

Old St. Joseph's Church

Est. 1733 | Philadelphia's Jesuit Parish

321 Willings Alley
Philadelphia PA
19106
215-923-1733
www.oldstjoseph.org

April 20, 2025 | Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



The Disciples Peter and John Running to the Sepulchre on the Morning of the Resurrection—Eugène Burnand, Musée d'Orsay

Today's Gospel: John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.



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.

This Week at Old St. Joseph's

| Date | | | | | |
|-------|----|----------|---|----------|---|
| Mon | 21 | | | | |
| Tues | 22 | 12:05 PM | <i>Giancarlo Mazzoleni (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ | 10:00 AM | Faith, Food, & Friends |
| Wed | 23 | 12:05 PM | <i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ | | |
| Thurs | 24 | 12:05 PM | Our FF&F Guests (L) Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ | 10:00 AM | Faith, Food & Friends |
| Fri | 25 | | | 5:00 PM | Wedding reh: Iorio & Yoslov |
| Sat | 26 | | | 10:00 AM | Faith, Food & Friends |
| | | | | 11:00 AM | Baptism: Fr. O'Donnell SJ (Church) |
| | | | | 3:00 PM | 1 st Communion Retreat (Barbelin) |
| | | | | 3:30 PM | Wedding: Iorio & Yoslov |
| Sun | 27 | 7:30 AM | <i>Mary M Convery (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Bur SJ | 10:30 AM | Earth Day Event – Three Bears Park Ignatian Spirituality Comm Mtg (Loyola) |
| | | 9:30 AM | <i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Bur SJ | 12:30 PM | LGBTQ Prayer Group |
| | | | | 1:30 PM | Group Baptisms (Church) |
| | | 11:30 AM | Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ | 5:00 PM | Zoom Vespers |

OSJ PRAYER LIST

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

Bill Wilson, 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.

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 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.

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.



Care For Creation and CLOW Event- Composting and playing together in the park! Please meet us in the courtyard after Mass on Sunday April 27th 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

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.



HAPPY EASTER!

Wine Tasting! Join the Friendship Circle at a Friday Wine Tasting event at Panorama Restaurant (14 N. Front Street) on Friday May 2nd from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Panorama's Friday Night Flights is a casual "walk around style" tasting highlighting a specific theme,



region, or importer presented in a casual informative format with light hors d'oeuvres. The cost of the event is \$35 in advance. If you wish to join your fellow parishioners at this wine tasting event, purchase your ticket from the Panorama website (www.pennsvviewhotel.com/events/friday-night-flights/) or under "Events" on the Panorama Restaurant website. After purchasing your ticket, send us an email at friendshipcircle@oldstjoseph.org to let us know you'll be joining us. We are looking forward to an enjoyable evening of great conversation and the sampling of exciting wine.



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.



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.

OSJ STAFF and COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Pastor

Fr. Francis Hannafey SJ (pastor@oldstjoseph.org)

In Residence

Br. Robert Carson SJ

Business Manager

Eric German (germane@oldstjoseph.org)

Director of Music

Mark Bani (music@oldstjoseph.org)

Pastoral Associate for Weddings

Donna Soultoukis (dsoultoukis@oldstjoseph.org)

Pastoral Associate

Nina Vitullo (vitullon@oldstjoseph.org)

Parish Offices

(office@oldstjoseph.org)

PREP & Baptism Coordinator

Christine Szczepanowski (prep@oldstjoseph.org)

Faith, Food & Friends Director

Deborah Hluchan (faithandfriends@oldstjoseph.org)

Parish Pastoral Council

Pastor, Fr. Francis Hannafey; Chair, John Bitterman

Secretary, Nina Vitullo (osjpc@oldstjoseph.org)

Parish Finance Council

Paul Shay, chair

Historic Preservation Corporation Board

Fr. Francis Hannafey SJ, president

Barry Eiswerth, chair

Adult Education

Rita O'Brien and Jeanmarie Zippo

(adulthood@oldstjoseph.org)

Friendship Circle (former Eldership Committee)

John Welsh (friendshipcircle@oldstjoseph.org)

Parish Life

Joe Casey (parishlife@oldstjoseph.org)

Ignatian Spirituality and Formation

LouAnne Bulik & Cynthia Locke

(osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org)

Women, Faith and Fellowship

Rana McNamara (wff@oldstjoseph.org)

Altar Servers

Len Mancini (altarserver@oldstjoseph.org)

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Bill Stewart (EM@oldstjoseph.org)

Homebound Ministry

Dennis Faucher (homeEM@oldstjoseph.org)

Hospital Ministry

Robert Lord-Schell (office@oldstjoseph.org)

Lectors

Kathleen Catanese (lectors@oldstjoseph.org)

Ushers and Scheduling

Nikola Sizgorich (ushers@oldstjoseph.org)

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Nina Vitullo (clow@oldstjoseph.org)

Faith, Food and Friends:

Deborah Hluchan and Mary Freedman

(faithandfriends@oldstjoseph.org)

Social Justice Committee

Sarah Johnson & Bob Culleton

(socialjustice@oldstjoseph.org)

Care for Creation Committee

Bill Stigliani (careforcreation@oldstjoseph.org)



May Procession, Sunday, May 4: The children will honor our Blessed Mother with a May Procession on Sunday, May 4, following the 9:30 AM Mass. Both our Children's Choir and the Schola Cantorum will provide music for this celebration. All are invited as we honor Our Lady during the month of May!



All Children are encouraged to return their Operation Rice Bowl cardboard boxes next weekend, 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.

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 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

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



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.



FINANCIAL INFO

Due to our bulletin printing company's early Easter bulletin deadline, the Palm Sunday collection was not counted in time for inclusion in this week's bulletin and will be published next week.

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, 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.

Ronald Rex Piselli Funeral Chapels Inc.



*"We are a member of this great Parish,
Proudly serving the Parishioners
and Clergy for over 30 years"*

215-271-0950

Offices - 1213 S. Broad Street • Phila., PA 19147

Email: ronrex@comcast.net



Nick Selvaggi

REALTOR®

Representing Philadelphia
Born • Raised • Resident

☎ : 215-470-4000

✉ : NickSelvaggiRE@gmail.com



PLEASE!



Only you can
prevent forest fires

*Please Continue
To Pray For*



World Peace

Help your community,
the environment,
& yourself



➤ Patronize your
local businesses

Mother's Day

**PROMOTIONAL
ADVERTISING SPECIAL**

Rates starting at...

\$7.00 PER WEEK

call... **Bill Potter**

856.607.3999



Please support your
parish by advertising
on the church bulletin.
Please call Bill Potter for
details (856) 607-3999

**Every
Veteran
has earned
help and
support.**



Don't wait. Reach out.
VA.GOV/REACH



VA



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

The Engel Law Firm

*Strategic Trial Advocacy for the
Philadelphia Business Community*
www.engelfirm.com

MENTION THIS AD
AND GET 10% OFF
PRENEED
Cannot combine
with other offers

WE HAVE FAMILY
ESTATES, BURIAL
PLOTS, CRYPTS
AND NICHES.



**HOLY CROSS
CEMETERY**



call

**610.626.2206 & ASK FOR
NADINE TO LEARN MORE**

philadelphiacatholiccemeteries.com/cemeteries/holy-cross-cemetery

Let's **TACO**
'bout the need
for blood.



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.*

