

Old St. Joseph's Church

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February 23, 2025 | the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (cycle C)



Today's Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples:

To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.



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.

St. Joseph Feast Day Celebration

Come celebrate St. Joseph's Day on Wednesday, March 19 with Mass at 6:00pm followed by dinner in Barbelin Hall. Tickets are now on sale after the 9:30 and 11:30 Sunday Masses: \$10 for adults; children eat for free. Donations of wine and desserts will be appreciated. Volunteers are needed to prepare the food for the dinner on Tuesday, March 18 and serving, set up of the hall, and clean up on Wednesday, March 19. Please contact Joe Casey at joetcasey@aol.com to volunteer and for tickets.



This Week at Old St. Joseph's

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Date					
Mon	24				
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food, & Friends	
	25	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
Wed	12:05 AM	<i>Mary Lord (D)</i>	9:30 AM	Blessing Bag Event (Barbelin)	
	26	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
Thurs	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends	
	27	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (Barbelin)	
Fri			10:00 AM	Memorial Mass: Joan Watson	
	28				
Sat			10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends	
	1		3:30 PM	Wedding: Marrache & Ta	
Sun	7:30 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>		COFFEE HOURS TODAY	
	2	Presider: Fr. Donaldson SJ	7:30 AM	Anointing during Mass	
	9:30 AM	<i>Ljubica Kendes (D)</i>	5:00 PM	Zoom Vespers	
		Presider: Fr. Donaldson 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.

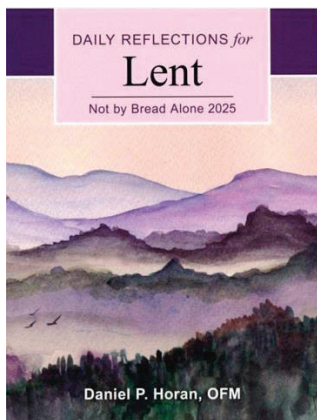
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Updating our Prayer List: Once a quarter, OSJ updates our parish prayer list. If you would like someone's name to remain on the prayer list, or to add a name, please call 215-923-1733.



ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 5, 2025

Ashes will be distributed during our **12:05 and 6:00 PM** Masses on Wednesday, March 5. **We have relaxed parking for both Masses!**



Daily Reflections for Lent: The OSJ Ignatian Spirituality Committee invites all parishioners to set aside a few minutes a day during Lent to pray at home with *Daily Reflections for Lent – Not by Bread Alone 2025*. This year's book of reflections, based on the daily Scripture readings, is written by Daniel P. Horan, OFM. **Books will be available in the church starting the weekend of March 2.**



Conversation with Fr. Ray Donaldson on March 9th following the 11:30 Mass: "Come and See"

Would you like to hear personal stories about experiencing the Spiritual Exercises? Fr. Ray Donaldson will present his experiences of the Exercises on March 9, 2025 after the 11:30 Mass. He'll be joined by Mike Romeu, who will share from a layperson's perspective. Dialogue and questions will follow and refreshments will be served. Please join us. You can contact us at OSJSpirituality@osj.org

Sponsored by the OSJ Spirituality & Formation Committee



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.

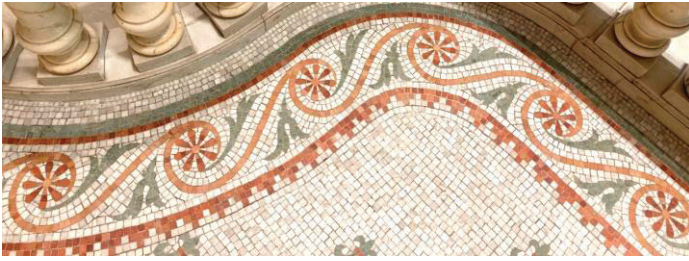


LGBTQ Prayer Group – Please join us for a monthly prayer group. All are welcome! The group will meet every fourth Sunday after the 11:30 AM Mass. Please find Robert Lord-Schell, who will lead the group to the Drexel Room in the Rectory at 12:30 PM. The

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.





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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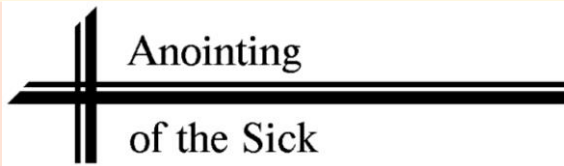
Care for Creation Committee

Bill Stigliani (careforcreation@oldstjoseph.org)



MUSIC at OSJ

Our Children's Choir 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 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 March 2.**

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 Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Collection is now active on our online giving site. If you don't have an online account and

would like to donate, please make your check payable to "OSJ Church" and write *Operation Rice Bowl* on the memo line or insert your check or cash into a marked, temporary envelope located in the back of the church. Rice bowls are also available in the church entryways.



The Archdiocese of Philadelphia's annual Catholic Charities Appeal is underway. More information about the educational

and social services that the Giving Hope to All campaign supports can be found online at catholiccharitiesappeal.org. The website also describes opportunities to donate and to volunteer with organizations benefiting from the appeal. Under Parish Affiliation, please choose Old St. Joseph's—Philadelphia. You may also donate through our ParishSOFT Giving site.

FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending February 16, 2025

Daily Mass:	\$5.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$235.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$5,002.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$4,685.00
Total Collection:	\$9,927.50

Thank you

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Please click here for access to [ParishSOFT Giving](#).
For Text-to-Give, please dial 215-929-7151

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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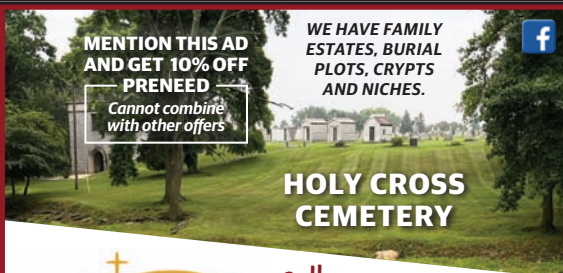
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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

