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November 24, 2024 | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Today's Gospel: John 13: 33b-37

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."



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				12:00 PM	Baptism
25				7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (Barbelin)
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Our FF&F Guests (L)</i>		9:30 AM	St. Mary's Interparochial School Mass
26		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin)
Wed	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>			
27		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
Thurs	10:00 AM	<i>Thanksgiving – No Announced Mass</i>		10:00 AM	Thanksgiving Day Mass
28		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin)
Fri				5:00 PM	Wedding reh: Bui & Natale
29					
Sat				10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends (Barbelin)
30				3:30 PM	Wedding: Bui & Natale
Sun	7:30 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>			Coffee Hours after the 9:30 & 11:30 Masses
1		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		7:30 AM	Anointing during Mass
	9:30 AM	<i>Kenneth J. Woodring Sr. (D)</i>		10:30 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		5:00 PM	Zoom Vespers
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Surovick SJ			



Old St. Joseph's Advent Giving Tree Returns This Weekend, November 24th!

Our Advent Giving Tree returned this weekend, **a week earlier than usual**, to give everyone an extra week to return their gifts by December 15. Please take one or more of the 200+ tags from the tree and buy a picture book or early reader for a child of **The Gesu School** located at 17th & Thompson Streets. Best if you can offer books that reflect children of diverse backgrounds as the Gesu students are 99% Black. Also, this year, we will be supporting the **Sisters of Saint Joseph Welcome Center** in Kensington as they help to improve the lives of recent immigrants to Philadelphia through education, support services and preparation for Citizenship Exam. Most needed are gift cards to local stores.

Bring your gift, WRAPPED with the tag attached to it, back to the tree or to the rectory front office, no later than 1:00 PM on Sunday December 15. The book gifts will be given to the Gesu students pre-K through Grade 2. This is a very special event for these children, and we are very grateful that so many of you participate so generously every year. The books will be distributed by Santa at the Gesu Christmas Party.

Thank you for your commitment and generosity to this annual program which brings joy to our neighbors who are in need.

OSJ PRAYER LIST

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

Louise Cruz-Vizcaino, 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, 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.

Join the Old St. Joseph's Church Children's Choir Ministry!



Calling All Young Singers!

Families, we warmly invite your children to join the OSJ Children's Choir! We're excited to expand our choir this year, providing more opportunities for young singers to grow spiritually and serve in this vital ministry.

Why Join?

- Learn the importance of being active in the church
- Share their musical gifts with others
- Experience the joy of singing together

Who Can Join:


- All grade school-age children
- No prior experience necessary!

Musical Director:

Dr. Mark Bani, with CLOW leadership



First Rehearsal: October 27


 Immediately after the 9:30 AM Mass (15 minutes)


2024 Sunday Rehearsal Schedule: (Proclaiming- This means the children will sing during the 9:30 Mass!)



- **Rehearsals began on Oct. 27th**
- **Nov. 24:** Rehearsal only
- **Dec. 1 (Advent begins):** Proclaiming during 9:30 Mass & rehearsal after
- **Dec. 8:** Proclaiming during 9:30 Mass & rehearsal after
- **Dec. 15:** Proclaiming during 9:30 Mass & rehearsal after
- **Dec. 22:** Proclaiming during 9:30 Mass & rehearsal after

Christmas Proclaiming:

 Christmas Eve Family Mass, Tuesday, December 24, 2024

 4:00 PM

 Easter Sunday, April 20 and May Procession, Sunday, May 4, 2025

 9:30 AM Mass

**Rehearsals Resume in the New Year to prepare for Lent and Easter:*

For more information, please email Nina Vitullo at vitullon@oldstjoseph.org





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**



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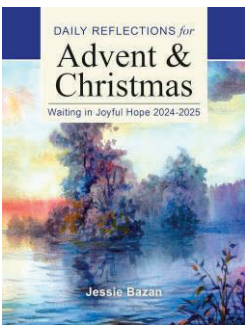
FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

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.



Daily Reflections for Advent & Christmas

The OSJ Ignatian Spirituality Committee invites all parishioners to set aside a few minutes a day during these beautiful seasons to pray at home with **Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas**. This year's book of reflections, based on the daily Scripture readings, is written by Jessie Bazan. Subtitled "Waiting in Joyful Hope," each entry includes suggestions for applying the passages to your own life. **Books will be distributed after all Masses beginning this weekend.**



Requiescat in Pace

Larry Carlin, husband of OSJ Parishioner and former director of our Faith, Food & Friends program, Mary Freedman, passed away on Tuesday, November 12, 2024. Larry's memorial service will be take place sometime in the New Year. Please keep Mary and her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers. Condolences may be sent to Mary at Old St. Joseph's Church – 321 Willings Alley, Phila. PA 19106. Memorial donations may be made to **Faith, Food & Friends**, care of Old St. Joseph's Church.



The OSJ Reading Group will meet next on Tuesday, 3 December at 7.30 p.m. via Zoom. Our book for the month is *Long Island* by Colm Toibin. To be added to the group, contact Carol Shloss at shlosscarol@gmail.com.

The Americans with Disabilities Act prohibits bicycles from being locked to railings, benches, or other objects that block the right of way. **Please use the bike rack located on the church's north patio when riding your bike to OSJ and be certain to lock it.** Thanks!



St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, 24th and Poplar Sts. (Fairmount), Philadelphia invites you to "One Faith – Many Voices: God is With Us", a concert of sacred music drawn from both Eastern and Western Advent and Christmas traditions sung by a professional quintet under the direction of Dr. Donald Meineke. Music from the Eastern tradition include compositions by Bortniansky and Lysenko along with chant and Ukrainian Christmas Carols; from the Western tradition, by MacMillan, Jernberg, Weelkes and Victoria. A post-concert reception will feature the works of local contemporary painter Mykhailo Danylovych. Light refreshments are included. Save the date: Saturday, December 14, at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are bargain-priced at \$15 at the door. Ticket sales support the parish's special outreach to Ukrainian refugees living here and humanitarian aid to the people of Ukraine. We hope to see you there!

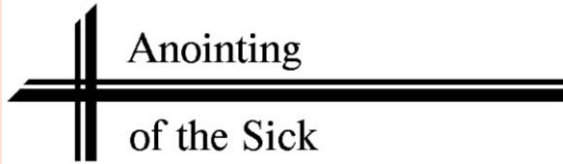
MUSIC at OSJ

All are invited to our opening music event here at OSJ! Today, Sunday, November 24, 2024 at 3:00 PM Michael Caruso, our parishioner, and pupils of his from the Settlement Music School will present a Piano Recital with compositions by Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Chopin, Scriabin, and Rachmaninoff. Please plan to join us this afternoon for this exciting opening concert here at OSJ! (A free will offering will be gratefully received. A reception will follow today's recital.)



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.



The Anointing of the Sick takes place on the first Sunday of the month at the 7:30 AM Mass. The next anointing will take place next Sunday, December 1.



Old St. Joseph's Thanksgiving Schedule

Thursday, November 28
Mass at 10:00 AM

Note: The rectory offices will be closed on Thanksgiving & Black Friday.

Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy the holiday weekend!

FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending November 17, 2024

Daily Mass Collection	\$37.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$102.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$5,809.50
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,362.00
Total Collection:	\$8,310.50

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

The following collections are active on ParishSOFT Giving and Text-to-Give:

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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

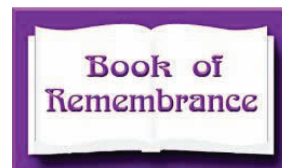
October. 2023: \$40,838 (Five Sundays)

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!



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.

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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.*

