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September 22, 2024 | The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)



Christ Blessing the Children – Nicolaes Maes (1634-1693)

Today's Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him.

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."



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	23			
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Old St Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin)
24		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Wed	12:05 PM	<i>Patricia M. DiLauro (D)</i>		
25		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Thurs	12:05 PM	<i>John S Grady (D)</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin)
26		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	7:00 PM	Choir rehearsal (Barbelin)
Fri			5:00 PM	Wedding reh: Sica & Muh
27			6:00 PM	Wedding reh: Tran & Hartness
Sat			10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin)
28			1:00 PM	Wedding: Tran & Hartness
			3:30 PM	Wedding: Sica & Muh
Sun	7:30 AM	<i>Deanna Gannon (D)</i>	10:00 AM	Women, Faith & Fellowship (Drexel)
29		Presider: Fr. Bur SJ	5:00 PM	Zoom Vespers
	9:30 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>		
		Presider: Fr. Bur SJ		
	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.

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.



Announcement from the Ignatian Spirituality & Formation Committee: 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.

On November 10, 2024, at 10:30 (between the 9:30 and 11:30 masses) we will host a Parish informational session to be presented by Christine Szczpanowski about the Spiritual Exercises. 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.



WOMEN FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

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.

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.



LGBTQ Prayer Group – All are invited to join a monthly prayer group. Our next meeting is on October 20. 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.



Thanks to the generosity of so many people throughout our local Church, I am thrilled to share that the Catholic Charities Appeal has eclipsed the halfway point of its goal this year! We have raised \$6.5 million so far and that is outstanding! With God's grace

and your continued support, we will reach the \$ 10 million goal. These funds will allow us to bring hope to hundreds of thousands of people in need throughout the region who count on our charitable ministries.

— Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D., Archbishop of Philadelphia

The 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal is over halfway to reaching its \$10 million goal, and we need your help to get there! A gift of any size can be a powerful catalyst for hope, enabling countless ministries and programs across our five-county region to provide critical services—such as food, shelter, medical care, and more—to nearly one million people each year. Thank you for your incredible generosity and support!

To make a gift to the 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal, visit catholiccharitiesappeal.org.

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NETWORK's Nuns on the Bus & Friends is coming to Philadelphia! Join us at Thomas Paine Plaza on September 30, 2024, at 10:00 AM. — We're joining the Nuns on the Bus & Friends and other local organizations for a Rally to Vote Our Future to speak to the challenges and celebrate the wins in Philadelphia. Together, we'll lift up the freedoms that are essential for all residents of Philadelphia – no matter what they look like or where they live – to thrive. We will equip and call on everyone to go vote and to make sure that their friends and family are voting, too!

—As Pope Francis says, "The only future worth building includes everyone." 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.

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

We are excited to share plans for an expanded **Children's Choir** program this season here at OSJ as they present music throughout the Liturgical Year, during Advent, on Christmas Eve, and on Easter Sunday! The Children's Choir rehearses each Sunday, beginning on Oct. 20, following our 9:30 AM Mass, with a recess after Christmas. This music ministry offers children opportunities to sing during the Sunday 9:30 AM Family Mass while experiencing the wonders of the Liturgical Year. In addition to providing a fine introduction to music, the children's choir also enjoys the opportunity to grown in their faith through sacred song.

Our parish choir, the **Schola Cantorum**, has begun an exciting new season! We welcome them back and look forward to their splendid music for the upcoming season! The start of the choir year offers an ideal opportunity to consider becoming a part of the ministry of music here at Old St. Joseph's Church. The Schola Cantorum provides a varied repertoire of outstanding classical sacred music for the 11:30 AM Mass each Sunday (mid-September through early June) and for the various holy days throughout the liturgical year such as Christmas and Easter, as well as for this season's Messiah concert in December.

Being part of our choirs is an excellent way to enter more fully into the spiritual and liturgical life of the Church. The Schola Cantorum meets for rehearsals each Thursday evening in Barbelin hall from 7:00 - 8:45 P.M. and on Sunday mornings at 11:00 A.M. for rehearsal before the 11:30 AM Choral Mass.

If you would like to know more about our choirs, I welcome the opportunity to speak with you following the weekend Masses, or you may wish to contact me at the church music office: music@oldstjoseph.org.

—Mark Bani



Join us as we enjoy an exciting Saturday afternoon at Franklin Field watching the University of Pennsylvania football team play the Colgate University Raiders. The game is on Saturday, September 28th at 1:00 PM and tickets are \$17.50. We

will meet outside the stadium and purchase general admission tickets at the door. Let us know of your interest in attending this Friendship Circle outing by emailing us at friendshipcircle@oldstjoseph.org.

Also, the Friendship Circle will be hosting a Happy Hour on Wednesday, October 2nd from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at PJ Clarke's at 601 Walnut Street. Come out and enjoy nice conversation and spirits with your OSJ fellow parishioners. If you will be attending this outing, email us at friendshipcircle@oldstjoseph.org.

FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending September 15, 2024

Daily Mass Collection	\$28.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$1,015.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$5,178.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$3,230.00
Total Collection:	\$9,451.00

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!

I would like to invite you to join the Hospital Ministry and have the opportunity to share the rewards I and other hospital ministers have experienced. I joined the ministry because, having worked and volunteered in the medical field all my life, I thought this would be a wonderful way to provide service in the Ignatian way. I expected that I would bring Communion to the patients and pray with them, and I shadowed other ministers to learn the process by which I would serve them.

I did not know the spiritual and religious experience that I would have in this ministry. Let me share how I have experienced Jesus' presence at the hospital. One experience that I will never forget is going to give communion to a young man paralyzed from the neck down. We talked about Jesus and the Catholic faith in one of the most religious conversations that I have ever had. Another experience was walking into a room where a whole family was present and asked to pray together for their family member. That was one of the most spiritual group experiences that I have had outside of church. Yet the most gratifying experience is when I give someone Communion and they start crying out of gratitude that I have brought it to them. Their gratitude makes me feel grateful to Jesus for allowing me to share in his ministry. I hope sharing my experiences stirs your interest in discussing the ministry with me. Please reach out to Robert Lord-Schell at Robert.Lord.Schell@icloud.com.

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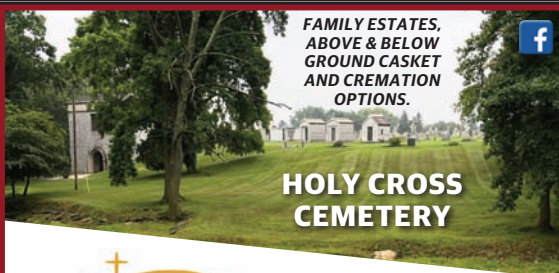
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THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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.*

