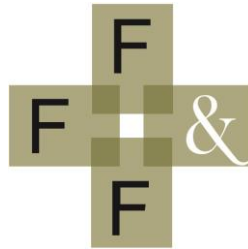
**Thank you for your generosity and commitment to OSJ's children's programming!**

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

**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!



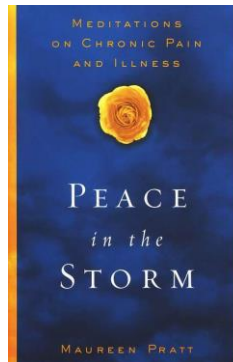
Former OSJ Parishioner, **Paul Clement**, husband of Flo Marianni, will have a memorial showing of his drawings at the Plastic Club, 247 S. Camac St., Philadelphia, on Sunday, April 28, 2024, from 2 to 5PM.



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!



### Peace in the Storm' Webinar to Support Adults with Chronic Pain and Illness: April 11, 2024.

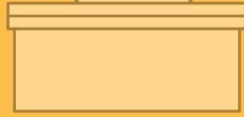
The Office for Life and Family has partnered with the Office for Persons with Disabilities to launch the Peace in the Storm Project. This initiative provides parishes throughout the five-county Archdiocese of Philadelphia with a model of spiritual and pastoral accompaniment to assist adults coping with chronic pain and illness. The effort will kick off with a Zoom webinar on Thursday, April 11 at either 2:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. (participant's choice) hosted by Maureen Pratt, MTS, MFA, author, speaker, and Founder and Executive Director of the Peace in the Storm Project. To register and for more information about the webinar on April 11, [please click here.](#)



### OSJ Sunday Vespers on Zoom: Every Sunday at 5PM, we offer a Zoom Vespers/Evening Prayer for anyone interested. If you are not already an active

participant and would like to be, please contact Stephen Paesani at spaesani@gmail.com and he will send you the Zoom link.

# PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS



## **Old St. Joseph's Parish Pastoral Council: Rationale, Role of Elected Council Members, Election Schedule for This Year**

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia encourages every parish to have a Parish Pastoral Council that will “foster full participation of the entire parish in the pastoral life and mission of the parish and of the Universal Church.” The Old Saint Joseph’s Parish Pastoral Council currently consists of eleven members, including the Pastor, one ex officio member from the Parish Finance Council, and six elected members.

The Pastoral Council advises the pastor, assists in pastoral planning, and represents the rest of the community to the Pastor. Pastoral planning may include developing a long-term pastoral plan and addressing our community’s organization and programs. The Pastoral Council communicates with and cooperates with the Finance Council as needed.

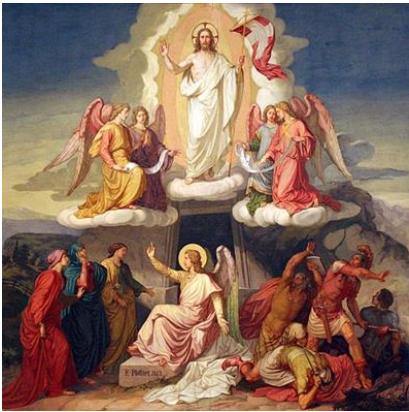
The Pastoral Council meets monthly except for one month in summer and meets in extraordinary sessions as needed. In addition, members seek out parishioners’ opinions, ideas and increased participation through personal outreach and attendance at parish-wide listening sessions. Members may be asked to communicate with parish ministries or committees, or with appropriate representatives of other organizations and ministries. Council members should expect to devote an average of two hours per week to Council activities. All seats to be filled or reelected will be for a term of three years, starting June 1, 2024, renewable once.

## **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBER**

- Two years registered as a parish member
- Regular mass attendance
- Active participation in a parish ministry, committee, and/or community. The bulletin lists most parish ministries, communities, and committees that can serve as a reference.
- Candidate nomination comes from a fellow parishioner. Self-nominations are not permitted.

## **NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCESS**

- Three seats on the Pastoral Council will be filled.
- Nominations will open on April 7 and close on April 21.
- To nominate, please first consult that person to make sure they are willing to stand for election.
- Please submit the person’s full name and either phone number or email address, to the Parish Pastoral Council’s email address, [osjpc@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:osjpc@oldstjoseph.org).
- Paper nomination forms, available in the back of the church beginning on April 7, can be filled out and left in the collection basket or in the parish office.
- Nominees will be vetted for minimum qualifications and ballots prepared. Each candidate is asked to submit a photo and a brief election statement for publication in Bulletin and website.
- Voting begins on May 5 and will close on May 19.
- Every registered parishioner eighteen years of age or older is eligible to vote.
- Voting is online at the parish website; a security code procedure is explained at the web site.
- Assistance with voting by computer and cell phone will be available in Barbelin Hall on Sundays May 5 and 19.
- Election results will be announced on the Parish website as soon as possible thereafter.



**THANK YOU!** Our deepest gratitude for all those who served our community through the Holy Week liturgies: the acolytes, ushers, eucharistic ministers, lectors, cantors, choir, and music ministers; those who washed feet, carried in the blessed oils, rang the bell, or stripped the altar; those who bore in the Cross; those who cleaned and decorated the church and contributed for flowers and music; those who provided hospitality after the Easter Masses and arranged the Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

*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.

## MUSIC AT OSJ

**Classical Guitar Concert at OSJ:** All are cordially invited to 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.



**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).



**LGBTQ Prayer Group** – All are invited to join a monthly prayer group beginning on April 21st. The group will meet every third Sunday after the 11:30 AM Mass and coffee hour. Please find Robert Lord-Schell at coffee hour who will lead the group to the Loyola Room at 1:30

PM. The meetings will consist of prayer, scripture reading and discussion. Contact Robert Lord-Schell at [Robert.lord.schell@icloud.com](mailto:Robert.lord.schell@icloud.com) for more details. We hope you will join us.

## FINANCIAL INFO

The Easter and Holy Week collections will be published on April 21 to allow time for late contributions. Thank you for your continued support of Old St. Joseph's Church.

### MARCH Collection Comparison

March 2023: \$31,577

March 2024: \$35,332

**NOTE:** March 2024 shows an increase of \$3,755 or 11.89% over March 2023.

Fiscal Year to Date collections are up \$27,675 or 8.96% 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



### Welcome to Ignatian.info!

We are excited to announce the launch of a new online resource from the Office of Ignatian Spirituality called Ignatian.info. What is Ignatian Spirituality? Where does it come from? And how do I practice it? Ignatian.info is a collection of resources and information on twelve foundational topics in the Ignatian tradition. Under each topic we offer a handful of the best articles, books, videos, podcasts, experiential opportunities, and other resources. There are so many good sources out there. These are the ones we have found most helpful. If Ignatian spirituality is entirely new to you, [this website is for you](http://thiswebsiteisforyou.com). If you have practiced Ignatian spirituality for years, many of these resources can help you find God in new ways — we also hope you'll share it with your friends who would like to learn more about Ignatian spirituality.

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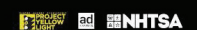
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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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.*

