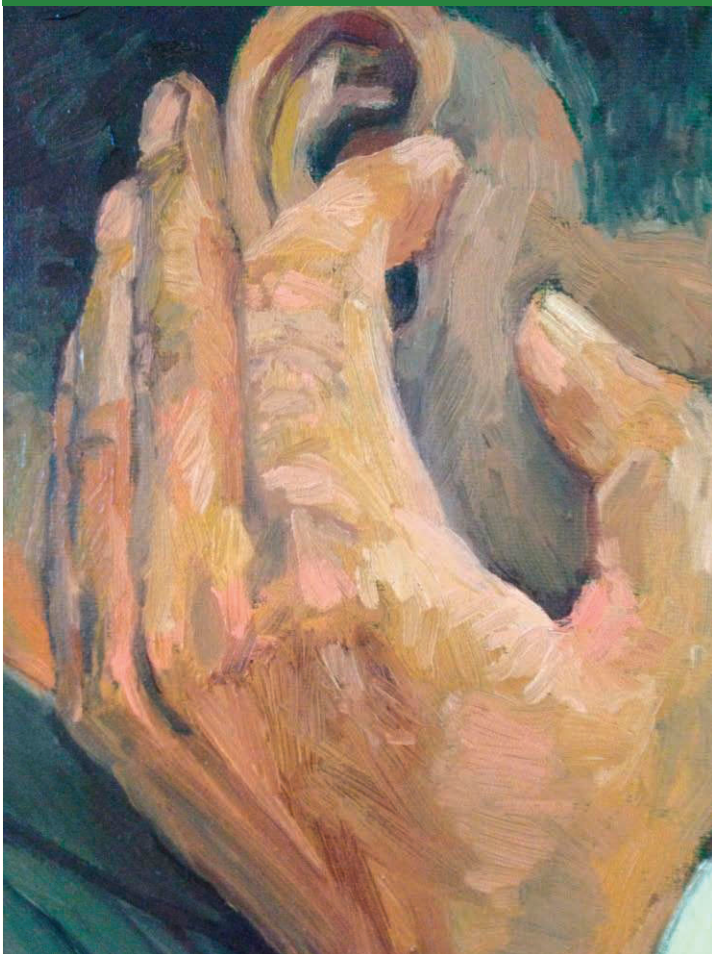


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September 8, 2024 | The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)



## Today's Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Again, Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" — that is, "Be opened!" — And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished, and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

## TODAY, SEPTEMBER 8

ONE BOOK, ONE PARISH

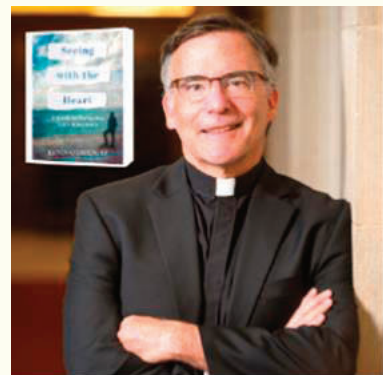
BOOK TALK & DISCUSSION

**BARBELIN HALL: 12:30PM**

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.

There is no charge for the talk, but a goodwill offering will be taken.



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	9			
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin)
Wed	12:05 PM	<i>Irene Doll (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Thurs	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin)
Fri	13		5:00 PM	Wedding reh: Tesoro & Starrs
Sat	14		9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Lector Workshop (Church) Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin)
Sun	7:30 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Donaldson SJ	Coffee Hrs	After All Masses Today
	9:30 AM	<i>Theresa Cullen (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Donaldson SJ	1:30PM	LGBTQ Prayer Group (Drexel)
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Hannafey 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.

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.*



# Ushers Needed

Are you willing to serve?

**PARISHIONERS: put your faith into action by joining our welcoming team of Ushers!** As an ambassador for Christ, you'll be the friendly face that greets, serves, and helps others during our sacred liturgies! Want to know more? Please speak with an Usher after Mass or email [ushers@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:ushers@oldstjoseph.org) to get the conversation started today! +AMDG!



## 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).



## 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](mailto:vitullon@oldstjoseph.org).



## WOMEN

### FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

**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, September 29 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).

## The Philly Phoebe Circle Celebration of the feast of

### St. Phoebe, the Deacon

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**SJU Campus Ministry**

**Tuesday, September 10th**

6:00 PM: Community building, Wolfington Hall  
7:00 PM - Prayer Service, Chapel of St. Joseph

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**All are invited** to a celebration of the Feast of St. Phoebe, who helped to build up the early Church. Phoebe Circles have arisen from the ongoing churchwide synodal process to highlight women's contributions in the life of the Church.



**The Old Saint Joseph's reading group will meet on Tuesday 1 October** in the Loyola Room in the rectory at 7.30 p.m. Our book for the month is *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout. New members are welcome. Contact Carol Shloss [shlosscarol@gmail.com](mailto:shlosscarol@gmail.com).

# Hospitality

after Masses

**On September 15, Women, Faith and Fellowship will sponsor the Hospitality following all Masses.** Aside from baked goods, coffee, and apple cider, we will present numerous displays on Inspirational Women of Faith from the Blessed Mother to Saint Phoebe to Saint Mother Cabrini to Saint Katherine Drexel to Sister Mary Scullion; a coloring table for kids; and updates on upcoming events. Join us in Barbelin Hall following Mass!



**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.



## OSJ CONTACT 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

### 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 takes place during the 7:30 Mass on the First Sunday of each month.

### 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

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### Care for Creation Committee

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## Children's Liturgy of the Word Resumes TODAY!

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 today, 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.



## FINANCIAL INFO

Due to the Labor Day holiday weekend, the offertory for the week ending September 1, 2024, was not counted in time for inclusion in this week's bulletin and will be published next week.

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

### Second Collection This Weekend: Sept. 8 Black and Indian Missions

Please give generously.



#### ONLINE GIVING & TEXT-TO-GIVE

The Black & Indian Missions collection is active on the [ParishSOFT](#) and Text-to-Give (215-929-7151) sites.

For Text-to-Give, the fund name is **BlackandIndian**

### AUGUST COLLECTION COMPARISON

August 2023: \$30,786

August 2024: \$35,337

August 2024 shows an increase of **\$4,551** or **14.78%** over August 2023.

Year to Date Total: +\$6,976 – up 10.34%!

**Thank you for your increased generosity to 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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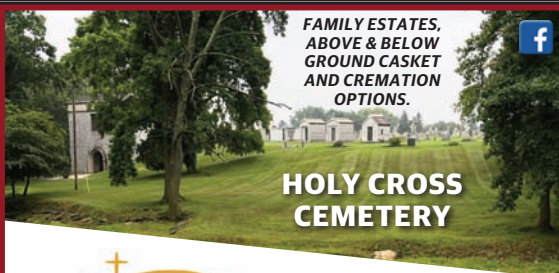
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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

