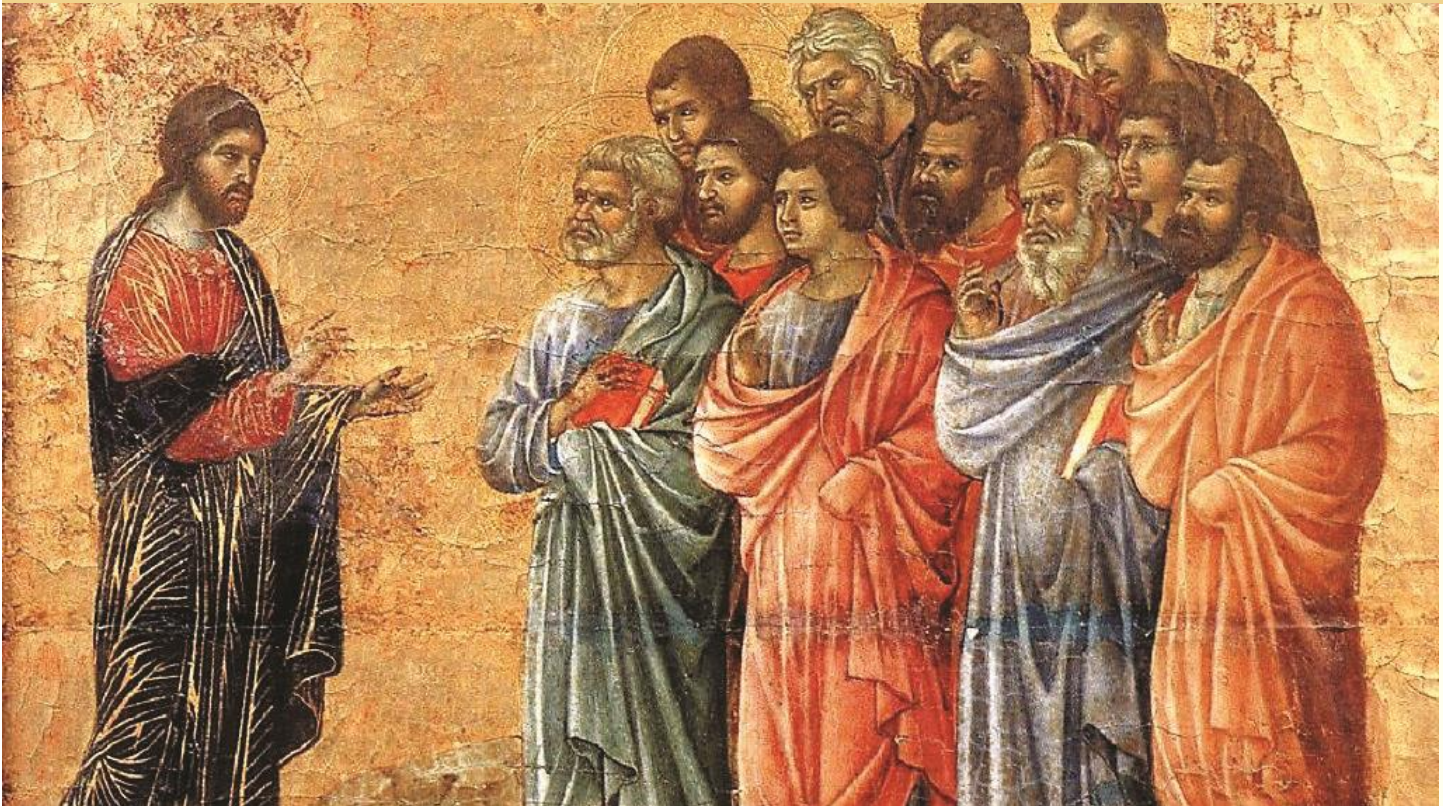


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April 14, 2024 | The 3rd Sunday in Easter (B)



Today's Gospel: Luke: 24:35-48

Christ Appears to the Disciples on the Mountain in Galilee – Buoninsegna di Duccio (d.-1319)

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."



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	15			
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>T.V. Whitfield (D)</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)
16		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Wed	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>		
17		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Thurs	12:05 PM	<i>Giancarlo Mazzoleni (D)</i>	9:30 AM	St. Mary's School Mass (Church)
18		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)
			2:00 PM	Baptism (Church)
			5:00 PM	Wedding reh: Walsh & Pelszynski
			7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal (Barbelin)
Fri			2:30 PM	Wedding: Walsh & Pelszynski
19			5:00 PM	Wedding reh: Siegmund & Dougherty
Sat			10:00 AM	First Reconciliation (Church)
20				Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)
			3:00 PM	Wedding: Siegmund & Dougherty
Sun	7:30 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	All Masses	Coffee Hours
21		Presider: Fr. Bur SJ	9:30 AM	Children Sing During Mass
	9:30 AM	<i>Henry Burk Sullivan (D)</i>	1:30 PM	LGBTQ Prayer Group (Loyola Rm)
		Presider: Fr. Bur SJ	3:00 PM	Curtis Concert (Church)
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	5:00 PM	Zoom Vespers



Join the members and friends of IVC Philadelphia/South Jersey for a memorable night with Frida Berrigan, a compelling voice for peace and justice.

When: May 9th, 2024, 6:30 PM

Where: Church of the Gesu - 1733 W Girard Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19130

Tickets: \$50 each

The oldest daughter of Philip Berrigan and Elizabeth McAlister, Frida was raised in the Jonah House community in Baltimore. As members of various "Plowshares" nonviolent civil disobedience actions, her parents were incarcerated repeatedly, serving eleven years between them over the course of their twenty-nine-year marriage.

Frida's own journey of advocacy and urban farming encapsulates the spirit of service and community activism with which she was raised. In her book, "It Runs In The Family: On Being Raised by Radicals and Growing into Rebellious Motherhood," she offers unique insights into living

a life rooted in conviction and compassionate action.

This event promises not only an inspiring talk but also a chance to mingle and reflect over coffee, dessert, and drinks at our reception following the presentation.

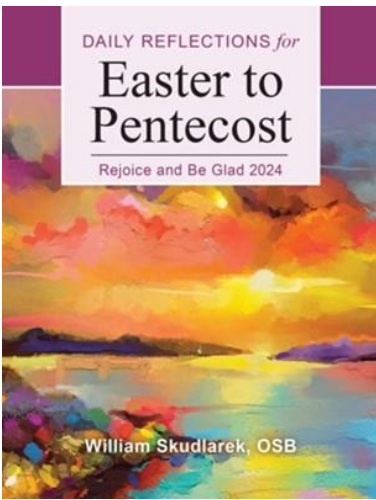
To register or learn more about sponsorship opportunities, visit ivcusa.org/Frida-Berrigan or contact John Green, IVC Philadelphia/South Jersey Director, at jgreen@ivcusa.org or 215-839-8415.

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. **There are still copies available in the back of the church!**

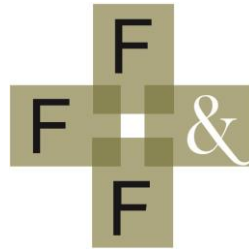


Please join us at the 9:30 AM Mass on April 21 to hear the OSJ Children's Choir sing. Our parish children have been working hard and are looking forward to sharing a special Easter song with the congregation. We look forward to hearing the children's voices lifted in song. Coffee Hour will immediately 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!



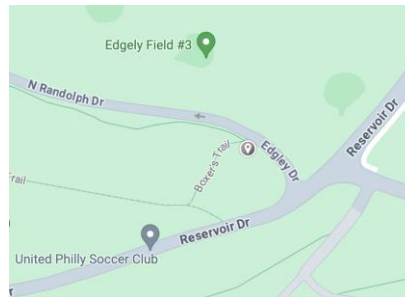
Former OSJ Parishioner, **Paul Clement**, husband of Flo Marianni, will have a memorial showing of his drawings at the Plastic Club, 247 S. Camac St., Philadelphia, on Sunday, April 28, 2024, from 2 to 5PM.



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!



YOUNG adults

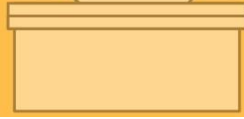
April Hike in Fairmount Park; Saturday, April 20, 10:00am: Join OSJ

YAC for a spring morning hike through a Fairmount Park trail. We will walk the Boxer's Train and meet at the corners of Edgley Drive and Reservoir Drive - front of the Boxer's Trail in East Fairmount Park. Contact osjyac@gmail.com for more information and call Danielle at 908-461-8066 to if you need help finding the group.

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



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

- 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

Classical Guitar Concert next Sunday, April 21: All are invited to a musical highlight of our Spring season here at OSJ! Next Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 3:00 PM 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 in the beautiful setting and superb acoustics of our church. Music will include 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.

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.



Learn about the fascinating history of Old St. Joseph's Church: The only Catholic Church legally allowed to practice public Mass in the British Empire. Sun. April 14 at 2:00 pm in the Church. All are invited. Parishioner,

Tish Byrne will talk about the people who loved "the little church in the Alley" and stories behind them.



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 for more details.

We hope you will join us.

FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending April 7, 2024

Daily Mass Collection	\$6.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$305.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$5,515.50
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,384.00
Total Collection:	\$8,210.50

Thank you for your support of
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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

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!



WOMEN

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP 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.

Please Join Us! The Women, Faith and Fellowship Committee invites women of the parish and female guests

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

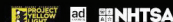


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*Our Father who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who
trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation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

