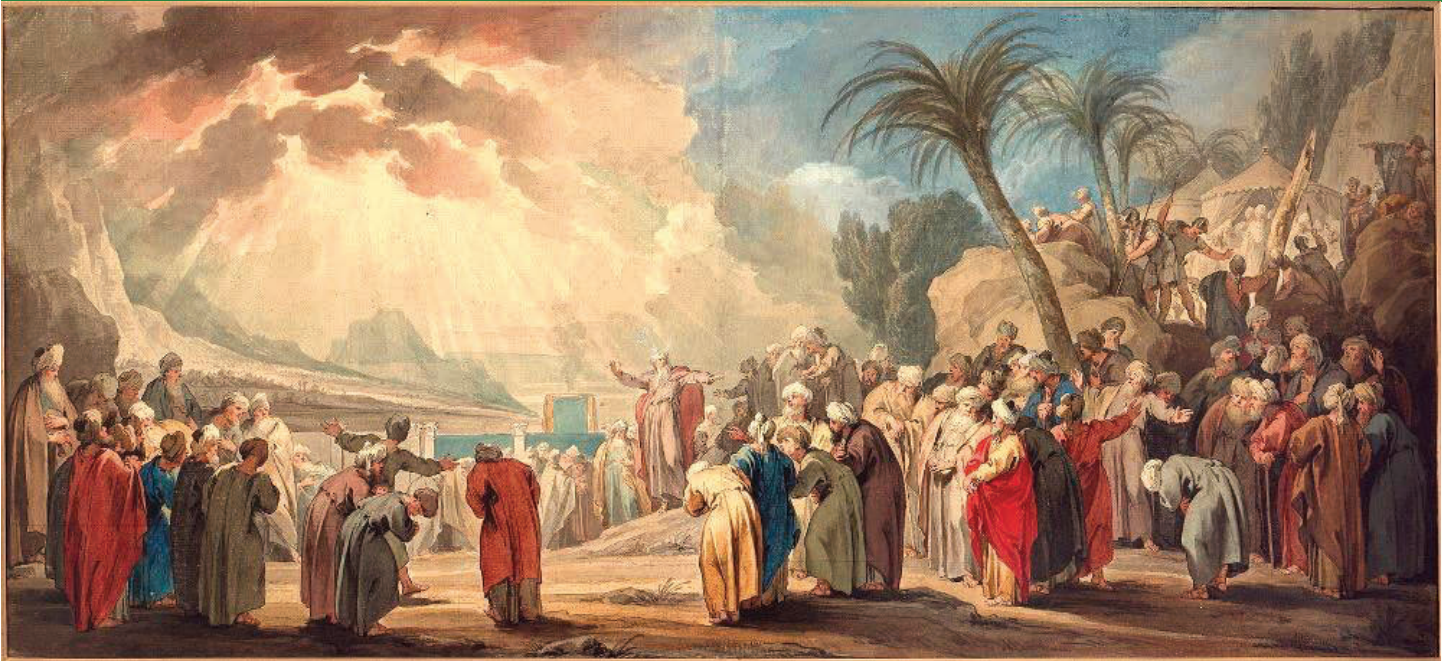


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September 29, 2024 | The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)



*Moses Elects the Council of Seventy Elders (detail) Jacob de Witt (1737)*

## Today's First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses, the LORD bestowed it on the seventy elders; and as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied.

Now two men, one named Eldad and the other Medad, were not in the gathering but had been left in the camp. They too had been on the list, but had not gone out to the tent; yet the spirit came to rest on them also, and they prophesied in the camp. So, when a young man quickly told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp," Joshua, son of Nun, who from his youth had been Moses' aide, said, "Moses, my lord, stop them." But Moses answered him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets! Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!"



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			7:30 PM	OSJ Book Group (Loyola Rm.)
30				
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Geraldine Marren &amp; Family (D)</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin)
1		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Wed	12:05 PM	<i>Old St Joseph's Memorial Society</i>		
2		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Thurs	12:05 PM	<i>Lou Busico (D)</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin)
3		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	7:00 PM	Choir rehearsal (Barbelin)
Fri			5:00 PM	Wedding reh: Kure & Burger
4			6:00 PM	Wedding reh: D'Avino & Tagliente
Sat			10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin)
5			1:00 PM	Wedding: Kure & Burger
			3:30 PM	Wedding: D'Avino & Tagliente
Sun	7:30 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	7:30 AM	Anointing during Mass
6		Presider: TBA	10:30 AM	Coffee Hours
	9:30 AM	<i>Margaret McNamara (D)</i>	12:30 PM	Coffee Hours
		Presider: TBA	5:00 PM	Zoom Vespers
	11:30 AM	Presider: TBA		

## 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](mailto: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 Szczepanowski 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Robert.lord.schell@icloud.com) for more details. We hope you will join us.



**Catholic History Lecture:** On Tuesday, October 15 at 7:00pm on ZOOM, the American Catholic Historical Society is pleased to have Dr. Leah Mickens speaking on her award-winning book, *In the Shadow of Ebenezer*, which looks at the history of Our Lady of Lourdes, a Black Catholic parish in Atlanta, during the era of Civil Rights and Vatican II. The event is free for ACHS members and \$10 for non-members. Please visit [www.amchs.org](http://www.amchs.org) to register and to receive the ZOOM link.

## From the Pastor

I hope that you are all enjoying the transition into the Fall season. Thanks to each of you who were able to participate in the recent Welcome Back Sunday and the Ministry Fair gatherings at OSJ. Let's continue to pray for each other and for our little parish on The Alley as we move into a new season together.

I wanted to let you know that on Sunday, October 6 at the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses we will welcome Fr. Brendan Gottschall, S.J., who will preside and preach that day. Brendan was ordained to the priesthood this past summer and he now serves as Assistant Director and Promoter of Vocations for the USA East Province of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). I came to know Brendan some years ago when he spent some time working with us at the Beijing Center for Chinese Studies. Brendan, a graduate of Georgetown University, is here with us to let our parish know more about the ongoing vocation efforts of our Jesuit Province and to also meet with Jesuit alumni and friends of Jesuit schools. He will be joining us at our post-Mass socials on October 6th to speak and meet with us informally. I hope you'll have the chance to speak with Fr. Brendan after Mass or during the coffee hours while he is with us.

The wedding season is picking up speed once again for the parish. We continue to celebrate the joyful marriages for many new couples. Most of these marriage celebrations take place on Fridays and Saturdays. On Sundays you may notice the beautiful flower arrangements generous couples leave for our parish community to enjoy following their celebrations with us.

Prayers and good wishes,

Francis T. Hannafey, S.J.  
Pastor



**May 12 - 25, 2025, Italy Pilgrimage with the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation:** Join the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for an Italy Pilgrimage to the Shrines of the Eucharistic Miracles. The pilgrimage offers the opportunity to explore some of Europe's most magnificent churches and basilicas during the Jubilee in 2025! The pilgrimage is offered through Trinity Tour Travels. Hosts: Fr. Matthew Phelan, O.deM., Vicar of the Mercedarian Religious Order and Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, Philadelphia, and Anne DeSantis, Executive Director for the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation. To learn more and/or to register: <https://trinitytourtravels.com/anne-desantis-father-matthew-phelan>.

Questions? Email [director.srnf@gmail.com](mailto:director.srnf@gmail.com)



## 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.

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## UPCOMING MUSIC at OSJ

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for two upcoming special music events here at Old St. Joseph's Church! All are invited to our opening music event, on Sunday, November 24, 2024, at 3:00 PM when our parishioner, Michael Caruso, will present a piano recital. Joining him in the program will be some of his pupils from the Settlement Music School. Compositions will include works by Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Chopin, Scriabin, and Rachmaninoff. Admission to the recital is free. (Free will offering)

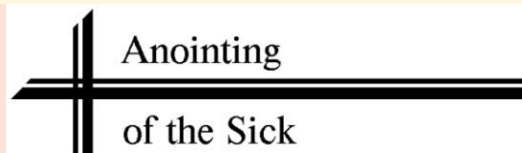
On Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 3:00 PM, the Schola Cantorum, under the direction of Dr. Bani, will present Part I of Handel's sublime oratorio, Messiah (Advent and Christmas portions.) Free will offering. Receptions will follow both events.



**Care for Creation Committee:** For our celebration of the feast of St. Francis on October 6, we are inviting parishioners to think about the gift of God's beautiful creation and our thankfulness for all that has been given to us. We will provide a "basket of gratitude" at the 9:30 coffee hour to collect your reflections on one aspect of the Creation for which you are most grateful. The reflections will be shared during our care for creation celebration with the CLOW children on October 20.



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@oldstjosepg.org](mailto:friendshipcircle@oldstjosepg.org).



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 – October 6.

## FINANCIAL INFO

### Offertory for the week ending September 22, 2024

Daily Mass Collection	\$27.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$0.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$5,637.50
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,971.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$8,635.50</b>

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

### AUGUST COLLECTION COMPARISON

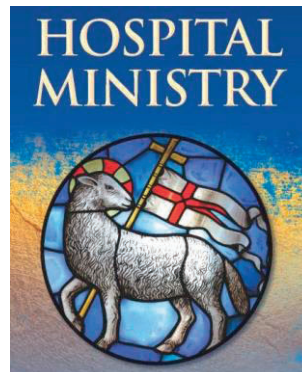
August 2023: \$30,786

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](mailto:Robert.Lord.Schell@icloud.com).

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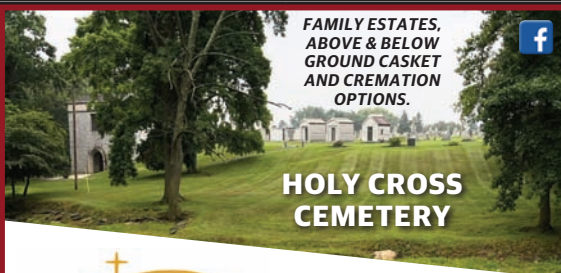
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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

