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February 2, 2025 | Feast of the Presentation of the Lord



Today's Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted -and you yourself a sword will pierce- so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband

after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.



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.

World Marriage Day



Join Us for a special Parish Council Coffee Hour – Celebrating Marriage!

Date: Sunday, February 16

Time: Following the 9:30 & 11:30 Mass

Location: Barbelin Hall

Celebrate the joy of community with us! In the spirit of Pope Francis' words, "The pleasure of belonging to one another leads to seeing life as a common project," we invite everyone—couples and singles alike—to join us for a special coffee hour after Mass.

Married couples will receive a blessing during Mass.

- A wonderful opportunity to meet and connect with others in our parish community.
- Warm fellowship and delicious treats.
- Exciting prizes for the couple married the longest and the newest couple.
- Special invitation to those who were married at Old St. Joseph's this past year.

This Week at Old St. Joseph's

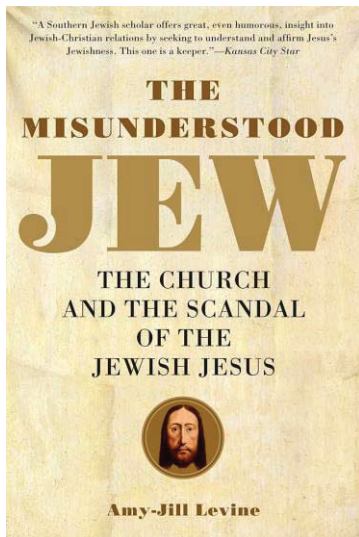
This Week at Old St. Joseph's				
Date				
Mon	3			
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Helene Fennimore Delaney (D)</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food, & Friends
4		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Wed	12:05 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>		
5		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Thurs	12:05 PM	<i>Edward and Mary Britt & Family (D)</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends
6		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	5:00 PM	Wedding reh: Frantz & Riegel
			7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (Barbelin)
Fri			2:00 PM	Wedding: Frantz & Riegel
7			5:00 PM	Wedding reh: Finnerty & Jaffe
Sat			10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends
8			1:00 PM	Spirituality Comm Mtg (Loyola room)
			3:30 PM	Wedding: Finnerty & Jaffe
Sun	7:30 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	1:00 PM	Adult Ed Book Discussion (Barbelin)
9		Presider: Fr. Bur SJ	5:00 PM	Zoom Vespers
	9:30 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>		
		Presider: Fr. Bur 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.

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!**



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 **February 23**. 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 You can arrange to meet with the directors in person or virtually. You can also contact 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,%20org/spiritual-direction> or reach our two parish directors at osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org.

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

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



The Welcoming Center, in partnership with J. Eustace Wolfington, is hosting a *pay-as-you-wish* screening of the powerful film *Cabrini* followed by a Q&A. Hear behind-the-scenes stories from a cast member, the producer, and local community voices as we explore resilience, compassion, and today's immigrant experiences. Monday, February 24, from 6 - 9 PM at the Philadelphia

Film Society – 1412 Chestnut Street.

Your presence would mean so much to us and the immigrant communities we serve. **Reserve Your Spot Today:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cabrini-film-screening-with-the-welcoming-center-tickets-1195124452409?aff=oddtcreator> Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions and we hope to see you there!



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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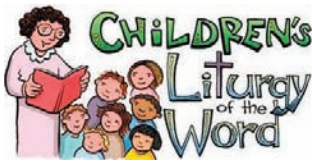
Care for Creation Committee

Bill Stigliani (careforcreation@oldstjoseph.org)



MUSIC at OSJ

Our Children's Choir has resumed 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.



The Care for Creation Committee, OSJ's LGBTQ Prayer Group, 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 26, 2025

Daily Mass:	\$3.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$600.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,602.50
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$7,062.00
Total Collection:	\$12,267.50

Thank you

Second Collection This Weekend – Feb. 2

Care of the Aging & Infirm Priests of the Archdiocese

Please give as generously as you are able.

The following collection is active on ParishSOFT Giving and Text-to-Give: **Care of Aging and Infirm Priests**
The keyword is *AgingPriests*

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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!



On Friday, January 24, copies of Archbishop Perez's recent letter **An Invitation from Archbishop Perez** concerning the future of the Church of Philadelphia were emailed to all OSJ households. If you did not receive a copy, there are printed copies located at the back of the church.



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 TODAY - February 2.

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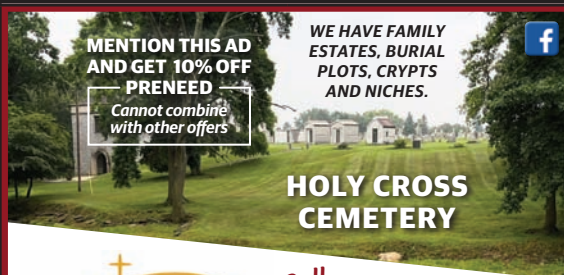
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THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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.*

