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March 9, 2025 | The First Sunday of Lent (cycle C)



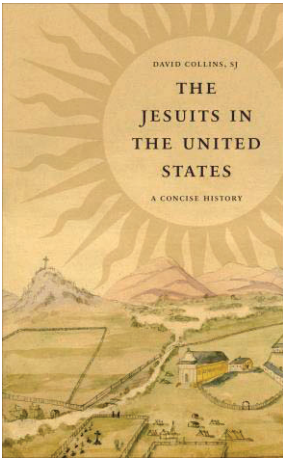
Today's Gospel: Luke: 4:1-13

Christ in the Wilderness – Ivan Nikolaevich Kramskoy, 1873

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over, he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, One does not live on bread alone." Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone." Jesus said to him in reply, "It also says, You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.



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

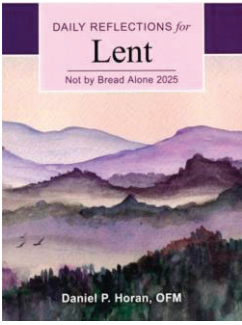
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Mon	10				
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>		10:00 AM	Faith, Food, & Friends
11		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
Wed	12:05 PM	<i>Our Faith, Food & Friends Guests</i>			
12		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
Thurs	12:05 PM	<i>Geraldine Marren & Family (D)</i>		10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends
13		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (Barbelin)
Fri	14				
Sat	15			10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends
Sun	7:30 AM	<i>T. V. Whitfield (D)</i>		10:30 AM	COFFEE HOUR
16		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		12:30 PM	COFFEE HOUR
	9:30 AM	<i>Maria DiLauro Curry (D)</i>		5:00 PM	Zoom Vespers
		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Wagner SJ			

OSJ PRAYER LIST

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

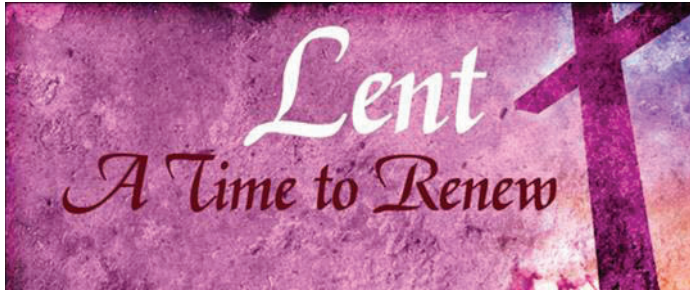
Joe Duross, Nada Sizgorich, Neal Hébert, Bobby Score, Toni Tomei Culleton, Michael Caruso, Anita Thompson, Ed Tomezsko, Linda Cruz-Carnall, Leslie Ronaldson Haskins, Paul Smith, Barbara Merdiushev, Bonnie Park, Peggy and Mike Connolly, Gary Bushelli, Mary Lou Crompton, Joseph Kahrigier Jr, Richard Swift, 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.



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 are available in the pews or the back of the church.**



TODAY!

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



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 **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.



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.

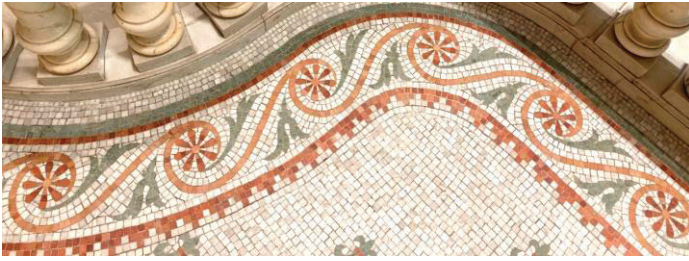


OSJ has made a \$2,000 contribution from the Barbelin Center for Outreach Ministries to help fund the drilling of wells in Zambia where water has become scarce due to a devastating two-year drought. If you would like to make a contribution to **Quenching Thirst in Rural Zambia**, make your check payable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

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.





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 Children's Choir is embarked on preparing exciting and faith filled music for Easter Sunday and for our May Procession. All children are invited to join us!

In addition to Easter Sunday, we invite you to mark your calendars for a May procession when our children will honor our Blessed Mother on Sunday, May 4, 2025 after our 9:30 AM Mass. Our children's ministry of music offers children opportunities to sing during the Sunday 9:30 AM Family Mass while experiencing the wonders of the Liturgical Year. In addition to providing a fine introduction to music, the children's choir also enjoys the opportunity to grow in their faith through sacred song. All children are cordially invited to join us!



Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl are available in the church entryways. Please consider taking home a cardboard rice

bowl and its enclosed calendar and guide to Lent. **You may also wish to make a donation through Online Giving or Text-to-Give.** They can be part of your family's prayer and almsgiving during this season.

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.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS THIS WEEKEND: SUNDAY, MARCH 9! Don't forget to turn your clocks **AHEAD** one hour before you go to bed on **Saturday night, March 8th!**

FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending March 2, 2025

Daily Mass:	\$28.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$60.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$5,314.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$4,628.00
Total Collection:	\$10,030.00

Thank you

Second Collection This 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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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

