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November 3, 2024 | The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)



Today's Gospel: Mark 12: 28b-34

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.



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	4				
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Wm. Henry & Rose Mary Eells & Family (D)</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin)	
5		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
Wed	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	7:30 PM	OSJ Book Group (Zoom)	
6		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
Thurs	12:05 PM	<i>No Announced Mass Today</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin)	
7		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	7:00 PM	Choir rehearsal (Barbelin)	
Fri			5:00 PM	Wedding reh: Burke & Jaworski	
8					
Sat			10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin)	
9			3:30 PM	Wedding: Burke & Jaworski	
Sun	7:30 AM	<i>Edward & Mary Britt Family (D)</i>	10:30 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal	
10		Presider: Fr. Wagner SJ	10:30 AM	Ignatian Spirituality & Formation Event	
	9:30 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	5:00 PM	Zoom Vespers	
		Presider: Fr. Wagner 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.

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.



Last weekend, October 25-27, 2024, the Ignatian Spirituality and Formation Committee coordinated a parish retreat at St. Raphaela Center in Haverford, PA. This was a silent retreat in which each participant received individual spiritual direction in the Ignatian tradition. We are planning to continue to plan yearly parish retreats rooted in Ignatian spirituality so that we can continue to bond together and share a time of reflection and renewal.

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 Join Us! The Women, Faith and Fellowship Committee invites women of the parish and female guests to gather for "Coffee and Conversation" on Sunday, November 24th 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 – Please join us for a monthly prayer group. All are welcome! The group will meet every fourth Sunday after the 11:30 AM Mass. Please find Robert Lord-Schell, who will lead the group to the Drexel Room in the Rectory at 12:30 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.



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.

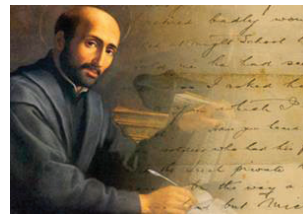


OSJ is seeking a fellow to be part of the Synodality in Higher Education in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia or SHEAP grant, sponsored by the Lilly Endowment in collaboration with Gwynedd Mercy University. Our fellow will be a young adult who is interested in engaging other young adults in the church. This person will be provided with a stipend to work within the parish in various capacities. They will also attend synodal sessions with other SHEAP fellows as part of a collective learning experience. Parishioner applicants between the ages of 18 to 39 may send an email expressing interest to Nina Vitullo at vitullon@oldstjoseph.org.



St. Joseph's University and the Loyola Jesuit Center are co-sponsoring a formation program for training Ignatian Spiritual Directors. If you are interested in

deepening your spiritual life and helping others in this way, please consider this program. **The applications are due on November 15 and the program begins on January 25.** It's an 18-month program and payment need not be made at the beginning but is staggered over time. If you would like to discuss with a member of the Ignatian Spirituality Committee, please email us at osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org —Thank you!



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

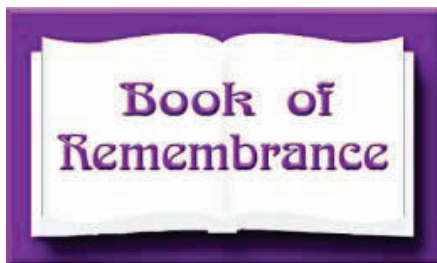
PM: Piano Recital by our parishioner, Michael Caruso, with pupils from the Settlement Music School. Compositions by Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Chopin, Scriabin, and Rachmaninoff. (Free will offering)



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.

An invitation to the children of our parish to join our Children's Choir as we have begun preparing music for Advent and for Christmas Eve! Rehearsals are held each Sunday in the church following the 9:30 AM Mass.



The Book of Remembrance is now 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.



Come out and meet your fellow parishioners at the Friendship Circle's next Happy Hour. It will be on Wednesday, November 13th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at PJ Clarke's at 601 Walnut Street. Join us for enjoyable conversation in the beautiful and relaxing PJ Clarke's lounge area. If you plan

on attending, email us at friendshipcircle@oldstjoseph.org.

FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending October 27, 2024

Daily Mass Collection	\$30.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$3,383.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,472.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,736.00
Total Collection:	\$10,621.00

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*.

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Please click here for access to [ParishSOFT Giving](#).
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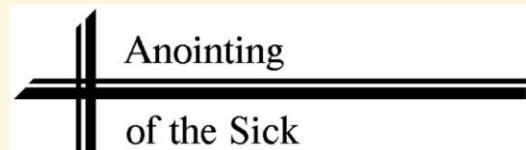
The Month of November is the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal! This annual appeal runs for the entire month of November. Envelopes for this collection are located in the back of the church. Your tax-deductible gift helps to enhance the many resources needed for priestly training and enables the Church to form holy, educated, and dedicated priests. Please send your donation to: The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal, 100 N 20th St, Suite 301, Phila. PA 19103.

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!



The Anointing of the Sick takes place at the **7:30 AM Mass** on the **FIRST SUNDAY** of the month. TODAY is the first Sunday of November (11/3/24).

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
& y kingdom come
& y 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.

