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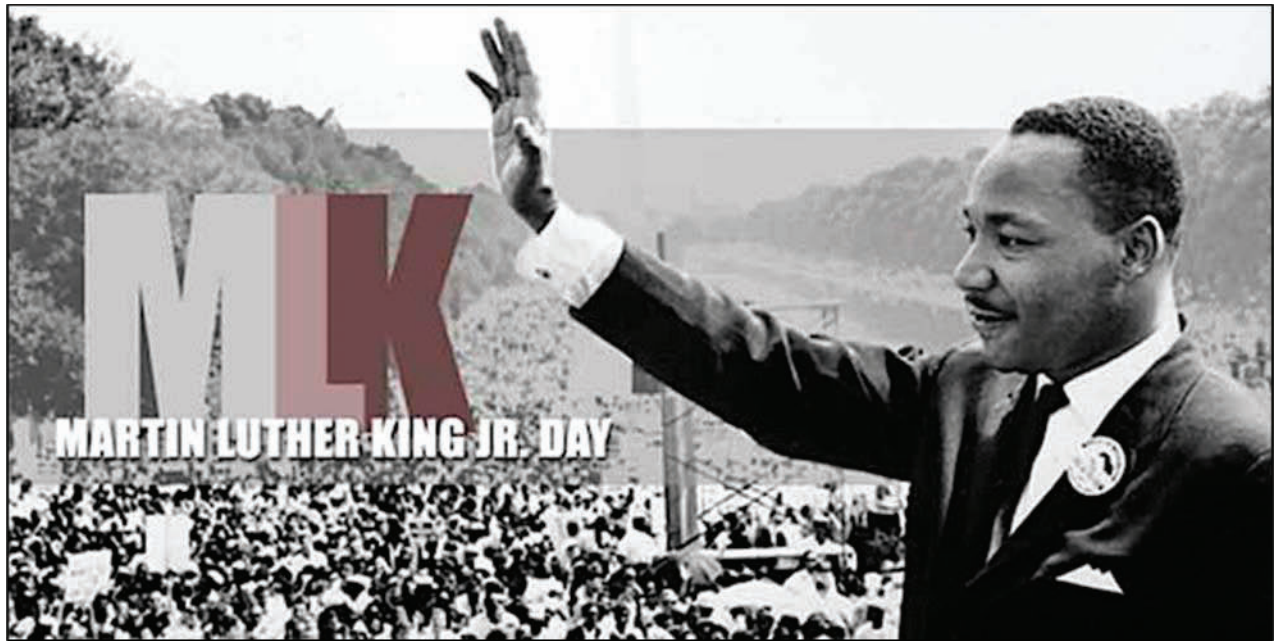


Today's Gospel: John 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So, they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from — although the servers who had drawn the water knew —, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.



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This Week at Old St. Joseph's

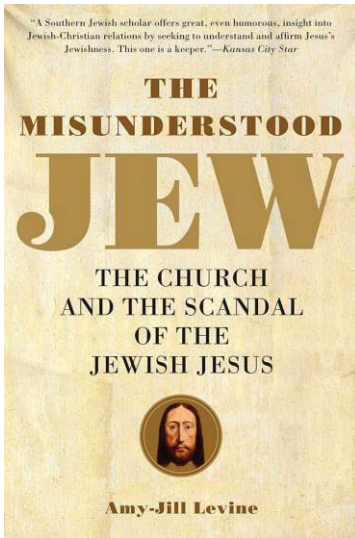
Date					
Mon	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY				
20	Church offices closed in observance				
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Antoinette Giannini (D)</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food, & Friends	
21	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ				
Wed	12:05 AM	Our FF&F Guests (L)			
22	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ				
Thurs	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends	
23	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (Barbelin)	
Fri					
24					
Sat			10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends	
25					
Sun	7:30 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	10:00 AM	Women, Faith & Fellowship (Drexel)	
26	Presider: TBA		10:30 AM	Ignatian Spirituality Comm Mtg. (Loyola)	
	9:30 AM	<i>Gratina LaFauci (D)</i>	12:30 PM	LGBTQ Prayer Group (Drexel)	
	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.

Nada Sizgorich, Neal Hébert, Bobby Score, Toni Tomei Culleton, Michael Caruso, Anita Thompson, Ed Tomezsko, 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, Denise Domitrovic, Wayne Franks, 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.



SAVE THE DATE:

On Sunday February 9, Old Saint Joseph's Adult Education Committee will host a discussion of the Book by Amy-Jill Levine, *The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus* (HarperOne, 2009).

Levine is Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Hartford International University for Religion

and Peace, Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Hartford International University for Religion and Peace Professor Emeritus at Vanderbilt Divinity School and Department of Jewish Studies.

Her work, written for the laity, helps Christians and Jews understand the "Jewishness" of Jesus so that their appreciation of him deepens and a greater interfaith dialogue can take place. Levine's humor and informed truth-telling provokes honest conversation and debate about how Christians and Jews should understand Jesus, the New Testament, and each other.

The book is available at Barnes and Noble (including eBook and audiobook) and Amazon (including Kindle and audiobook).

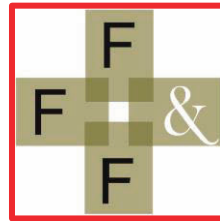
Please plan to join us to discuss the Jewish man Jesus of Nazareth, and Catholic-Jewish relations from the points of view of both the Jewish and the Catholic faithful.

The discussion will be in person at Old Saint Joseph's. **We look forward to seeing you on February 9 at 1 PM in Barbelin Hall!**



GBTQ 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 **January 26**. Contact Robert Lord-Schell at Robert.lord.schell@icloud.com for more details. We hope you will join us.



Faith, Food & Friends – Our New Year's Wishes: During 2024, we have continued to see increases in the number of hungry and housing-insecure men and women coming to Faith, Food & Friends for a hot meal and other assistance. Thanks to the

generous support of OSJ parishioners, FF&F is able to distribute socks and personal care items to our guests every Thursday. To meet our guests' basic needs through the winter months, our Christmas wish list includes donations of the following items: *Bar soap; travel-size deodorant; travel-size body lotion and disposable twin blade razors*. This program, run by FF&F volunteers, helps restore dignity, cleanliness and confidence for those we serve.

Please visit the Faith, Food & Friends Amazon wish list ([click here](#)) (URL address listed below) where you can find these essentials and other items that would be most appreciated by our guests. We ask that you consider making a gift to FF&F of one or more of these items, by ordering through Amazon or a retailer of your choice or by delivering the items directly to OSJ. In addition to items identified on the wish list, an item frequently requested by our guests is a roll of toilet paper. To ensure that we have an adequate supply on hand to distribute a roll when requested, we are seeking donations of large size packages of toilet paper. These can be purchased most economically at big box stores and may be dropped off at OSJ any time that the rectory is open.

We thank you for your generous support of FF&F and our guests. https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1ADBXS5SJA64N?ref_=wl_share



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,

January 26th 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.

The OSJ Reading Group will meet next on Tuesday, 4 February at 7.30 p.m. via Zoom. We will finish reading *Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese. New members are welcome. Contact Carol Shloss to be added to the group: shlosscarol@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.

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

Children's Choir: Easter Sunday, and May Procession:

Our Children's Choir resumes today as we begin to prepare exciting and faith filled music for Easter Sunday and for our May Procession. All children are invited to join us! In addition to Easter Sunday, we invite you to mark your calendars for a May procession when our children will honor our Blessed Mother on Sunday, May 4, 2025, after our 9:30 AM Mass. Our children's ministry of music offers children opportunities to sing during the Sunday 9:30 AM Family Mass while experiencing the wonders of the Liturgical Year. In addition to providing a fine introduction to music, the children's choir also enjoys the opportunity to grow in their faith through sacred song. All children are cordially invited to join us!

THANK YOU

We offer our warmest thanks to all who helped to make the season bright here at OSJ! Thanks to Mark Bani, the Schola Cantorum, our cantors, and the children who sang so beautifully at our Masses. To all our liturgical ministers – thank you! Thanks to Joe Casey and his crew for the beautiful decorations inside and out and for the after-Mass courtyard socials. Finally, warm thanks to all of you for your generosity in the Advent and Christmas collections and for your many kindnesses to the parish. You are a great blessing and Christmas gift. We wish you all a very blessed New Year!



The Care for Creation Committee and Women, Faith and Fellowship are jointly sponsoring a Pre-Lenten Potluck Vegetarian Luncheon on February 23 after the 11:30 mass in Barbelin Hall. Please mark your calendars.

We are inviting parishioners to contribute their favorite vegetarian dishes to the potluck and to share their recipes with the other attendees. If you are interested in making a dish, please contact Bill Stigliani at careforcreation@oldstjoseph.org.

FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending January 12, 2024

Daily Mass:	\$40.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$695.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,197.50
<u>In-Pew Sunday Collection:</u>	<u>\$2,915.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$7,847.50

2024 Christmas Collections 2024

Christmas Flowers:	\$1,204.00
Christmas Music:	\$3,633.00
<u>Christmas Collection:</u>	<u>\$46,577.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$51,414.00

2023 Christmas Collections 2023

Christmas Flowers:	\$1,470.00
Christmas Music:	\$2,067.00
<u>Christmas Collection:</u>	<u>\$38,613.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$42,150.00

Thank you

DECEMBER COLLECTION COMPARISON

December 2023: \$50,126

December 2024: \$45,877

December 2024 shows a decrease of \$4,249 or 8.48% over December 2023.

Thank you for your generosity to OSJ!



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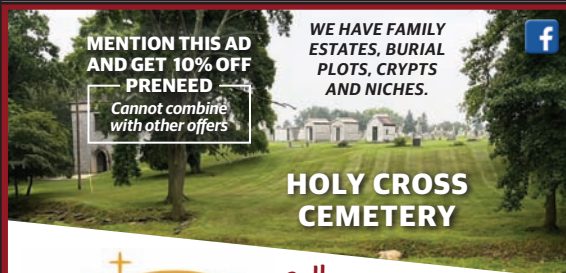
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THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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.*

