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April 21, 2024 | The 4th Sunday in Easter (B)



Today's Gospel: John 10:11-18

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."



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	22			
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Geraldine Marren & Family (D)</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)
23		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Wed	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>		
24		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Thurs	12:05 PM	<i>Our FF&F Guests (L)</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)
25		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal (Barbelin)
Fri			5:00 PM	Wedding reh: Mellon & Shallish
26				
Sat			10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)
27			3:30 PM	Wedding: Mellon & Shallish
Sun	7:30 AM	<i>John Carson Jr (D)</i>	9:30 AM	First Holy Communion at Mass
28		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:15 AM	Women, Faith & Fellowship (Drexel)
	9:30 AM	<i>Barbara Ann Berger (D)</i>	10:30 AM	YAC Scripture (Greaton)
		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	5:00 PM	Zoom Vespers
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Surovick SJ		



Care for Creation Committee Earth Week Activities Integrating Care for Creation and Care for the Poor

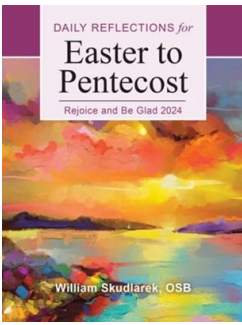
The Care for Creation Committee at Old St Joseph's Church seeks to respond to the goals cited in the Laudato Si' Action Platform, the first two of which are "respond to the cry of the earth" and "respond to the cry of the poor." As a parish grounded in the Jesuit charism we are also called to respond to the Universal Apostolic Preferences. Two key elements are, "working together to care for the earth, our common home," and "walking with the poor, the outcasts of the world, and those whose dignity has been violated, in the mission of reconciliation and justice." ...continued... [For a complete copy of this 2-page report, please take a copy located in the back of the church.](#)

OSJ PRAYER LIST

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

George Westby, 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 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.



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

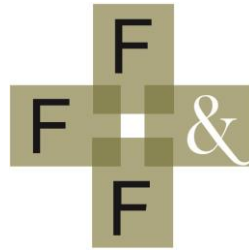
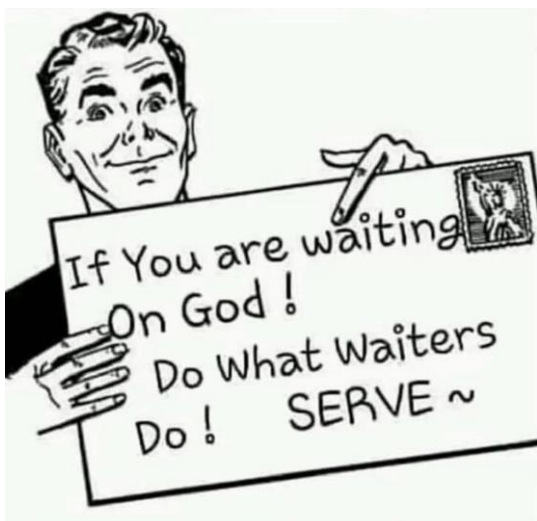
daily Scripture readings, is written by William Skudlarek, OSB. Subtitled "Rejoice and Be Glad," each entry includes suggestions for applying the passages to your own life. **There are still copies available in the back of the church!**



Please join us at the 9:30 AM Mass on April 21 to hear the OSJ Children's Choir sing. Our

parish children have been working hard and are looking forward to sharing a special Easter song with the congregation. We look forward to hearing the children's voices lifted in song. Coffee Hour will immediately follow all Masses on April 21st. The 9:30 AM coffee hour, hosted by the Boyland family will feature special offerings for children. **Note: The 7:30 and 11:30 AM coffee hours will be co-hosted by the Friendship Circle and Parish Council.**

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!



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!

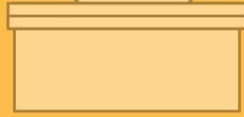
The OSJ Reading Group will meet next on Tuesday, 7 May at 7.30 p.m. We will meet in person in the Loyola Room of the rectory. Our book for the month is Marilynne Robinson: Reading Genesis. New members are welcome. Contact Carol Shloss: shlosscarol@gmail.com



MANNA CANNED FOOD DRIVE: May 5 – 19. Every

spring, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's Nutritional Development Services (NDS) holds its Manna Food Drive. Manna grocery bags will be available in the back of the church beginning on May 5. Please bring your bags filled with canned goods to the church or rectory between May 12 - 19. **Canned food items in greatest need are beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups, and pork & beans.** For more info: www.nutritionaldevelopmentservices.org. Thank you!

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS



TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY TO NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR COUNCIL

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

- Two seats are expired; of these, one incumbent will stand for reelection and one seat has become open. In addition, two Council members have resigned. Therefore, we will vote for four seats this year.
- 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.
- 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.

MUSIC AT OSJ

TODAY! Classical Guitar Concert

Sunday, April 21 at 3PM: All are invited today, Sunday, to a highlight of our Spring music season here at OSJ! Xingxing Yao and Muxin Li, 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. Hoping you will join us today!



For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me... Blessing Bag Initiative- OSJ will be creating Blessing Bags for our sisters and brothers in need in our city and we need your help! If your company or place of business supports local charitable endeavors, we would love to partner with you. Our Blessing Bag initiative will give children the opportunity to learn about volunteerism and faith and justice by packaging "Blessing Bags" for unhoused persons. The bags will contain the items most needed and information on where to receive homeless services. The bag will then be available to our parishioners to distribute on their daily walks around the city or through group events. If you would like to host a drive for items at your place of business or partner on this worthwhile initiative, please contact Nina Vitullo at vitullon@oldstjoseph.org. OSJ is a 501C3 charitable organization.



LGBTQ Prayer Group – All are invited to join a monthly prayer group beginning TODAY 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 for more details. We hope you will join us.

On Sunday, April 28th at the 9:30am Mass, we will celebrate First Holy Communion for seven of our children! Several pews in the front of the church will be reserved for them and their immediate families. Please plan ahead and arrive early due to the larger crowds expected for this liturgy. Thank you!

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FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending April 14, 2024

Daily Mass Collection	\$13.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$30.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$5,122.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,671.00
Total Collection:	\$7,836.00

Thank you for your support of
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2023/2024 Easter Collection Comparison

2024 Easter Collection Total:	\$27,325.00
2023 Easter Collection Total:	\$25,746.00

Thank You!

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



WOMEN

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

Please Join Us! The Women, Faith and Fellowship Committee

invites women of the parish and female guests to gather for "Coffee and Conversation" on **Sunday, April 28th from 10 AM to 11:15 AM** in the Drexel Parlor in the Rectory. Looking forward to seeing you. Please RSVP to wff@oldstjoseph.org.

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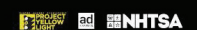
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THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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.*

