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September 15, 2024 | The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

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Take up thy Cross.

Dr. ARM.

A. A. ARMEN.

1. "Take up thy cross and fol - low me, If thou wouldst my disci - ple be;"
2. Take up thy cross in Je - sus' name, All ye who would with him e'er reign,
3. Take up thy cross and know how sweet It is to dwell at Je - sus' feet;
4. Take up thy cross, go forth and fight, And God will aid you by his might;

De - ny thy - self, for - sake all sin, And fol - low me the prize to win.
And Christ will shield you from all harm, Hold up thy hand, support thine arm.
How rich the peace that there is found, How pure the joys that there abound.
The cross you here must dai - ly bear If you a crown of life would wear.

CHORUS.

Follow me, follow me, Take up thy cross and fol - low me;
Fol - low me, fol - low me,

Follow me, follow me, If thou wouldst my disci - ple be.
Fol - low me, fol - low me,

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DO RE MI FA SO LA SI

Today's Gospel: Mark 8: 27-35

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him.

He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."



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 | 16 | | | | |
| Tues | 12:05 PM | <i>Edward and Mary Britt Family (D)</i> | 10:00 AM | Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin) | |
| 17 | | Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ | | | |
| Wed | 12:05 PM | <i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> | | | |
| 18 | | Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ | | | |
| Thurs | 12:05 PM | <i>Giancarlo Mazzoleni (D)</i> | 10:00 AM | Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin) | |
| 19 | | Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ | 7:00 PM | Choir rehearsal (Barbelin) | |
| Fri | | | 5:00 PM | Wedding reh: Berry & Hosler | |
| 20 | | | 7:00 PM | Wedding reh: Agostinelli & Blasetti | |
| Sat | | | 10:00 AM | Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin) | |
| 21 | | | 1:00 PM | Wedding: Agostinelli & Blasetti | |
| | | | 3:30 PM | Wedding: Berry & Hosler | |
| Sun | 7:30 AM | <i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> | All Masses | WELCOME BACK SUNDAY & MINISTRY FAIR! | |
| 22 | | Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ | | | |
| | 9:30 AM | <i>Our FF&F Guests (L)</i> | 1:30PM | Group Baptisms | |
| | | Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ | 5:00 PM | Zoom Vespers | |
| | 11:30 AM | Presider: Fr. Donaldson SJ | | | |

OSJ PRAYER LIST

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

Peg and Mike Connolly, 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.



The OSJ Ignatian Spirituality Committee is developing an Initiative to promote opportunities for our parish to experience the 19th Annotation of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius - a version of the Spiritual Exercises that is performed amid our daily lives. This is in accordance with the first Universal Apostolic Preference of the Society of Jesus to show the way to God through the Spiritual Exercises and discernment.

To that end, we are working to form a group of qualified Spiritual Directors who can be available to our parish. If you are a trained Director of the Spiritual Exercises or know someone who is, please contact us at osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org and we will provide you with details about the plan so that you can determine if you would like to be involved.

In the coming months, the committee will host a Parish informational session devoted to the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. It will focus on what the exercises are and the ways they can be experienced, including in an individual one-on-one method with a director or part of a group exercise.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam.

— From the Members of OSJ's Ignatian Spirituality & Formation Committee

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 to get the conversation started today! +AMDG!

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.



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.

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 for more details. We hope you will join us.

The Ignatian Spirituality Committee's One Book One Parish book talk with Kevin O'Brien, SJ took place on Sunday September 8th. Fifty-four people attended to hear Fr. O'Brien speak and discuss his book, *Seeing with the Heart*.



The Children's Liturgy of the Word Returned on September 8 Please join us weekly 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 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.

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.

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OUR UPCOMING MUSIC SEASON

Friends, Welcome to a new season of ecclesiastical music at Old St. Joseph's Church! I am pleased to share with you details of our upcoming music. We hope you can join us for these outstanding presentations of music, offered to the glory of God and for your spiritual enrichment.

We have an exciting year scheduled for 2024-25. Highlights of our season will include a Piano Recital presented by our parishioner, Michael Caruso, joined by pupils of his from the Settlement Music School on Sunday, November 24 at 3:00 PM. Our parish choir, the Schola Cantorum, will present Part I of Handel's sublime oratorio, Messiah on Sunday, December 8 at 3:00 PM. The children of our parish will honor our Blessed Mother with a May Procession on Sunday, May 4 after our 9:30 AM Mass. We are excited to share that we are expanding our Children's Choir program as they present music throughout the Liturgical Year, during Advent, on Christmas Eve, and on Easter Sunday.

Hoping to see you often, dear friends, throughout this season!

Faithfully yours,

—Mark Bani, D.M.A., Director of Music and Organist



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.

FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending September 1, 2024

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Daily Mass Collection | \$15.00 |
| Mail-In Sunday Collection: | \$75.00 |
| Online Giving Sunday Collection: | \$4,316.00 |
| In-Pew Sunday Collection: | \$2,921.00 |
| Total Collection: | \$7,327.00 |

Offertory for the week ending September 8, 2024

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Daily Mass Collection | \$51.00 |
| Mail-In Sunday Collection: | \$1,335.00 |
| Online Giving Sunday Collection: | \$4,956.50 |
| In-Pew Sunday Collection: | \$3,595.00 |
| Total Collection: | \$9,937.50 |

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

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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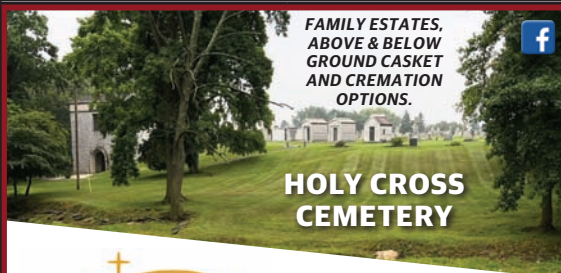
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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

