

# Old St. Joseph's Church

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March 23, 2025 | The Third Sunday of Lent (cycle A)

## Today's Gospel:

**John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42**

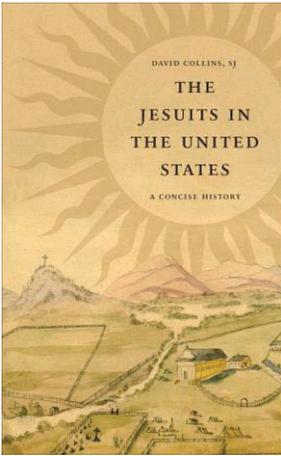
(short version)

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty."



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.



## Jesuit Connections- OSJ to welcome Georgetown University for John Carroll Weekend

**On Sunday, April 6th**, Old St. Joseph's will host alumni from Georgetown University during the 11:30 AM Mass as part of the annual John Carroll weekend. After the Mass, parishioners and friends are invited to enjoy refreshments and participate in a discussion about the history of Jesuits in the United States, featuring Mark Bosco, S.J., and David Collins, S.J. **Since seating is limited, RSVPs are strongly recommended. To RSVP, please email [parishcouncil@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:parishcouncil@oldstjoseph.org).**

More information on author Fr. David Collins S.J. and where to purchase the book "The Jesuits in the United States" see below. Fr David. Collins, S.J., author of the book *The Jesuits in the United States: A Concise History*, has been a member of the Jesuit order since 1987. He is a professor of history and chaired the university's Working Group on Slavery, Memory, and Reconciliation in 2015-2016. He was an elected delegate from the Maryland Province to the Jesuits' Thirty-Sixth General Congregation, which assembled in 2016 to choose the 13th successor to Saint Ignatius Loyola as the order's superior general. For over 25 years Fr. Collins has been offering lectures, seminars, and tours on the history of early Catholicism and the Jesuits in the United States.

**Amazon:** <https://www.amazon.com/Jesuits-United-States-Concise-History/dp/1647123488>

**Georgetown University Press:** <https://press.georgetown.edu/Book/The-Jesuits-in-the-United-States>

### This Week at Old St. Joseph's

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 PM	<i>Joanne Romagnole (D)</i>			
	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	28				
Sat			10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends	
	29		12:00 PM	Confessions in Church	
Sun	7:30 AM	<i>Members of the Whitfield Family (D)</i>	10:30 AM	<b>INFORMATION SESSIONS on the &amp; ARCHDIOCESAN REORGANIZATION PLANS (Barbelin Hall)</b>	
	30	Presider: Fr Hannafey SJ	12:30 PM		
	9:30 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	5:00 PM		
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Bur SJ			

### 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, Bobby Score, Toni Tomei Culleton, Michael Caruso, Anita Thompson, Ed Tomezsko, Linda Cruz-Carnall, 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.*

## Old St. Joseph's Church Lenten Reconciliation

Confessions will be heard in the church on Saturday afternoons during Lent on the following dates:

**Saturdays: March 29 & April 12  
from Noon to 1:00 PM**

Make your Lenten celebration of this Sacrament demonstrate your Lenten effort to convert more faithfully to the baptismal life in Christ. **Note:** Please enter the church through the alley/courtyard entrance. Relaxed parking is available. Use your parking notice!



Join us as we welcome the start of Spring with an afternoon of **Traditional Irish Music on Sunday, March 30 at the Plough and the Stars** at 123 Chestnut Street. The music is from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM and space has been reserved for our group up front near the fireplace and the musicians. Come by anytime that Sunday afternoon for great music and enjoyable conversation with your fellow OSJ parishioners. If you will be attending this outing, please email us at [friendshipcircle@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:friendshipcircle@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 **March 23**. Contact Robert Lord-Schell at [Robert.lord.schell@icloud.com](mailto:Robert.lord.schell@icloud.com) for more details. We hope you will join us.



OSJ has made a \$2,000 contribution from the Barbelin Center for Outreach Ministries to help fund the drilling of wells in Zambia where water has become scarce due to a devastating two-year drought. If you would like to make a contribution to **Quenching Thirst in Rural Zambia**, make your check payable to **“Jesuits USA East”** put it in an envelope, and drop it into the collection or mail it to our business manager Eric German.



**Catholic History Lecture: On Tuesday, April 8** at 7pm at the American Catholic Historical Society (263 S. 4th St.), Dr. Dawn Eden Goldstein will speak on her award-winning book, *Father Ed: The Story of Bill W.'s Spiritual Sponsor*. It is a biography of Jesuit Father Edward Dowling (1898-1960), the counsel he provided to the co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous, and his ministry to people in recovery. For more information and to register, with an option for in-person or online attendance, visit [amchs.org](http://amchs.org).



## Social Justice Committee Lenten Day of Service

The Social Justice Committee invites parishioners and friends of Old St. Joseph to participate

in our **Lenten Day of Service on Friday, April 11**. Join us in giving back to our community by signing up for one of three volunteer sessions with Project Home.

### Volunteer Sessions:

- Project Home, Hub of Hope: Suburban Station 6:30 AM - 8:30 AM Distribution of OSJ Blessing Bags
- Project Home, Hub of Hope 12:00 PM- 3:00 PM
- Project Home, HOMEspun Boutique / Helen Brown Food Pantry 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

To view session details and sign up, please visit:

<https://forms.gle/Gi4TK6i4kBgxsrtq5>

For more information or questions, feel free to email the Social Justice Committee at [socialjustice@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:socialjustice@oldstjoseph.org).



You can also use this QR code to register for the Lenten Day of Service!

Thank you for your support and willingness to serve!

The **OSJ Reading Group** will meet next on Tuesday, 1 April at 7.30 p.m. via Zoom. Our book for the month is *The Wind Knows My Name* by Isabel Allende. If you would like to join the group, contact Carol Shloss: [shlosscarol@gmail.com](mailto:shlosscarol@gmail.com)



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](http://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.



**Women Faith and Fellowship** encourages women to attend the March 30 Parish Council's sessions to hear about the Archdiocesan reorganization plans instead of our scheduled Coffee and Conversation on that date. These sessions will follow the 9:30am Mass and a second one after the 11:30am Mass. We hope to see you in the church's lower Barbelin Hall to learn more about the plan. Our next Coffee and Conversation will be April 27, 2025 at 10:00am in the rectory.



## 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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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

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### Care for Creation Committee

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All Children are encouraged to return their Operation Rice Bowl cardboard boxes on April 27 at the 9:30 am Mass. The children will be invited to process at the Offertory with their donations. You may also wish to donate through Online

Giving or Text-to-Give. Simply choose "Donate" on the OSJ homepage and use the dropdown menu to select "Rice Bowl". Thank you for your support.



**Easter Card Making:** Calling all artists! Please stop by the **9:30 AM Coffee Hour on April 6** to make Easter cards for the patients at PA hospital. These cards, filled with well wishes and prayers from our parish community, will be distributed by members of our Hospital Ministry. A special thank you to our hospital ministers

who visit the sick to pray with them and distribute Holy Communion. Please continue to keep the patients at PA Hospital in your prayers.

**The Way of the Cross for Children- Palm Sunday, April 13, 9:30 am Mass:** All children, PREP students and family members are invited to attend this special Children's Liturgy of the Word. We will present the stations of the cross with visual aids and music. After each station there will be a reflection on our Lord's passion relatable to children. This program is especially meaningful for children in preschool through 8th grade. Whether you are a regular at CLOW or new to the program, we encourage you to share this once yearly tradition.



Highschoolers interested in being a lector at the program can email Nina Vitullo at vitullon@oldstjoseph.org for more information.



**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!

## FINANCIAL INFO

### Offertory for the week ending March 16, 2025

Daily Mass:	\$33.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$5,488.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,511.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$3,043.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$13,075.00</b>

**NOTE:** This month's mail-in total includes quarterly distributions from qualified retirement accounts. Please consider the income tax advantages of this option when managing the Required Minimum Distributions from your retirement accounts.

*Thank you*

The following collections are active on ParishSOFT Giving and Text-to-Give:

**Operation Rice Bowl, Catholic Charities Appeal, Church in Latin America**

The keywords are 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!**

## NEXT SUNDAY!!!!

### 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 for coffee social and discussion.



**The Archdiocese is offering one more chance to participate in the Parish Disciple Maker Index (DMI).**

This is the survey conducted during the synodal process.

It can be filled out online:

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/x68736>

Paper copies are also available at the back of the church.

**The deadline for replying is April 10.**

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Our Father who art in Heaven,  
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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.

