

Old St. Joseph's Church

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June 16, 2024 | The 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)



Today's Gospel Reading: Mark 4:26-34

The Sower at Sunset (1888) Vincent Van Gogh

Jesus said to the crowds: "This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come."

He said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.



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	17				
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)	
Wed	12:05 PM	<i>Giancarlo Mazzoleni (D)</i> Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ			
Thurs	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)	
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Fri			3:00 PM	Wedding: Lutus & Buccieri	
Sat			10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin Hall)	
Sun	7:30 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	After all	PARISH COUNCIL	
	9:30 AM	<i>Cyrus C Convery (D) OSJ Benefactor</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	Masses	LISTENING SESSIONS IN BARBELIN HALL	
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Donaldson SJ	5:00 PM	Zoom Vespers	

OSJ PRAYER LIST

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

Grazyna Kolondra, Linda Piantoni, Larry Carlin, 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, Michael Nardi, Michael Paesani, Rosario Lamberto, Gina Hil, Mary Beggy, Paul Smith, Susanna Mazzoleni, Rosemarie Greco, Anne Morrissey, John Butts, Nik Sizgorich, Allen May

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.



The Ignatian Spirituality & Formation Committee Invites You to a Parish Ignatian Directed Retreat Weekend:

"COME AND YOU WILL SEE." —John 1:39

What: *Silent Retreat with Individual Spiritual Direction* Daily meeting with Director, Mass, Sacrament of Reconciliation; Private Individual Rooms, Gardens for outdoor walking and prayer. Although this is a silent directed retreat to allow you to tune in more deeply to the voice of God, our group will have a welcoming meeting upon arrival and a talking dinner as well as a talking lunch on Sunday with a room for us to meet afterward and discuss our experiences, if desired.

When and Where: Friday, October 25 (4:00 PM) to Sunday, Oct. 27 (Lunch) at Saint Raphaela Center, 616 Coopertown Road, Haverford, PA

Price: \$250 (includes lodging and meals and private individual rooms)

Transportation: Car (Parking Available), Train

For more information and to reserve your space, email us at osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org

NOTE: This is a popular retreat, and it fills up fast so please get back to us with questions or reservations as soon as you can. We hope you will consider joining us! **AMDG**

OSJ PARISH COUNCIL 2024 ELECTION RESULTS

On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council, I would like to thank the candidates that were nominated and stood for election to the Council. We were blessed with a wonderful group of parishioners that represented a wide array of our ministries and committees, as well as attendance at all of our Sunday masses. We had a very strong voter turnout from our registered parishioners, and I want to thank all that participated in voting. This is a good time to remind those that have not yet registered with OSJ to take a few minutes and do so! It does afford you the right to be nominated and vote in future elections.

I am pleased to report the results as follows: Nina Vitullo has been re-elected, and Emily Sheehan, Roman Galas and Marie Jovino have been elected to three-year terms. In addition, Fr. Hannafey has appointed Robert Lord-Schell as a Pastoral Appointment. Congratulations to all and we look forward to the many contributions that they will make on behalf of our parish.

Regards,
John Bitterman
OSJ Parish Pastoral Council, Chair



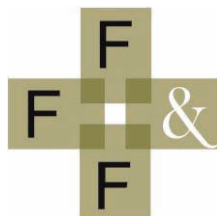
Nina Vitullo Roman Galas Marie Jovino



Emily Sheehan Robert Lord-Schell



If you need assistance to modify a recurring donation or add a one-time donation (holyday or second collection) in your ParishSoft online giving account, please contact our business manager, Eric German, at germane@oldstjoseph.org or call 215-923-1733, ext 101 and Eric will be happy to assist you.



Faith, Food & Friends – Our Summertime Wishes

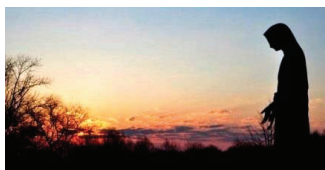
Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 60 or more hungry and housing-insecure guests come to Faith, Food & Friends for a home-cooked meal and other assistance.

Thanks to the generous support of OSJ parishioners and friends, FF&F can distribute socks, personal care items and toiletries to our guests weekly. To meet our guests' basic needs through the summer months, we especially need donations of the following items: Bar soap; Travel-size deodorant; and Disposable twin blade razors.

Please visit the Faith, Food & Friends Amazon wish list ([click here](#)) where you can find these essentials and other items that would be most appreciated by our guests. We ask that you consider supporting FF&F by placing an order for one or more wish list items to be delivered directly to OSJ. Or, if you prefer, you may purchase any wish list item and drop it off at the rectory during business hours.

In addition to items identified on the wish list, an item frequently requested by our guests is a roll of toilet paper. To assure that we have an adequate supply on hand to distribute a roll when requested, we are seeking donations of large size packages of toilet paper. These can be purchased most economically at big box stores and may be dropped off at OSJ any time that the rectory is open.

We thank you for your generous support of FF&F and our guests.



OSJ Sunday Vespers on Zoom:

Every Sunday at 5PM, we offer a Zoom Vespers -Evening Prayer for anyone interested. If you

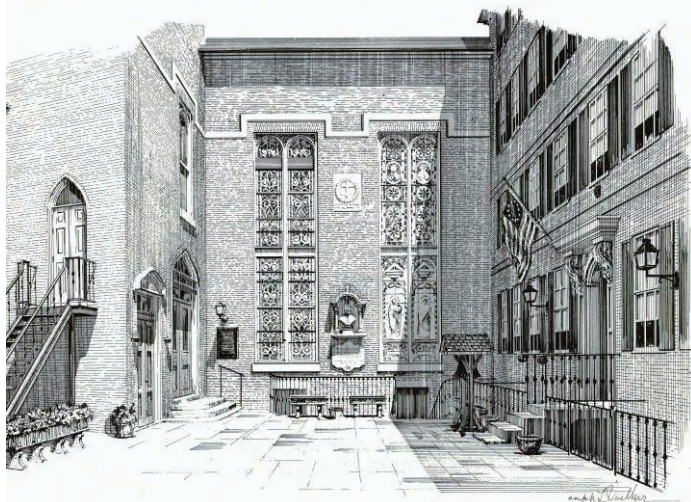
are not already an active participant and would like to be, please contact Stephen Paesani at spaesani@gmail.com and he will send you the Zoom link.



Help us welcome immigrants.

The Sisters of Saint Joseph Welcome Center is looking for volunteers to teach English and/or citizenship classes for adult learners. Classes are available during the day and

evening, online and in-person. In-person classes take place at our Center in the Kensington section of Philadelphia. Teaching experience is not required. Patience, a sense of humor, and a desire to teach and learn are essential. Classes begin in mid- September. Follow this link to a short survey to let us know your interest: <https://forms.gle/QZeT92JHNWmQ8AcG6>



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)

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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

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Social Justice Committee

Sarah Johnson & Bob Culleton
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Care for Creation Committee

Bill Stigliani (careforcreation@oldstjoseph.org)

LISTENING SESSIONS

The Parish Council will host Listening Sessions in Barbelin Hall after all the Masses next Sunday, June 23.



OSJ's Care for Creation committee, in collaboration with Faith, Food, and Friends (FF&F), has been selected to receive a Victory Knoll Sisters small grant award for \$1000. The funds will support the work being done by the FF&F guests ("the Freedom Gardeners") to care for the flower garden on the north lawn and the neighboring parks.

The National Constitution Center, located at 5th & Arch Streets, will be admission-free all day on Juneteenth – Wednesday, June 19th.



Join us for an outdoor Summer Solstice happy hour on Thursday, June 20th at Independence Beer Garden (100 South Independence Mall West - on 6th Street between Market and Chestnut Streets). Happy Hour is from 5:00 PM to 7:00 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 a late afternoon / early evening of good cheer, friendship, and great conversation.

FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending June 9, 2024

Daily Mass Collection	\$10.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$770.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,238.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$3,592.00
Total Collection:	\$8,610.00

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

Second Collection This Weekend!

The **Peter's Pence Collection** will be taken at all Masses this weekend, **June 16.**

The following collection is active on our Online Giving and Text-to-Give sites:

Peter's Pence Collection

For Text-to-Give (215-929-7151) the keyword is *PetersPence*

MAY COLLECTION COMPARISON

May 2023: \$29,037

May 2024: \$35,052

May 2024 shows an increase of \$6,015 or 20.71% over May 2023.

Fiscal Year to Date: Collections are up \$34,192 or 9.25% over FY2023.

Thank you for your continued support of OSJ!



LGBTQ Prayer Group – All are invited to join a monthly prayer group. Our next meeting is on June 16. The group meets 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 Drexel 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.



WOMEN

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP invites women of the parish and female guests to gather for "Coffee and Conversation" on Sunday, June 30th 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

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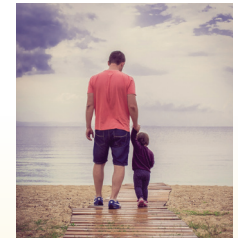
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THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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.*

