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November 10, 2024 | The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)



The Widow's Mite - William Teulon Blandford Fletcher (1858–1936)

Today's Gospel: Mark 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."



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This Week at Old St. Joseph's

Date					
Mon	11				
Tues	12	12:05 PM	<i>No Announced Mass Today</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin)
Wed	13	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Thurs	14	12:05 PM	<i>No Announced Mass Today</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin)
				5:00 PM	Wedding reh: Magee & Craven
				7:00 PM	Choir rehearsal (Barbelin)
Fri	15			3:00 PM	Wedding: Magee & Craven
Sat	16			10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin)
Sun	17	7:30 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Donaldson SJ	10:30 AM	Coffee Hours (post 9:30 & 11:30 Masses) Children's Choir Rehearsal
		9:30 AM	<i>Gábor de Visnyey (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Donaldson SJ	12:30 PM	Social Justice <i>Access to Housing</i> (Barbelin)
		11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	1:30 PM	Group Baptisms (Church)
				5:00 PM	Zoom Vespers



OSJ PRAYER LIST

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

Leslie Ronaldson Haskins, Paul Smith, Barbara Merdiushev, Bonnie Park, Peggy and Mike Connolly, 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.

Representatives of three local groups will discuss homelessness in our city, offering concrete and specific ways that we can join and support their efforts. As part of our mandate to assist parishioners to walk with the poor whose dignity has been violated by homelessness, the OSJ Social Justice Committee invites you to

ACCESS TO HOUSING

Representatives of three local groups will discuss homelessness in our city, offering concrete and specific ways that we can join and support their efforts. Guest speakers will include Donna Bullock, the CEO of Project Home, Claire Stanley from Bethesda Project, and Jeanmarie Zippo from OSJ's Faith, Food & Friends. We will discuss homelessness in our city and concrete ways for parishioners to assist.

Please join us on **Sunday, November 17th**
directly after the 9:30 & 11:30 Masses

for coffee hours hosted by the Social Justice Committee, or for the panel discussion with organization representatives directly after the 11:30 Mass.

Light refreshments will be served.

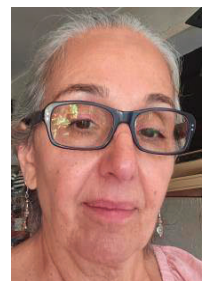
Guest Speakers:

Donna Bullock, President and CEO of **Project HOME**. The Project HOME community empowers adults, children, and families to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty, to alleviate the underlying causes of poverty, and to enable all of us to attain our fullest potential as individuals and as members of the broader society.



Claire Stanley, Case Manager of My Brother's House, **Bethesda Project**. Bethesda Project provides emergency shelter, housing, and supportive services to persons experiencing homelessness in Philadelphia.

Jeanmarie Zippo, **Faith, Food & Friends**. Faith, Food & Friends is an OSJ Ministry providing food and supportive services at OSJ mid-day, three days a week, for persons experiencing homelessness.



RSVP strongly encouraged but not required
Please email sarah.nowik@gmail.com by November 10th



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

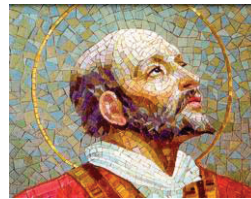


LGBTQ Prayer Group – Please join us for a monthly prayer group. All are welcome! The group will meet every fourth Sunday after the 11:30 AM Mass. Please find Robert Lord-Schell, who will lead the group to the Drexel Room in the Rectory at

12:30 PM. The meetings will consist of prayer, scripture reading, and discussion. The next meeting will take place on November 24. 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.



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!

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.

Advent Retreat at the Daylesford Abbey: Saturday, November 30th, 11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Join the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith for an Advent Retreat on November 30th. The theme of the retreat is "sharing our deepest gifts of hope, peace, faith, love, and joy". The foundation makes pastoral outreach to individuals and families in crisis. The Advent Retreat is perfect for anyone who has experienced adversities including family trials, divorce, separation, loss of loved one, and more. Talks from our speakers, time for reflection and prayer, Confessions, and anticipated Mass for Sunday held on Saturday at 4 p.m. are included in the schedule. A delicious lunch and snacks will be served.

Address: Daylesford Abbey, 220 S. Valley Road, Paoli, PA 19031. Free parking is available on site.

Speakers: Anne DeSantis, Executive Director of SRNF, Mickey Kelly, Board President, and a Norbertine priest of the Daylesford Abbey.

Cost: \$60/per person payable online

Registration: <https://www.nonnatus.org/advent-retreat-2024.html>

Questions: Email director.srnf@gmail.com

MUSIC at OSJ

Sunday, November 24, 2024, at 3:00

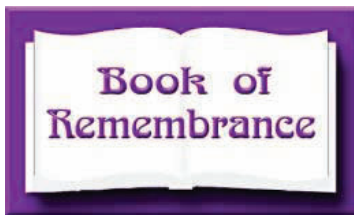
PM: Piano Recital by our parishioner, Michael Caruso, with pupils from the Settlement Music School. Compositions by Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Chopin, Scriabin, and Rachmaninoff. (Free will offering)



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 BVM Altar during the month of November. All are invited to write in the names of their loved ones who have passed away.



Please join us today in Barbelin hall directly after the 9:30 Mass for an informational session on the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises to

be presented by Ignatian Spirituality and Formation Committee members Christine Szczepanowski and Donna Soutoukis. We encourage anyone with an interest in the Exercises to attend, whether you are brand new to learning about them or have experienced them in the past.

FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending November 3, 2024

Daily Mass Collection	\$87.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$925.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$6,254.50
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$4,952.00
Total Collection:	\$12,218.50

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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](#).
For Text-to-Give, please dial **215-929-7151**

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.

OCTOBER COLLECTION COMPARISON

October. 2023: \$40,838 (Five Sundays)

October. 2024: \$35,502 (Four Sundays)

Since Sept. 2023 had 5 Sundays and Sept. 2024 had 4, we took a weekly average for the October comparison:

October 2024 shows an average weekly increase of \$708.00 or 8% over October 2023.

Thank you for your increased generosity to OSJ!



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.

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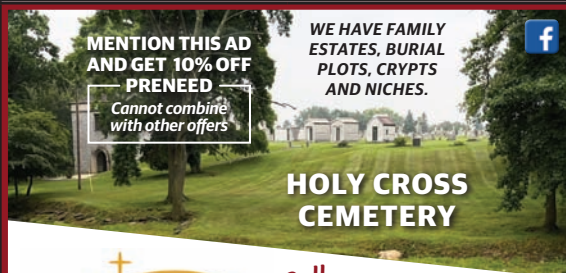
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THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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.*

