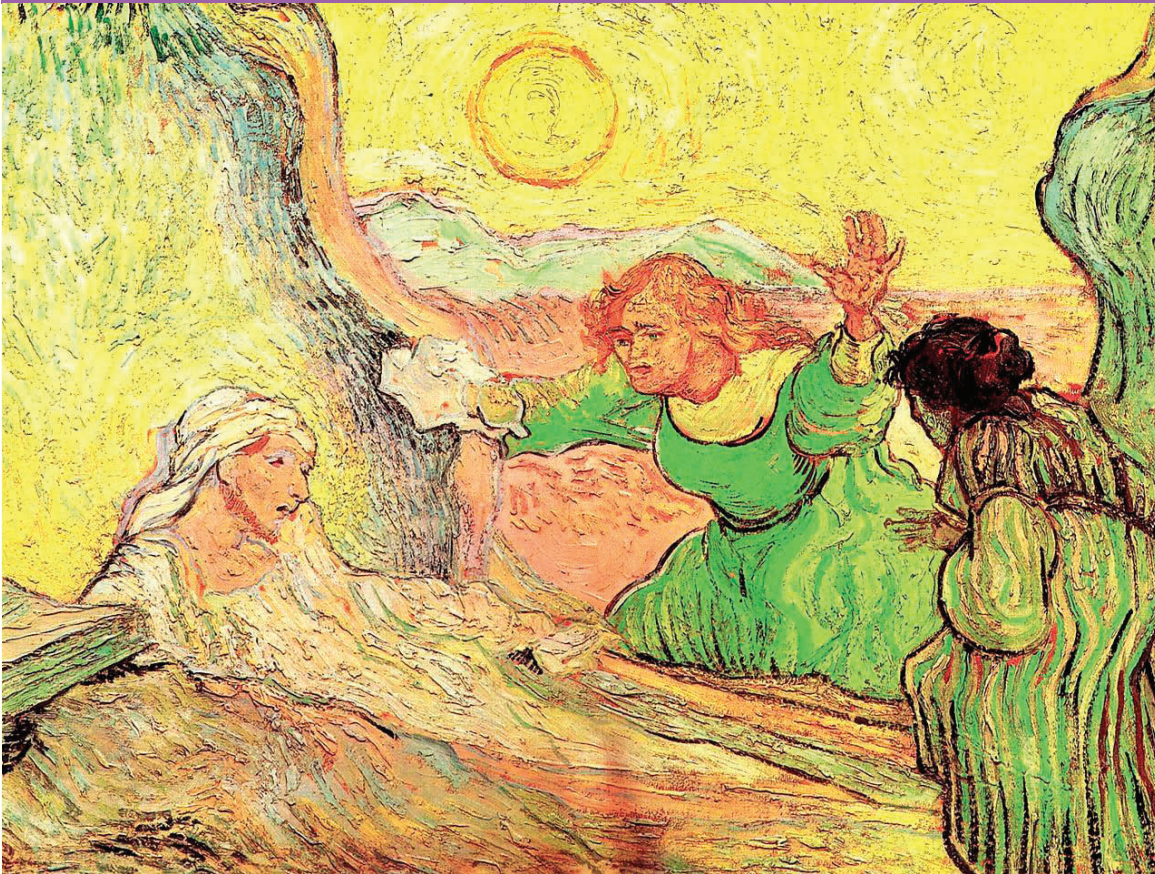


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April 6, 2025 | The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Cycle A – RCIA Program)



Today's Gospel:

John 11:

3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

The sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus, saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for

four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So, the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So, Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So, they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So, Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

Artwork: *The Raising of Lazarus after Rembrandt* by Vincent van Gogh (1890).



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	7				
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food, & Friends	
8		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
Wed	12:05 PM	<i>Edward & Mary Britt & Family (D)</i>			
9		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
Thurs	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends	
10		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (Barbelin)	
Fri	11				
Sat			10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends	
12			12:00 PM	Confessions (Church)	
Sun	7:30 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	5:00 PM	Zoom Vespers	
13		Presider: Fr Donaldson SJ			
	9:30 AM	<i>Alice McFeely (D)</i>			
		Presider: Fr. Donaldson SJ			
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			



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.

Today, OSJ welcomes Georgetown University for John Carroll Weekend

Today, Sunday, April 6th, Old St. Joseph's welcomes 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, with Mark Bosco, S.J., and David Collins, S.J.

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

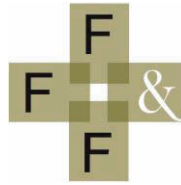
Are you an artist who wishes to show 2 or 3 pieces of your work in this one-day exhibit? We are currently seeking expressions of interest from individuals who would like to participate in this inspiring event. Whether you're a painter, sculptor, photographer, or creator of any medium, we'd love to hear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



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.

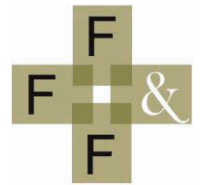
Faith, Food & Friends – Our Spring

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 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.



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.



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!

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.



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

OSJ Parish Council Update: On Saturday, March 22, the OSJ Parish Council held a half-day meeting to discuss current parish initiatives and explore ways to better serve our community at Old St. Joseph's Church.

The annual Parish Council report will be available to the parish on May 18. Following that, we invite you to attend our listening sessions on June 1 after the 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses.

Please mark your calendars! We hope to see you there to hear about the current state of our parish. For questions, please email osjpc@oldstjoseph.org.



Pictured here are Parish Council Members: (From left to right top row) Emily Sheehan, Paul Shay, Rob Lord-Schell, John Bitterman, Bill Culleton, Roman Galas, Fr. Frank Hannafey S.J. (pastor); (seated from left to right) Christine Szczepanowski, Nina Vitullo, Marie Jovino

FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending March 30, 2025

Daily Mass:	\$41.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$1,185.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$3,317.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$3,505.00
Total Collection:	\$8,048.00

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, HolyThur, 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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Hallowed be thy name;
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& y 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.

