

Old St. Joseph's Church

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February 16, 2025 | the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (cycle C)



Today's Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Sermon on the Mount – Jorge Cocco Santángelo

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said:

Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.

Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh.

*Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you,
and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man.*

Rejoice and leap for joy on that day!

Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.

For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way.

But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep.

Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way.



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.



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

Date					
Mon	PRESIDENTS DAY – RECTORY OFFICES CLOSED				
17					
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Our Faith, Food, & Friends</i> Guests	9:30 AM	St. Mary's Prayer Service	
18		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	Faith, Food, & Friends	
Wed	12:05 AM	<i>Giancarlo Mazzoleni (D)</i>			
19		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
Thurs	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends	
20		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (Barbelin)	
Fri			5:00 PM	Wedding reh: Reynolds & Nogles	
21					
Sat			10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends	
22			3:30 PM	Wedding: Reynolds & Nogles	
Sun	7:30 AM	<i>Mary Convery (D)</i>	10:30 AM	Ignatian Spirituality Committee Mtg.	
23		Presider: Fr. Donaldson SJ	12:30 PM	Pre-Lenten Vegetarian Potluck (Barbelin)	
	9:30 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>		LGBTQ Prayer Group (Drexel)	
		Presider: Fr. Donaldson 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.

Joe Duross, 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.



In observance of Presidents Day, the rectory offices will be closed on Monday, February 17.



St. Joseph Feast Day Celebration: Help us celebrate St. Joseph's Day on Wednesday, March 19 with Mass at 6:00 pm followed by dinner in Barbelin Hall. Tickets will be on sale soon!



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.

The OSJ Reading Group will meet on Tuesday, 11 March, at 7.30 via Zoom. Our book for the month is *The Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shafak. If you would like to join the group, please contact Carol Shloss: shlosscarol@gmail.com.



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teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop authentic male leaders capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society. **When:** Wednesday mornings 6:30-7:30 AM. Starts February 5th: 13 weeks. **Where:** Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, Neumann Rm (backside) **Registration:** <https://programs.paradisusdei.org/join/F914C2>

More information: Email aaronpisacane@gmail.com.



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?

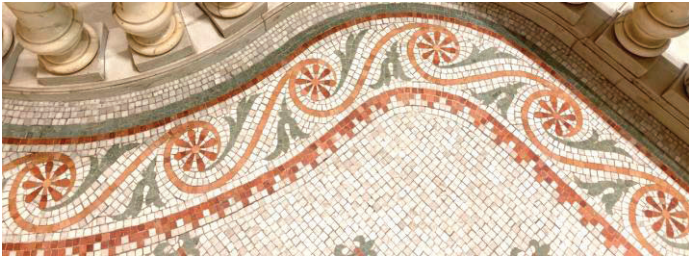
You can also access the list of spiritual directors at www.straphaelacenter.org/spiritual-direction or reach our two parish directors at osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org.

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



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, February 23 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.



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



Our music director and organist, Mark Bani, continues to play the 12:00 Noon organ recital at Macy's (13th and Market) each Friday at 12:00 Noon. Recitals will continue up

through early March. The Wanamaker Organ is the largest fully functioning organ in the world. Those who wish to hear Mark are warmly invited to do so on the remaining Fridays before Macy's closes: Feb. 14, 21, 28, March 7. And all are invited, following each recital (12:00 - 12:45 PM), to come up to the organ console located on the second floor of the store where Mark will give a brief history of the organ. It is quite magnificent to behold the organ console from which the music is played with its over 450 controls and 6 keyboards. Mark asks our prayers that this treasure will continue to be heard through whatever lies ahead for the Grand Court. St. Cecilia, pray for us.

Our Children's Choir will sing on Easter Sunday at our 9:30 AM Mass and for our May Procession on Sunday, May 4. Rehearsals are held each Sunday in the church following the 9:30 AM Mass. All children are invited to join us!



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.



The Friendship Circle is inviting all parishioners to our February Happy Hour on Wednesday, February 19th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at PJ Clarke's at 601 Walnut Street. Come out and enjoy nice conversation and spirits with your fellow OSJ parishioners. If you will be attending

this outing, email us at friendshipcircle@oldstjoseph.org.

FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending February 9, 2025

Daily Mass:	\$21.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$425.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,115.50
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,604.00
Total Collection:	\$7,165.50

Thank you

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

ONLINE GIVING & TEXT-TO-GIVE

Please click here for access to [ParishSOFT Giving](#).
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JANUARY COLLECTION COMPARISON

January 2024: \$34,869

January 2025: \$37,365

January 2025 shows an increase of \$2,496 or 7.16% over January 2024.

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.



And on Monday, February 3, copies of the **letter from the Jesuit Provincials of the USA** on the subject of immigration were

emailed to all households. If you need a copy, copies are available at the back of the church.

Old St. Joseph's Church is firmly committed to closely following the spirit and moral practices of Roman Catholic Social Teaching on care for persons who are immigrants.

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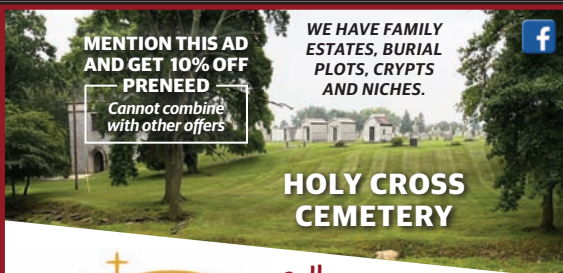
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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

