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April 27, 2025 | The Second Sunday of Easter



Today's Gospel: John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

Incredulity of Saint Thomas – Anthony Van Dyck (1625-1626)



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	28			
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food, & Friends
29		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Wed	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	7:00 PM	Finance Comm Zoom Mtg.
30		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Thurs	12:05 PM	Edward & Mary Britt Family (D)	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends
1		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	5:00 PM	Wedding reh: Natale & Jordan
Fri			3:00 PM	Wedding: Natale & Jordan
2			5:00 PM	Wedding reh: Dlugos & Townsend
			6:00 PM	Wedding reh: Genovese & Paros
Sat			10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends
3			1:00 PM	Wedding: Genovese & Paros
			3:30 PM	Wedding: Dlugos & Townsend
Sun	7:30 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>		COFFEE HOURS TODAY
4		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:30 AM	May Procession
	9:30 AM	<i>Catherine E. McGinty (D)</i>	10:30 AM	Adult Ed Comm Mtg (Drexel)
		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	5:00 PM	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.

Cynthia Locke, Lucy Roehm, 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, 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.

Deadline for registering submissions is May 4th. Please contact John Schlesinger, jjschlesinger@verizon.net, or Kathleen Catanese, goghgreen161@gmail.com.



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 \$45 in advance. If you wish to join your fellow parishioners at this wine tasting event, purchase your ticket from the Panorama website (www.pennsviewhotel.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.

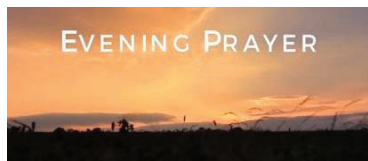


LENTEN DAY OF SERVICE: Old St. Joseph's parish showed up with love and hard work on Friday, April 11 to support the three missions of Project

Home. 1.) Volunteers started the day at 6AM at the Hub of Hope, preparing and serving hot coffee, chocolate and tea. 2.) Volunteers sorted summer and spring clothes at the HOPEspun Boutique and Hub of Hope Donation Center. 3.) OSJ parishioners also packed groceries at the food pantry at the Helen Brown Community Center in North Philly. A big shout out to Nina Vitullo and the children of OSJ who prepared and delivered OSJ Blessing Bags to each of the Project Home sites.

MAIL SERVICE OPPORTUNITY, FAITH, FOOD AND FRIENDS:

In this Easter season, are you thinking about how you can answer the call to "walk with the poor and marginalized"? Why not volunteer to hand out mail to our Faith Food and Friends guests on Saturday mornings this summer? It's easy! Show up at Barbelin Hall at about 10:15-10:30 AM, on Saturdays starting June 7. Put the new mail in our highly professional sorting boxes, and hand it out after the meal. Finish up by 12:30. If you are interested, let us know your availability – if two or more parishioners respond we can schedule alternating Saturdays. We will cover for you when away for business or vacation, and we'll show you where everything is before you start. Contact Bill Culleton at wcully2@comcast.net or 215 284 2860.



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.



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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THANK YOU! Our deepest gratitude for all those who served our community through the Holy Week liturgies: the acolytes, ushers, eucharistic ministers, lectors, sacristans, cantors, choir, and music ministers; those who washed feet, carried in the blessed oils, rang the bell, or stripped the altar; those who bore in the Cross; those who cleaned and decorated the church and contributed

for flowers and music; those who provided hospitality after the Easter Masses and arranged the Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

Thank you

Our thanks to Ron Piselli of the Ronald Rex Piselli Funeral Chapels for furnishing the antique ciborium and veil for our Holy Thursday Mass.

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!



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

FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending April 13, 2025

Daily Mass Collection	\$84.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$1,151.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$3,640.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$4,565.00
Total Collection:	\$9,440.00

The Easter and Holy Week collections will be published on May 11 to allow time for late contributions. Thank you for your continued support of Old St. Joseph's Church.

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.



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

