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October 27, 2024 | The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)



Today's Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

Healing of the Blind Man by Andrei Mironov



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NEXT
SUNDAY on NOVEMBER 3RD!**

**Be certain to turn your clocks BACK one hour before
going to bed next Saturday night.**



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	28			
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	9:30 AM	SMIPS All Saints Pageant
29		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin)
Wed	12:05 PM	<i>Carlo Anthony Sena (D)</i>		
30		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Thurs	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin)
31		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	7:00 PM	Choir rehearsal (Barbelin)
Fri	12:05 PM	<u>ALL SAINTS DAY MASS</u>		
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Sat	12:05 PM	<u>ALL SOULS DAY MASS</u>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin)
2			2:00 PM	Baptism: Fr. Coffey
Sun	7:30 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	7:30 AM	Anointing during Mass
3		Presider: TBA	10:30 AM	Coffee Hour
	9:30 AM	<i>Robert Bright (D)</i>	10:30 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
		Presider: TBA	12:30 PM	Coffee Hour & Lector Training (Church)
	11:30 AM	Presider: TBA	5:00 PM	Zoom Vespers



Nolan Painting of Havertown, PA finished painting the rectory south façade windows, shutters, and doorway on October 16.

Thanks to your generosity, we can afford to upkeep our historic church, rectory, and courtyard.

—Thank you!

OSJ PRAYER LIST

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

Barbara Merdiushev, Bonnie Park, Peggy 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, Susanna Mazzoleni, 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 Reading Group will meet via Zoom on Wednesday, November 6. We usually meet on Tuesday, but we want to avoid meeting on Election Day. Our book for the month is *Olive, Again* by Elizabeth Strout. The Zoom meeting begins at 7.30. If you would like to join us, email Carol Shloss and we will add you to our list. shlosscarol@gmail.com.



Faith Women, Faith and Fellowship invite the women of Old St. Joseph's parish and their female guests to Advent by Candlelight on Wednesday, December 4, 2024. The topic for the evening is "Awe: Finding the Divine in Daily Life."

Bernadette Rudolph of the Cranaleith Spiritual Center in Philadelphia will discuss how neurobiology tells us that awe is our emotional response to something greater than ourselves and explore how our experiences of Christmas wonder can strengthen our relationship with God this Advent. Doors open at 6:30 PM in Old St. Joseph's Barbelin Hall and the program begins at 7 PM. Light refreshments served from 8 to 9 PM. We hope you can join us for an evening of Advent fellowship and spiritual reflection. Please RSVP by November 30th to wff@oldstjoseph.org

Please Note: Women, Faith and Fellowship will **not** meet for Coffee and Conversation today, Sunday, October 27th. We will gather again on Sunday, Nov. 24th. Looking forward to seeing you in November.



LGBTQ Prayer Group – All are invited to join a monthly prayer group. Our next meeting is on **November 24** when the group will start to meet every fourth 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. For more details, contact Robert Lord-Schell at Robert.lord.schell@icloud.com. We hope you will join us.



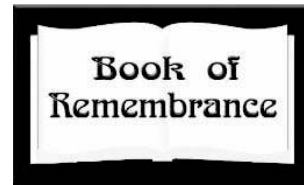
Your Old Magazines are Needed! We are planning to use them for FFF as part of our art activities to make collages. We're interested in any kind of magazine or journal. Please drop your magazines off at the front office.

THIS WEEK!

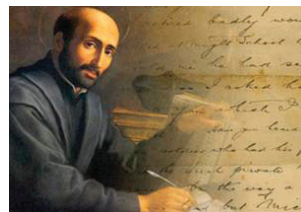


All Saints: Friday, November 1st
Mass at 12:05 p.m.

All Souls: Saturday, November 2nd
Mass at 12:05 p.m.



OSJ's Book of Remembrance will be placed on the Sacred Heart Altar during the month of November. All are invited to write in the names of their loved ones who have passed away.



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 Szczepanowski and Donna Soutoukis about the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises. They will discuss the different forms in which the Spiritual Exercises can be experienced (e.g., everyday life, 30-day retreat, group format, individual one-on-one format) as well as Ignatian spiritual direction in general.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam.

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



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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MUSIC at OSJ

Sunday, November 24, 2024, at 3:00 PM: Piano Recital by our parishioner, Michael Caruso, with pupils from the Settlement Music School. Compositions by Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Chopin, Scriabin, and Rachmaninoff. (Free will offering)



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

Receptions will follow both events.

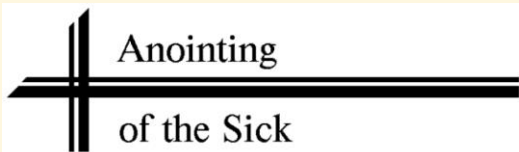
Children's Choir: An invitation to the children of our parish to join our Children's Choir as we begin to prepare music for Advent and for Christmas Eve. Rehearsals are held



each Sunday starting TODAY – October 27 in the church following the 9:30 AM Mass. All children are welcome to experience a wonderful introduction to music and the opportunity to grow in their faith through sacred song!



St. Mary's Residence (S. 5th & Locust Sts.), a home for senior women in the Society Hill neighborhood, is seeking a Part-time Server to serve the late afternoon meal and assist with clean-up. Schedule is Wednesday through Sunday, 3:30pm to 6:30pm (i.e., 15 hours per week). Must be reliable, friendly, patient, and able to follow directions consistently. Pay is competitive. For more information, call St. Mary's Residence at 215-922-4228.



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 of November (11/3/24).

FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending October 20, 2024

Daily Mass Collection	\$45.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$254.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$5,282.50
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$1,684.00
Total Collection:	\$7,265.50

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

The following collections are active on ParishSOFT Giving and Text-to-Give: **Mission Sunday Collection, All Saints, All Souls, and St. Charles Borromeo**
The keywords are *MissionSunday, AllSaints, and AllSouls.*

ONLINE GIVING & TEXT-TO-GIVE

Please click here for access to **ParishSOFT Giving.**
For Text-to-Give, please dial **215-929-7151**

SEPTEMBER COLLECTION COMPARISON

Sept. 2023: \$31,577 (Four Sundays)

Sept. 2024: \$43,459 (Five Sundays)

Since Sept. 2023 had 4 Sundays and Sept. 2024 had 5 Sundays, we took a weekly average for the September comparison:
September 2024 shows an average weekly increase of \$797.55 or 9.18% over September 2023.

Thank you for your increased generosity to OSJ!



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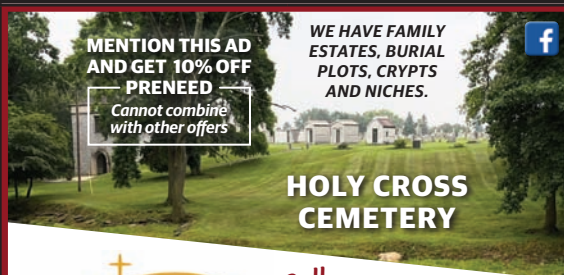
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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

