

Old St. Joseph's Church

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April 28, 2024 | The 5th Sunday in Easter (B)



Today's Gospel: John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:
"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."



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	29				
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)	
30		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
Wed	12:05 PM	<i>Steve Durkin (D)</i>			
1		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
Thurs	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)	
2		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal (Barbelin)	
Fri			5:00 PM	Wedding reh: Baron & Barone	
3					
Sat			10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)	
4			3:00 PM	Wedding: Baron & Barone	
Sun	7:30 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	7:30 AM	Anointing during Mass	
5		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:30 AM	YAC Scripture (Greaton)	
	9:30 AM	<i>Edward & Mary Britt Family (D)</i>	1:30 PM	Group Baptisms	
		Presider: Fr. Donaldson SJ	5:00 PM	Zoom Vespers	
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Donaldson 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.



Catholic History Lecture: On Tuesday, May 7 at 7:00pm, the American Catholic Historical Society (263 S. 4th Street) is pleased to have Mr. Leo Vaccaro speak on “St. Joseph’s, Philadelphia, During the Civil War,”

which will discuss the pro-Union stance of the city’s Jesuit missions. The event is FREE and open to the public, with an option for in-person or online attendance. Please visit amchs.org to register.

Ministry Schedule

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: the May 2024 schedule is now posted online! Please log in through the app or the link on the parish website to volunteer now for upcoming assignments in your ministry. **NEW VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!** Your active participation (at least once every month) is a vital part of our sacred liturgies. Thank you for your faithful service to your parish! Thank you! +AMDG!

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, 24th and Poplar Sts., Philadelphia (near Girard College) in celebration of Mother’s Day, invites you to “One Faith – Many Voices: Hail, Full of Grace”, a concert of sacred music drawn from both Eastern and Western Christian traditions honoring the Mother of Our Lord and commemorating mothers everywhere. Composers from the Eastern tradition include Bortniansky, Hurko, Tavener and Lysenko; from the Western tradition, Gorczycki, Hassler, Aichinger, Gibbons and Allen. **Save the date: Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 12, at 4:00 p.m.** Tickets are bargain-priced at \$15 at the door. Ticket sales support the parish’s special outreach to Ukrainian refugees living here and humanitarian aid to the people of Ukraine. Light refreshments are included. Consider treating your mother, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers and their families to a concert on their special day. We hope to see you there! Limited on-site parking, free on-street parking. Septa bus routes 7 and 15 are nearby.

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



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

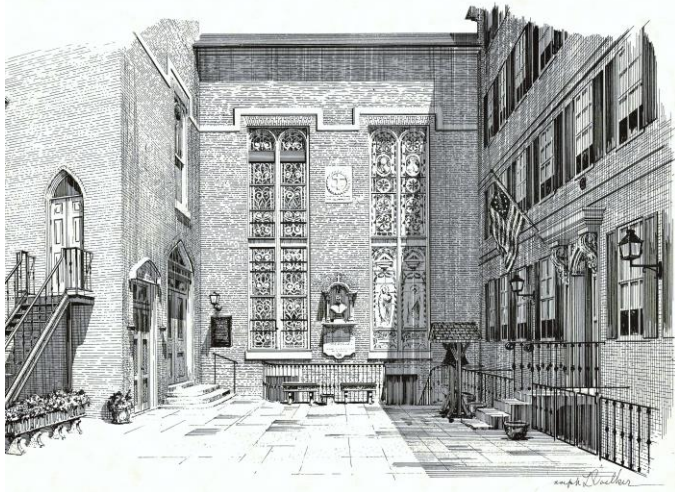
The Archdiocese of Philadelphia encourages every parish to have a Parish Pastoral Council that will “foster full participation of the entire parish in the pastoral life and mission of the parish and of the Universal Church.” The Old Saint Joseph’s Parish Pastoral Council currently consists of eleven 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. Two seats are expiring; 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.

ELECTION PROCESS

- The nomination phase has ended. 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 on 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.



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)

In Residence Br. Robert Carson SJ

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Christine Szczepanowski (prep@oldstjoseph.org)

Faith, Food & Friends Director

Deborah Hluchan (faithandfriends@oldstjoseph.org)

Parish Pastoral Council

Pastor, Fr. Francis Hannafey; Chair, John Bitterman
Secretary, Nina Vitullo (osjpc@oldstjoseph.org)

Parish Finance Council

Paul Shay, chair

Historic Preservation Corporation Board

Fr. Francis Hannafey SJ, president
Barry Eiswerth, chair

Adult Education

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Friendship Circle (former Eldership Committee)

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Ushers and Scheduling

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Nina Vitullo (clow@oldstjoseph.org)

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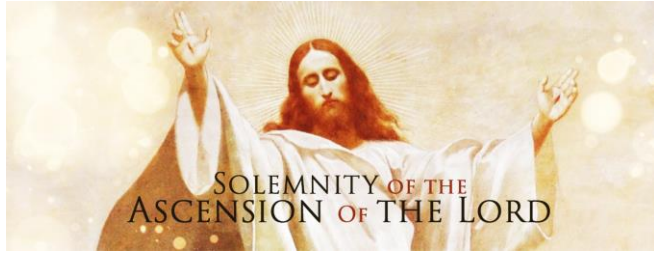
Deborah Hluchan and Mary Freedman
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Social Justice Committee

Sarah Johnson & Bob Culleton
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Care for Creation Committee

Bill Stigliani (careforcreation@oldstjoseph.org)



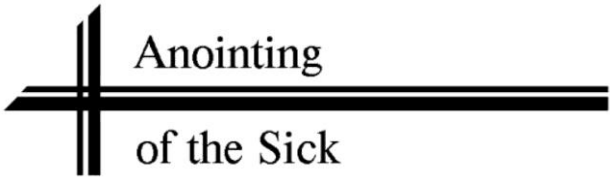
SOLEMNITY OF THE
ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Ascension Thursday, May 9, 2024
Mass at 12:05 PM

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.



Friendship Circle Happy Hour: Join us for a Saturday afternoon Happy Hour on May 11th at Independence Beer Garden (100 South Independence Mall West - on 6th Street between Market and Chestnut Streets). Happy Hour is from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM with \$5 beers; \$6 for a glass of wine and \$7 cocktails. Bar food is available at a cost ranging between \$5 and \$7. Join us for an afternoon of good cheer, friendship, and great conversation.



**Anointing
of the Sick**

The next Anointing of the Sick will take place during the 7:30 AM Mass next weekend, May 5.

FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending April 21, 2024

Daily Mass Collection	\$10.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$545.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,946.50
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$3,297.00
Total Collection:	\$8,798.50

Thank you for supporting Old St. Joseph's Church.



2023/2024 Easter Collection Comparison

2024 Easter Collection Total:	\$27,525.00
2023 Easter Collection Total:	\$25,746.00

Thank You!

***Second Collection Next Weekend, May 5:
Catholic Home Missions. Please give generously.***

MARCH Collection Comparison

<u>March 2023: \$31,577</u>
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!



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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THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
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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.*

