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August 25, 2024 | The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

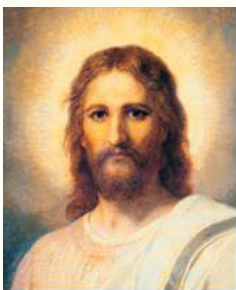


Christ and the Twelve Apostles – Hans Haider, 15<sup>th</sup> century

**Today's Gospel Reading:** John 6:60-69

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father."

As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."



**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](mailto: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**



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

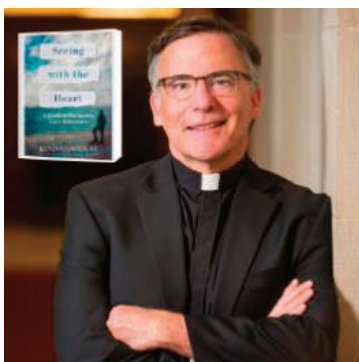
Date				
Mon	26			
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Loretta Ferry (D)</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin)
27		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Wed	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>		
28		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Thurs	12:05 PM	<i>Gabriella Passamonti (D)</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin)
29		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Fri	30			
Sat			10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin)
31				
Sun	7:30 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	7:30 AM	Anointing during Mass
1		Presider: Fr. Bur SJ	10:30 AM	Coffee Hour
	9:30 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	12:30PM	Coffee Hour
		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	5:00 PM	Zoom Vespers
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		

## OSJ PRAYER LIST

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

Dave Phelps, Gary Bushelli, Mary Lou Crompton, Joseph Kahriger Jr, Richard Swift, Grazyna Kolondra, Linda Piantoni, Larry Carlin, George Westby, Gloria Brull, Fran DelRe, Darla Himles, Aurelia Bond, Denise Domitrovic, Wayne Franks, Fr. Jerry McAndrews SJ, Sr. Maria Christi Drysdale GNSH, Greg Alexander, Bob Moore, Janice Moore, Michael Nardi, Rosario Lamberto, Gina Hil, Mary Beggy, Paul Smith, Susanna Mazzoleni, Rosemarie Greco, Anne Morrissey, John Butts, Allen May

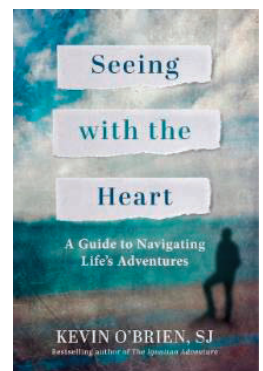
*Updating our Prayer List: Once a quarter, OSJ updates our parish prayer list. If you would like someone's name to remain on the prayer list, or to add a name, please call 215-923-1733.*



### ONE BOOK, ONE PARISH

## BOOK TALK & DISCUSSION

With Fr. Kevin O'Brien, SJ,  
author of *Seeing with the Heart*



The Ignatian Spirituality Committee invites all to attend a Book Talk & Discussion with Fr. Kevin O'Brien, SJ, author of this year's One Book, One Parish selection *Seeing with the Heart*. Fr. O'Brien will lead the discussion of his book, explore major themes, and allow for Q & A. A few copies of the book are still available for purchase for \$15.00

**Date:** Sunday, September 8

**Location:** OSJ, Barbelin Hall

**Time:** 12:30pm, immediately following 11:30 Mass

**Cost:** Free, a goodwill offering is appreciated

**Please RSVP by September 1** for the event by emailing: [osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org)



## IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Barbara Friedes was a beloved Chief Resident at CHOP. She tragically lost her life on July 17, 2024. Barbara was a member of OSJ's Young Adult Community. She will always be remembered as a beacon of shining light..... inspiring, guiding, and bringing hope to others. May her memory be an eternal blessing. May her love and light continue to guide us in our lives.



### American Catholic Historical Society Talk:

Spotlight on Local History: *The Sanctuary City* with Dr. Domenic Vitiello on **Sunday, September 15th, 2:00pm**. In this talk, Dr. Domenic Vitiello (University of Penn) will explore the meanings of sanctuary and the history of sanctuary cities and sanctuary movements in Greater Philadelphia and North America since the 1980s, including Catholic contributions to the movement. The talk is based on Dr. Vitiello's recent book, *The Sanctuary City: Immigrant, Refugee, and Receiving Communities in Postindustrial Philadelphia* (Cornell University Press, 2022). Listen In-person (263 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street) or Livestream. For more information, go to [www.amchs.org](http://www.amchs.org).



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## Ignatian.info

**Welcome to Ignatian.info!** We are excited to announce the launch of a new online resource from the Office of Ignatian Spirituality called Ignatian.info. What is Ignatian Spirituality? Where does it come from? And how do I practice it? Ignatian.info is a collection of resources and information on twelve foundational topics in the Ignatian tradition. Under each topic we offer a handful of the best articles, books, videos, podcasts, experiential opportunities, and other resources. There are so many good sources out there. These are the ones we have found most helpful. If Ignatian spirituality is entirely new to you, [this website is for you](#). If you have practiced Ignatian spirituality for years, many of these resources can help you find God in new ways — we also hope you'll share it with your friends who would like to learn more about Ignatian spirituality.



**LGBTQ Prayer Group** – All are invited to join a monthly prayer group. Our next meeting is on September 15. 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](mailto:Robert.lord.schell@icloud.com) for more details. We hope you will join us.

### Old Saint Joseph's New LGBTQ Prayer Group - Inspired by

**Catholic Synodality:** Robert Lord-Schell, a new member of our Parish Pastoral Council, says that he was inspired to organize our new LGBTQ prayer group in response to the presentation by a participant to the Vatican Synod discussions on LGBTQ issues. The participant, whom the Archdiocese of Philadelphia appointed to attend the Synod, expressed the opinion that healing needs to occur for both LGBTQ Catholics and the greater Catholic community due to past misunderstandings and miscommunication. This healing will only happen if the dialogue among them proceeds through synodal, prayerful communication, not only on a global level but also between individuals in the church. This message really made sense to Rob. He wanted to take this mission and put it into action by creating an inclusive LGBTQ prayer group here at Old Saint Joseph's.

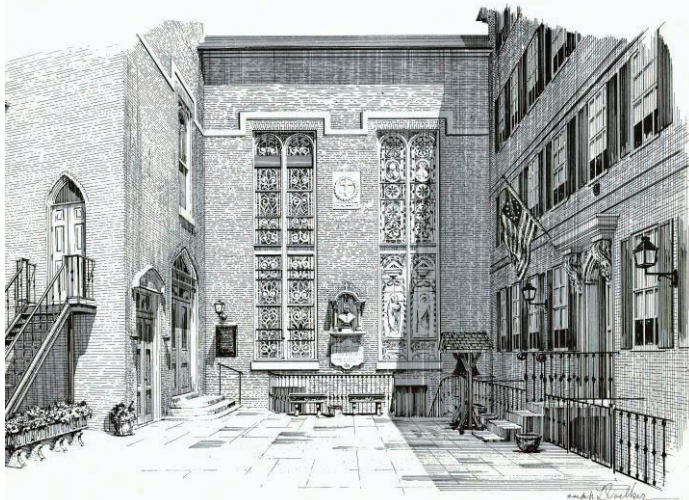
In starting the prayer group, Rob was determined not only to expand the inclusivity that our Parish values (our motto is "All Are Welcome Here") but also to build on Jesuit principles. He modeled the group on another LGBTQ prayer group at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Philadelphia that meets regularly for prayer, scripture reading, and discussion.

Rob began by bringing the idea to the Pastor and to the Parish Pastoral Council. The Pastor and Parish Council agreed that it was a promising idea. Rob reached out to people who might want to participate, and the group was up and running quickly. The LGBTQ prayer group has met several times at this point.

All are welcome to participate. For details, watch the parish Bulletin for announcements or contact Rob directly at [Robert.lord.schell@icloud.com](mailto:Robert.lord.schell@icloud.com).



**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, August 25 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](mailto:wff@oldstjoseph.org).



## 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))

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### 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

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

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

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### Social Justice Committee

Sarah Johnson & Bob Culleton

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### Care for Creation Committee

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



## Children's Liturgy of the Word Resumes September 8

Please join us weekly beginning on September 8 at the 9:30 AM Mass for Children's Liturgy of the Word. All parish children and friends are welcome to join us each week for faith formation. The program is most suited for children pre-school age through 4th grade. Those children younger than pre-school are welcome to attend with a parent.

\*NEW this year. Children in 4th grade and up may contact Nina Vitullo at vitullon@oldstjoseph.org for opportunities to lector at CLOW.

To join our email lists and receive updates on other parish children's programming please email Nina Vitullo at vitullon@oldstjoseph.org.

## OSJ Blessing Bags - Calling all Children!

Immediately following the 9:30 Mass on September 8 children and families are welcome to join us in Barbelin Hall to make Blessing Bags for those unhoused individuals in our city. The bags will then be available to be distributed by our parishioners beginning at the Ministry Fair September 22.



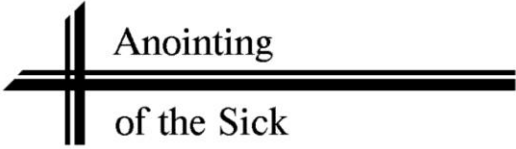
## Join the OSJ Children's Choir Ministry!

We are thrilled to announce that the OSJ Children's Choir is expanding its ministry this year, offering even more opportunities for our young singers to grow spiritually and in service to our parish community.

**First Rehearsal:** October 20th, immediately following the 9:30 AM Mass. **Rehearsal Duration:** 15 minutes.

**Who Can Join:** All grade school age children.

**Leadership:** The choir will be directed by our Music Director Dr. Mark Bani in collaboration with the CLOW leadership. We look forward to seeing your children's voices lift in song! To join our email lists and receive updates on other parish children's programming please email Nina Vitullo at vitullon@oldstjoseph.org.



### Anointing of the Sick

The Anointing of the Sick takes place at the 7:30 AM Mass on the FIRST SUNDAY of the month. Next Sunday is the first Sunday – September 1<sup>st</sup>!

## FINANCIAL INFO

### Offertory for the week ending August 18, 2024

Daily Mass Collection	\$16.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$100.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$5,946.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$3,107.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$9,169.50</b>

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

**ONLINE GIVING & TEXT-TO-GIVE**

The Catholic University and the Assumption collections are both active on the [ParishSOFT](#) and Text-to-Give (215-929-7151) sites. For Text-to-Give, the fund names are **CatholicU** and **Assumption**

## JULY COLLECTION COMPARISON

July 2023: \$36,676 (Five Sunday collections)  
July 2024: \$39,101 (Four Sunday collections)

Since July 2023 had 5 Sundays and July 2024 had 4 Sundays, we took a weekly average for the July comparison:

**July 2024 shows an average weekly increase of \$2,440.05 or 24.96% over July 2023.**

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



**We invite you to join us on September 22 after all Masses for our Ministry Fair**

and a warm welcome back from summer vacations. The Ministry Fair

is a great opportunity for our parishioners and friends to hear more about our committee and ministry offerings.

Consider serving our parish community by joining one of our ministries or deepening your faith by participating in a committee. Representatives from the groups will be available after all Masses. Come enjoy the refreshments and connect as a parish community. We look forward to seeing you there!

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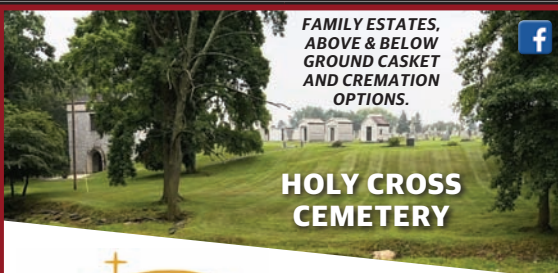
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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in Heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come  
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.

