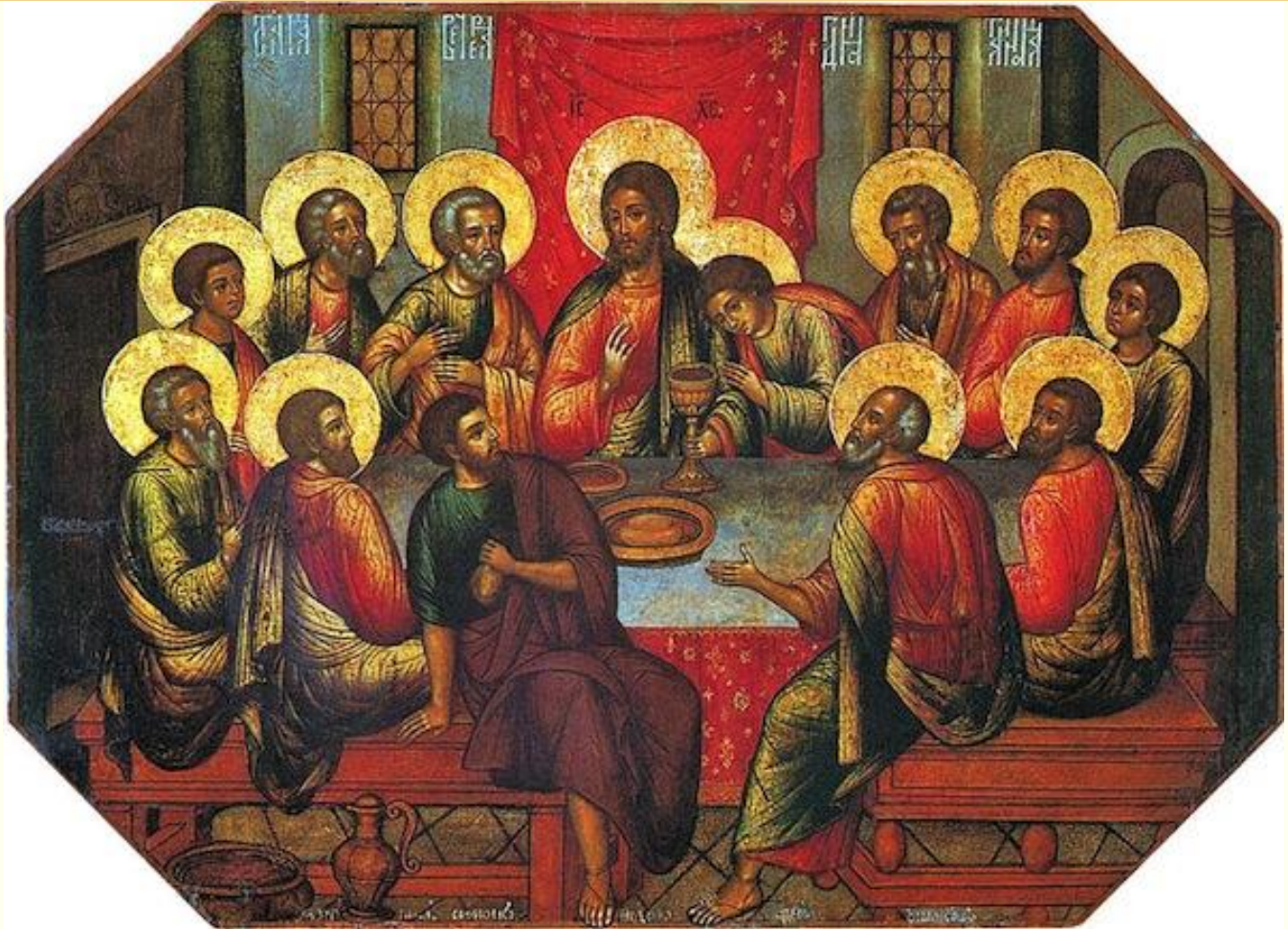


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May 5, 2024 | The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter (B)



## Today's Gospel: John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."



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	6				
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Deceased Members of the Whitfield Family</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)	
7		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
Wed	12:05 PM	<i>T.V. Whitfield (D)</i>			
8		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
Thurs	12:05 PM	<b>ASCENSION THURSDAY</b> <i>Holyday – No Announced Mass</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	9:30 AM	St. Mary's School Mass	
9			12:05 PM	Ascension Day Noon Mass	
			10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)	
			7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal (Barbelin)	
			5:00 PM	Wedding reh: Gallagher & Pennacchia	
Fri	10				
Sat				10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)
11				3:00 PM	Wedding: Gallagher & Pennacchia
Sun	7:30 AM	<i>Our FF&amp;F Guests (L)</i>	12:30 PM	Women & the Church (Barbelin)	
12		Presider: Fr. Bur SJ	5:00 PM	Zoom Vespers	
	9:30 AM	<i>Winifred Grace (D)</i>			
		Presider: Fr. Bur SJ			
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Hannafey 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 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.*



**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](http://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](mailto:shlosscarol@gmail.com)



## VOTING STARTS TODAY, MAY 5 and ENDS SUNDAY, MAY 19.

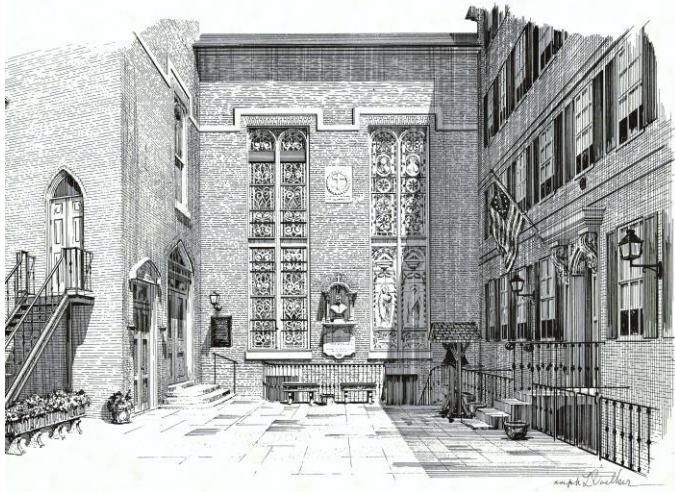
The Old Saint Joseph’s Parish Pastoral Council currently consists of eleven members, including the Pastor, one ex officio member from the Parish Finance Council, and six elected members.

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

- Voting begins today, May 5 and closes on May 19. There are nine candidates and their printed pictures with bios are available in the back of the church or on the website.
- Every registered parishioner eighteen years of age or older is eligible to vote and can vote for four of the nine candidates.
- 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](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))

**In Residence** Br. Robert Carson SJ

### Business Manager

Eric German ([germane@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:germane@oldstjoseph.org))

### Director of Music

Mark Bani ([music@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:music@oldstjoseph.org))

### Pastoral Associate for Weddings

Donna Soultoukis ([dsoultoukis@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:dsoultoukis@oldstjoseph.org))

**Parish Offices** ([office@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:office@oldstjoseph.org))

### PREP & Baptism Coordinator

Christine Szczepanowski ([prep@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:prep@oldstjoseph.org))

### Faith, Food & Friends Director

Deborah Hluchan ([faithandfriends@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:faithandfriends@oldstjoseph.org))

### Parish Pastoral Council

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

Fr. Francis Hannafey SJ, president  
Barry Eiswerth, chair

### Adult Education

Rita O'Brien and Jeanmarie Zippo  
([adulthood@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:adulthood@oldstjoseph.org))

### Friendship Circle (former Eldership Committee)

John Welsh ([friendshipcircle@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:friendshipcircle@oldstjoseph.org))

### Parish Life

Joe Casey ([parishlife@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:parishlife@oldstjoseph.org))

### Ignatian Spirituality and Formation

John Bitterman ([osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org))

### Women, Faith and Fellowship

Rana McNamara ([wff@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:wff@oldstjoseph.org))

### Young Adult Community

Danielle Critelli ([osjyac@gmail.com](mailto:osjyac@gmail.com))

### Altar Servers

Len Mancini ([altarserver@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:altarserver@oldstjoseph.org))

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Bill Stewart ([EM@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:EM@oldstjoseph.org))

### Homebound Ministry

Dennis Faucher ([homeEM@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:homeEM@oldstjoseph.org))

### Hospital Ministry

TBA ([office@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:office@oldstjoseph.org))

### Lectors

Kathleen Catanese ([lectors@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:lectors@oldstjoseph.org))

### Ushers and Scheduling

Nikola Sizgorich ([ushers@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:ushers@oldstjoseph.org))

### Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Nina Vitullo ([clow@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:clow@oldstjoseph.org))

### Faith, Food and Friends:

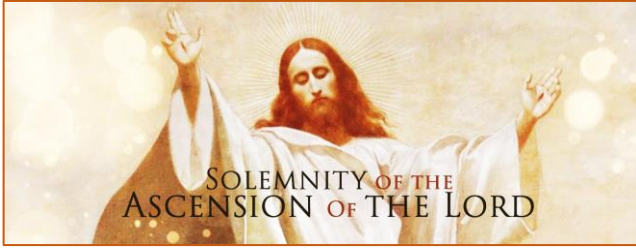
Deborah Hluchan and Mary Freedman  
([faithandfriends@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:faithandfriends@oldstjoseph.org))

### Social Justice Committee

Sarah Johnson & Bob Culleton  
([socialjustice@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:socialjustice@oldstjoseph.org))

### Care for Creation Committee

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



### Ascension Thursday, May 9, 2024

Mass at 12:05 PM

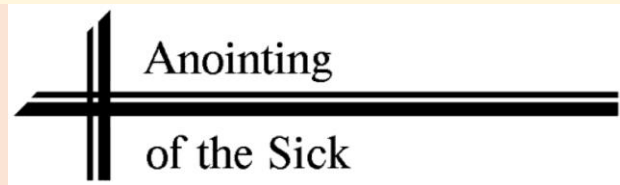
Relaxed parking is available. Please us a parking notice.

**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.



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

## FINANCIAL INFO

### Offertory for the week ending April 28, 2024

Daily Mass Collection	\$30.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$110.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,238.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$3,264.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$7,642.00</b>

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

### Second Collection This Weekend, May 5th

#### Catholic Home Missions

**Please give as generously as you are able.**

The following collections are active on our

**Online Giving and Text-to-Give sites:**

Catholic Home Missions and Ascension

For Text-to-Give (215-929-7151) the keywords are **Missions and Ascension**

### APRIL Collection Comparison

April 2023: \$31,975

April 2024: \$32,477

**NOTE:** April 2024 shows an increase of \$502 or 1.57% over April 2023.  
Fiscal Year to Date: Collections are up \$28,177 or 8.27% over FY2023.

**Thank you for your continued support of OSJ!**



### 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](http://www.nutritionaldevelopmentservices.org). Thank you!

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father who art in Heaven,  
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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.*

