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March 2, 2025 | the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (cycle C)



The Blind Leading the Blind – Sebastian Vrancx (1573 - 1647)

Today's Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye.

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."



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

Date					
Mon	3				
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Larry Carlin (D)</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food, & Friends	
4		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
Wed	9:30 AM	<i>St. Mary's School Ash Wed. Prayer Service</i>			ASH WEDNESDAY
5	12:05 PM	<i>Ash Wednesday – No Announced Mass</i>			
	6:00 PM	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
Thurs	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends	
6		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (Barbelin)	
Fri			9:00 AM	Gathering & Memorial Mass: Joan Watson	
7					
Sat			10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends	
8					
Sun	7:30 AM	<i>Edward and Mary Britt & Family (D)</i>	5:00 PM	Zoom Vespers	
9		Presider: Fr. Donaldson SJ			
	9:30 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>			
		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.

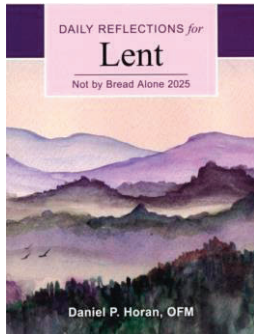
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Updating our Prayer List: Once a quarter, OSJ updates our parish prayer list. If you would like someone's name to remain on the prayer list, or to add a name, please call 215-923-1733.

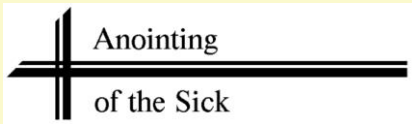


ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 5, 2025

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.**



The Anointing of the Sick takes place on the first Sunday of the month at the 7:30 AM Mass. **Anointing will take place during this morning's Mass.**



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 **March 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.



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.

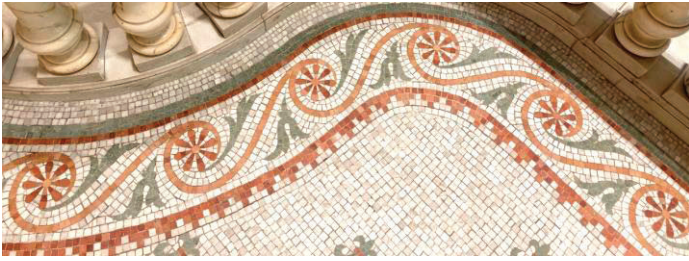
We hope you will consider participating in this life-changing experience that is the foundation of Ignatian Spirituality!



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, March 30 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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A special thank you to all who attended the Parish Council sponsored coffee hours on February 16 recognizing the USCCB's National Marriage Week. We welcomed back to OSJ couples that were married in the past year, as well as those who have been married for many years. It was especially meaningful to gather as the community here at Old St. Joseph's and share in each other's company and celebrate.

Congratulations to all the couples, especially the newest: Liz and Mark DiMonte, who have been married for 9 months, and Collin and Noelle Kure, who have been married for 4 months. Our longest-married couple winners were Laura and Dan Salvatore, married for 51 years, and Agnes and Jim Madden, married for 57 years! The couples all went home with some delicious chocolates.

FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending February 23, 2025

Daily Mass:	\$51.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$300.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$5,487.08
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,681.00
Total Collection:	\$8,519.08

Thank you

Second Collection Next Weekend 3/9/25

The Church in Latin America

Please give as generously as you are able.

The following collections are active on ParishSOFT

Giving and Text-to-Give: **Ash Wednesday, Operation Rice Bowl, Catholic Charities Appeal, Church in Latin America**

The keywords are *AshWednesday, RiceBowl, CatholicCharities, and LatinAmer*

ONLINE GIVING & TEXT-TO-GIVE

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

For Text-to-Give, please dial 215-929-7151

FEBRUARY COLLECTION COMPARISON

February 2024: \$38,393

February 2025: \$39,393

February 2025 shows an increase of \$705 or 1.84% over February 2024.

Thank you for your generosity to OSJ!

An Invitation from Archbishop Pérez

Learn more about a new way forward together for the Catholic Church of Philadelphia

INFORMATION SESSIONS

on the Archdiocesan's Reorganization Plan

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

at 10:30 AM and 12:30 PM in Barbelin Hall

Please join us in Barbelin Hall after the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses on Sunday, March 30th

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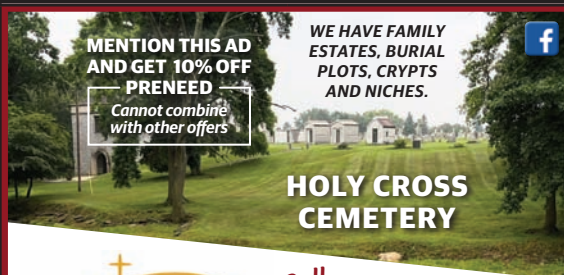
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Our Father who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come
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On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who
trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.

