

Old St. Joseph's Church

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March 30, 2025 | The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Cycle A – RCIA Program)



Today's Gospel: John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 (short version)

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent —. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is, "but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them,

"He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about

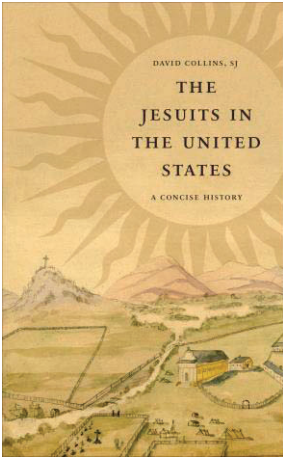
him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped 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.



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.**

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	31			
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food, & Friends
1		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	7:30 PM	OSJ Book Group (Zoom)
Wed	12:05 PM	<i>Gabriella Passamonti Mariella (L)</i>		
2		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Thurs	12:05 PM	<i>Albert & Beatrice DiLauro (D)</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends
3		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (Barbelin)
Fri			9:30 AM	St. Mary's School Mass
4				
Sat			10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends
5			11:00 AM	Baptism – Fr. Frederico (Church)
Sun	7:30 AM	<i>Charles McCloskey (D)</i>		COFFEE HOURS TODAY
6		Presider: Fr Hannafey SJ	11:30 AM	Georgetown Univ. Alumni Mass
	9:30 AM	<i>Arthur McCloskey (D)</i>	12:45 PM	Choir Rehearsal (Church)
		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	5:00 PM	Zoom Vespers
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ		

OSJ PRAYER LIST

In your prayers, please remember our sick and homebound brothers and sisters and our ministry at Pennsylvania Hospital.

Mary Beggy, Steve & 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!



OSJ'S 2025 PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday ~ April 13

Masses at 7:30, 9:30 (CLOW – *The Way of the Cross for Children*), & 11:30am

Holy Thursday ~ April 17

Confessions: 11:30am – 12:30pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30pm
Compline: 9:30pm

Good Friday ~ April 18

Stations of the Cross: 12:05pm
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion: 3:00pm

Easter Vigil ~ Saturday, April 19

Mass at 8:00pm

Easter Sunday ~ April 20

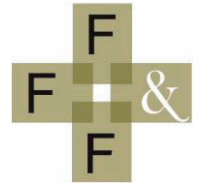
Masses at 7:30am, 9:30am (No CLOW today. Egg hunt after Mass!), & 11:30am

Note: We have relaxed parking for each service.

Program Director for Faith Food and Friends: Since 1986, our parish outreach program, Faith Food & Friends (FF&F), has fostered a sense of community and served restaurant-style meals for up to 70 guests, three times per week. Our pastor Fr. Frank Hannafey, in consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council, has decided to enhance the organization of our program by hiring a permanent, part time Program Director.

The Director of FF&F will be a member of the parish staff answering to the pastor, responsible for managing the program in all respects.

The Director should have a deep understanding of the program's mission, client base and the Jesuit values grounding this ministry. The Director should have managerial and administrative experience in social services and experience in food service programs for poor, homeless and marginalized adults. The full job description and qualifications are posted on the OSJ website. Anyone interested should contact the parish Business Manager, Eric German, at 215 923 1733 or office@oldstjoseph.org.



Faith, Food & Friends – Our Spring

Wishes: Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 60 or more hungry and housing-insecure men and women come to Faith, Food & Friends for a home-cooked meal and other assistance. Thanks to the generous support of OSJ parishioners, FF&F is able to distribute socks and personal care items to our guests weekly. To meet our guests' basic needs through the coming months, we especially need donations of the following items: *Bar soap; Travel-size deodorant; Travel-size body lotion; Travel-size toothpaste and Disposable twin blade razors.*

Please visit the Faith, Food & Friends Amazon wish list ([click here](#)) where you can find these essentials and other items that would be most appreciated by our guests. We ask that you consider making a gift to FF&F of one or more of these items, by ordering through Amazon or a retailer of your choice or by purchasing the items yourself and dropping them off at the rectory during business hours. For more information on wish list items, please contact FF&F at faithandfriends@oldstjoseph.org.

In addition to items identified on the wish list, an item frequently requested by our guests is a *roll of toilet paper*. To assure that we have an adequate supply on hand to distribute a roll when requested, we are seeking donations of large size packages of toilet paper. These can be purchased most economically at big box stores and may be dropped off at OSJ any time that the rectory is open.

We thank you for your generous support of FF&F and our guests. Your donation can make a real difference in ensuring that no one goes without these basic necessities.

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





Calling All Artists!

We have come to understand that OSJ is home to a number of budding and well-established artists, and we are excited to announce the introduction of an OSJ Art Show on Sunday May 18th in Barbelin Hall. This is a

wonderful opportunity for artists within our community to showcase their talents, creativity, and stories.

Are you an artist who wishes to show 2 or 3 pieces of your work in this one-day exhibit? We are currently seeking expressions of interest from individuals who would like to participate in this inspiring event. Whether you're a painter, sculptor, photographer, or creator of any medium, we'd love to hear from you! Please send your name, email address, and the number of works you wish to exhibit, along with their title, size, and price if the piece is for sale. We will contact you with details.

If you're interested or would like more details, please contact John Schlesinger, jjschlesinger@verizon.net, or Kathleen Catanese, goghgreen161@gmail.com.

St. Joseph's Day Thanks!

A warm word of thanks to all who attended and participated in our St. Joseph's Mass & Dinner on Wednesday, March 19. Thanks to all who made this liturgy extra special. Thanks to Termini Bros Bakery in South Philly for donating their delicious zeppole (St. Joseph's cakes). And a special thanks to Joe Casey and his volunteer crew for the wonderful dinner served in Barbelin Hall.



OSJ Sunday Vespers on Zoom: Every Sunday at 5PM, we offer a Zoom Vespers/Evening Prayer for anyone interested. If you are not already an

active participant and would like to be, please contact Stephen Paesani at spaesani@gmail.com and he will send you the Zoom link.

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 **April 27**. Contact Robert Lord-Schell at Robert.lord.schell@icloud.com for more details. We hope you will join us.



Join us today, Sunday, March 30th, for an afternoon of Traditional Irish Music at the Plough and the Stars at 123 Chestnut Street. The music is from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM and we have reserved space up front near the musicians.

Come by anytime for great music and enjoyable conversation with your fellow OSJ parishioners. If you will be attending this outing, email us at friendshipcircle@oldstjoseph.org.



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.

TODAY: 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.



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.



NOTE: Children's Liturgy of the Word will not gather on Easter Sunday. Please join us at 9:30 am Mass to hear our Children's Choir sing and join us after Mass for the Easter Egg Hunt and refreshments.

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 23, 2025

Daily Mass:	\$91.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$532.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$5,359.70
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$4,888.00
Total Collection:	\$10,870.70

Thank you

The following collections are active on our Online Giving and Text-to-Give sites:

Operation Rice Bowl
Church in Latin America,
Easter Flowers and Music Memorials,
Holy Thursday, Good Friday/Holy Land,
Easter Sunday, Catholic Charities Appeal

For Text-to-Give (215-929-7151) the keywords are RiceBowl, LatinAmer, EasterFlowers, EasterMusic, HolvThur. GoodFri. Easter. and CatholicCharities

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!

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/Gj4TK6i4kBgxsrtq5>

For more information or questions, feel free to email the Social Justice Committee at 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!

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Our Father who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
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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.

