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January 26, 2025 | The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C)



## Today's Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord. Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."



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## This Week at Old St. Joseph's

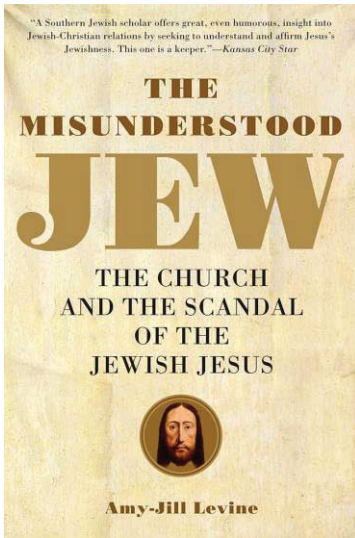
Date					
Mon				9:30 AM	St. Mary's School Mass
27					
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>		10:00 AM	Faith, Food, & Friends
28		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
Wed	12:05 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>			
29		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
Thurs	12:05 PM	<i>Mary Lou Keller (D)</i>		10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends
30		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (Barbelin)
Fri					
31					
Sat				10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends
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Sun	7:30 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>		10:00 AM	Adult Ed Comm Mtg (Drexel)
2		Presider: Fr. Geinzer SJ		10:30 &	COFFEE HOURS
	9:30 AM	<i>Joseph P. Hoban III (D)</i>		12:30 PM	
		Presider: Fr. Geinzer SJ		1:30 PM	Group Baptisms
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		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.

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 Kahrigier 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!**



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

## A Message From OSJ's Ignatian Spirituality and Formation Committee: Follow Up on the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises - Are you interested in experiencing the Spiritual Exercises on an individual basis with your own director?

St. Raphaela Center in Haverford, PA, where we visited for our October parish retreat, has a large number of directors available and to find out about them, you can contact Sister Michelle Cimaroli at [director@straphaelacenter.org](mailto:director@straphaelacenter.org) You can arrange to meet with the directors in person or virtually. You can also contact [osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org) if you would like to reach out to our two parish directors.

## Are you interested in meeting with a spiritual director but not yet ready to participate in the actual Spiritual Exercises?

You can also access the list of spiritual directors at <https://www.straphaelacenter.org/spiritual-direction> or reach our two parish directors at [osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org).

We hope you will consider participating in this life-changing experience that is the foundation of Ignatian Spirituality!



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.

## OSJ STAFF and COMMITTEE CHAIRS

### Pastor

Fr. Francis Hannafey SJ ([pastor@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:pastor@oldstjoseph.org))

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### Faith, Food & Friends Director

Deborah Hluchan ([faithandfriends@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:faithandfriends@oldstjoseph.org))

### Parish Pastoral Council

Pastor, Fr. Francis Hannafey; Chair, John Bitterman

Secretary, Nina Vitullo ([osjpc@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:osjpc@oldstjoseph.org))

### Parish Finance Council

Paul Shay, chair

### Historic Preservation Corporation Board

Fr. Francis Hannafey SJ, president

Barry Eiswerth, chair

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### Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

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### Faith, Food and Friends:

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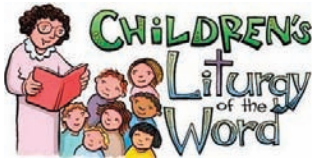
### Care for Creation Committee

Bill Stigliani ([careforcreation@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:careforcreation@oldstjoseph.org))



## MUSIC at OSJ

**Children's Choir: Easter Sunday, and May Procession:**  
**Our Children's Choir rehearsals resumed last week** 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!



**Children's Liturgy of the Word** continues each week at 9:30 AM Mass. A special thank you to our leaders and CLOW Music ministry! We

encourage all families and children to join us. If you haven't been to CLOW for a while, or it's your first time joining, come make a friend and share in the liturgy together.



### Requiescat in Pace

Longstanding OSJ parishioner **Vincent "Paul" Coyne** passed away at the age of 88 on Monday, January 13. Paul's Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at OSJ on Tuesday, January 21. Please keep Paul's wife Mary and their children in your thoughts and prayers.

*Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*



**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](mailto:careforcreation@oldstjoseph.org).

## FINANCIAL INFO

### Offertory for the week ending January 19, 2024

Daily Mass:	\$15.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$348.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$5,253.00
<u>In-Pew Sunday Collection:</u>	<u>\$2,504.00</u>
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$8,120.00</b>

### 2024 Christmas Collections 2024

Christmas Flowers:	\$1,204.00
Christmas Music:	\$3,633.00
<u>Christmas Collection:</u>	<u>\$46,677.00</u>
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$51,514.00</b>

### 2023 Christmas Collections 2023

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

**Our 2024 Christmas collections increased by \$9,364.00 or 18.18% over 2023. Thank you!**

*Thank you*

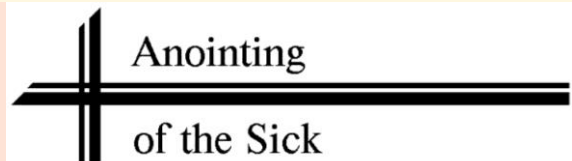
### DECEMBER COLLECTION COMPARISON

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!**



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 on February 2.

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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.

