

# Old St. Joseph's Church

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April 13, 2025 | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (C)



*Jesus Riding into Jerusalem, fresco (1842-48) – Jean-Hippolyte Flandrin*

**Introit for Palm Sunday:** Matthew 21:9

Hosanna filio David: benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini, Rex Israel:  
Hosanna in excelsis.

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed who comes in the name of the Lord, King of Israel.  
Hosanna in the highest.



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## This Week at Old St. Joseph's

Date					
Mon 14					
Tues 15	12:05 PM	<i>Geraldine Marren &amp; Family (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	St. Mary's School Confessions Faith, Food, & Friends	
Wed 16	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (Barbelin)	
Thurs 17	12:05 PM	Confessions Only	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends	
	7:30 PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	6:45 PM 7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal (Barbelin) Mass of the Lord's Supper	
	9:30 PM	Compline	9:30 PM	Compline	
Fri 18	12:05 PM	Stations of the Cross Presider: Br. Robert Carson SJ	12:05 PM 2:00 PM	Stations of the Cross Choir Rehearsal	
	3:00 PM	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	3:00 PM	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion	
Sat 19	8:00 PM	Easter Vigil	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends	
			7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	
			8:00 PM	Easter Vigil	
Sun 20	7:30 AM	Presider: Fr Donaldson SJ	5:00 PM	Zoom Vespers	
	9:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Wagner SJ			



### OSJ'S 2025 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### 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.

### OSJ PRAYER LIST

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

Gail Williams, Edie Jett, Corinne G Roberson Hickson,  
Joanne Vieth, John Stachowicz, Linda Avila,  
John Turlik, 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.*



## Ministry Schedule

**The April Ministry Schedule has been posted online!** Liturgical Ministers should log in and volunteer now to serve in their ministry. In the spirit of the

Lenten season, we ask everyone to go the extra mile and serve more frequently. Lent is a time to go above and beyond the call of duty in order to become more like our Lord Jesus Christ. +AMDG!



### 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 18<sup>th</sup> in Barbelin Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity for artists within our community to showcase their talents, creativity, and stories.

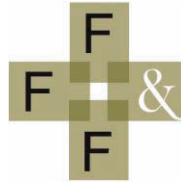
Are you an artist who wishes to show 2 or 3 pieces of your work in this one-day exhibit? We are currently seeking expressions of interest from individuals who would like to participate in this inspiring event. Whether you're a painter, sculptor, photographer, or creator of any medium, we'd love to hear 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](mailto:jjschlesinger@verizon.net), or Kathleen Catanese, [goghgreen161@gmail.com](mailto:goghgreen161@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:Robert.lord.schell@icloud.com) for more details. We hope you will join us.



**Care For Creation and CLOW Event-Composting and playing together in the park!** Please meet us in the courtyard after Mass on Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> for a special Care for Creation children's awareness event in celebration of Earth Day, open to all! We will learn about composting, with a demonstration in the parish courtyard. Children are welcome to bring a quart size baggie with one compostable item, such as a banana peel, eggshell, or scraps of fruits and vegetables, as we learn how to compost! We will then walk to Three Bear's Park at 319 Delancey Street where the children can play and enjoy earth-friendly snacks and coffee provided for children and adults! \*Please bring a reusable water bottle from home. For more information email Nina Vitullo at [vitullon@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:vitullon@oldstjoseph.org)



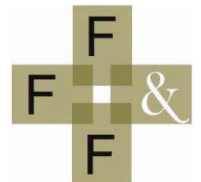
**Director for Faith Food and Friends:** Since 1986, our parish outreach program, Faith Food & Friends (FF&F), has fostered a sense of community and served restaurant-style meals for up to 70 guests, three times per week. Our pastor Fr. Frank Hannafey, in consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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 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](mailto: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!



**OSJ Annual Easter Egg Hunt:** The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place immediately after the 9:30 Mass on Easter Sunday in the North Park area next to the church. Children may bring a small basket to collect the eggs. Donations of plastic eggs filled with treats inside would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off in the basket located in the back of church on Sunday mornings. Thank you! **NOTE: CLOW will not be held on Easter Sunday.**

**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.



**St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church**, 24th and Poplar Sts., Philadelphia (near Girard College) in celebration of Mother's Day, invites you to "One Faith – Many Voices: Born of Mary," a concert of sacred music, on Sunday, May 11, at 4:00 p.m. Dr. Donald Meineke, Director

of Music at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Center City Philadelphia and Artistic Director of Choral Arts Philadelphia, will lead a professional quartet singing music drawn from both Eastern and Western Christian traditions. The program will feature pieces honoring the Mother of Jesus and commemorating mothers everywhere. Composers from the Eastern tradition include Bortniansky, Lysenko and Zakkak; from the Western tradition, Liszt, Palestrina, Poulenc, and Rheinberger. Selections span the musical timeline from 12th century chant through contemporary compositions. Tickets are bargain-priced at \$15 at the door. Ticket sales support the parish's special outreach to Ukrainian refugees living here and humanitarian aid to the people of Ukraine. Light refreshments are included. We hope you will join us in honoring mothers and their families on their special day.

Limited on-site parking and free on-street parking is available. Septa bus routes 7 and 15 are nearby.

"One Faith – Many Voices" is a concert series hosted by St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church. Its mission is to preserve and present traditional Eastern and Western sacred music, both old and new. Its goals are to educate, engage and edify its attendees. Questions may be directed to concert coordinator Anthony Corvaia at 215-260-7269.

## From The Pastor

Dear Parishioners and Friends of OSJ,

I'm happy to share good news that the Arrupe Hall Jesuit Community at St. Joseph's University has recently presented the parish with a generous gift of \$ 38,000. This gift is most welcome and deeply appreciated. We plan to use part of these funds to support the operations of our Faith Food and Friends program to assist the volunteers who show great devotion in their wonderful care for the poor and homeless of the city. Special thanks to Fr. Steve Surovick, S.J., the superior of the Arrupe Community, who presented this gift. We are most grateful for this financial support and wish to also thank the priests of the Community who faithfully come to our parish on Sundays to preside and preach at Masses for us.

Continued prayers and good wishes for Lent.

Francis T. Hannafey, S.J.  
Pastor

**Fr Jim Martin S.J on his newest book** *Come Forth: The Promise of Jesus's Greatest Miracle*: April 26th, 2025 at 4:00 pm at the Chapel of Saint Joseph, Saint Joseph's University, 2525 Cardinal Avenue Philadelphia PA 19131. Reception to follow hosted by Ignatian Volunteer Corps.

**PARISHIONERS:** we're looking for a few good women and men to join our liturgical ministries. You'll deepen your faith, expand your horizons, and make new friends along the way! Just go to [www.oldstjoseph.org](http://www.oldstjoseph.org) and click the sign-up to serve in a ministry link on our homepage. +AMDG!



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, April 27th 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](mailto:wff@oldstjoseph.org)

**The OSJ Reading Group** will meet next on Tuesday 6 May 2025 at 7.30 p.m. via Zoom. Our book for the month is *Dubliners* by James Joyce. New members can join by contacting Carol Shloss: [shlosscarol@gmail.com](mailto:shlosscarol@gmail.com)



## FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending April 6, 2025

Daily Mass:	\$43.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$805.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$5,083.70
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$3,816.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$9,747.70</b>

*Thank you*

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

Operation Rice Bowl

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,  
HolyThur, GoodFri, Easter, and CatholicCharities

### MARCH COLLECTION COMPARISON

March, 2024: \$35,332 (Four Sundays)

March, 2025: \$51,957 (Five Sundays)

This month's increase over last year includes quarterly direct contributions from individual retirement accounts. Please consider this option when managing the Required Minimum Distributions from your retirement accounts.

*Thank you for your increased generosity to OSJ!*

## Old St. Joseph's Church Lenten Reconciliation

**Saturday: April 12, 2025 - 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!



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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father who art in Heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come  
thy will be done  
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.*

