

# Old St. Joseph's Church

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May 11, 2025 | The Fourth Sunday of Easter – Year C



**Today's Gospel:**  
**John 10:27-30**

Jesus said:

"My sheep hear my voice;  
I know them, and they follow  
me.

I give them eternal life, and  
they shall never perish.

No one can take them out of my  
hand.

My Father, who has given them  
to me, is greater than all,  
and no one can take them out  
of the Father's hand.

The Father and I are one."



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## This Week at Old St. Joseph's

Date				
Mon	12			
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food, & Friends
13		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Wed	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>		
14		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Thurs	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i>	10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends
15		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Fri			8:00 AM	SMIPS' Walkathon Gathering (Courtyard)
16				
Sat			10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends
17				
Sun	7:30 AM	<i>Winifried Grace (D)</i>	9:30 AM	First Holy Communion during Mass
18		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	12:45PM	OSJ Artshow
	9:30 AM	<i>Geraldine Marren &amp; Family (D)</i>	5:00 PM	Vespers
		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Donaldson 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](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.



### 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 **May 25**. 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.



### Don't miss next Sunday's OSJ Art Show on 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.

**Faith, Food & Friends – Bakers Needed!** Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, Faith, Food & Friends serves a hearty, home-cooked meal to our guests. Each meal includes soup and/or salad, an entrée and sides, bread & butter, a dessert and beverages. Needless to say, home-baked desserts are the best! And this is where you can help out. We're currently looking for volunteer bakers to provide FF&F with home-baked desserts on Thursdays and Saturdays. Each dessert should serve 70 people. You can choose how often you'd like to bake.

If you're interested or would like more information, please contact FF&F at [faithandfriends@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:faithandfriends@oldstjoseph.org) or 215-923-2382. Be sure to include a phone number where we can get back to you. We hope to hear from you!

**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!



Women, Faith and Fellowship's next "Coffee and Conversation" is Sunday, June 29th. Please look for further details in the June bulletins.

(Note: We will not be meeting on Sunday, May 25th of Memorial Day weekend.)



**Catholic History Lecture:** On Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00pm, all are invited to the American Catholic Historical Society (263 South 4th Street) for a lecture by Dr. Jeffery Appelhans on "Incense and Sensibility: Catholic Ascension in the Early Republic" that explores how Catholics established

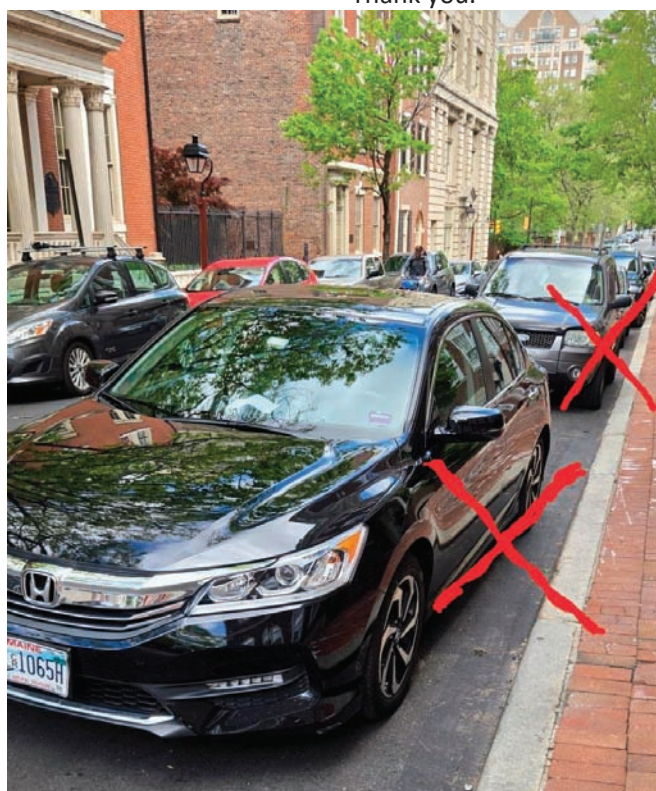
themselves as American in the years following the Revolution. The event is FREE and open to the public. Please visit [amchs.org](http://amchs.org) to register.



### RELAXED PARKING AT OSJ:

It has been reported that parishioners have been relaxed parking in front of The Willings (225 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street) between their **Loading Only** signs. **Please do not park in this location. Relaxed parking does not allow one to disregard posted signs and you risk having your vehicle towed!**

Thank you.



### 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](mailto:wcully2@comcast.net) or 215 284 2860.



## 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](http://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](mailto:pastor@oldstjoseph.org))

**In Residence** Br. Robert Carson SJ

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### Faith, Food & Friends Director

Deborah Hluchan ([faithandfriends@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:faithandfriends@oldstjoseph.org))

### Parish Pastoral Council

Pastor, Fr. Francis Hannafey; Chair, John Bitterman

Secretary, Nina Vitullo ([osjpc@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:osjpc@oldstjoseph.org))

### Parish Finance Council

Paul Shay, chair

### Historic Preservation Corporation Board

Fr. Francis Hannafey SJ, president

Barry Eiswerth, chair

### Adult Education

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### Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

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### Faith, Food and Friends:

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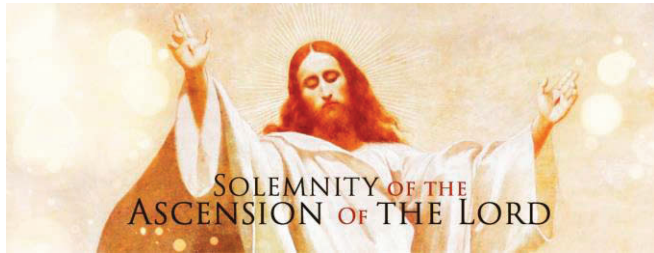






On Sunday, May 18th at our 9:30am Mass, we will celebrate **First Holy Communion**. Several pews in the front of the church will be reserved for the 13 communicants and their immediate families. Please plan ahead and arrive early due to the

larger crowds expected for this liturgy — or consider attending our 7:30 or 11:30 Masses on the 18th. Thank you!



Ascension Thursday, May 29, 2025

Mass at 12:05 PM



OSJ is in the process of updating its website and online donations platform to **eCatholic**, a company which supports over 30,000 Catholic churches worldwide. **During the month of May**, if you have an online giving account with ParishSoft, you will need to go into your account and stop any recurring donations you have scheduled.

You can access our new online giving site at [donate.oldstjoseph.org/give](https://donate.oldstjoseph.org/give) or by clicking on this QR code to open your new online giving account with eCatholic.

If you need help stopping your recurring payments in ParishSoft, please contact Eric German at [germane@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:germane@oldstjoseph.org) or 215-923-1733, X101 and he will be able to help you. Any open recurring donations in ParishSoft will be automatically closed by Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.

We thank you in advance for your patience as we migrate our parishioner software programs into one platform with eCatholic. We sincerely thank you for your flexibility and continued generosity. Your support allows us to grow as a parish and continue serving our community with care and compassion.

SCAN TO GIVE



## FINANCIAL INFO

### Offertory for the week ending May 4, 2025

Daily Mass Collection	\$140.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$1,895.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,690.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,646.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$9,371.00</b>

*Thank you*



### 2024/2025 Easter Collection Comparison

2025 Easter Collection Total:	\$26,002.00
2024 Easter Collection Total:	\$27,525.00

*Thank You!*

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

Catholic Home Missions, 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  
Missions, RiceBowl, EasterFlowers, EasterMusic,  
HolyThur, GoodFri, Easter, and CatholicCharities

### APRIL COLLECTION COMPARISON

April, 2024: \$32,477 (Four regular Sundays)

April, 2025: \$27,548 (Three regular Sundays)

The average weekly collection this April was \$9,182.66, an increase of \$1,063.41 per week over fiscal year 24. Thank you for your increased generosity to Old St. Joseph's!



**Are you friendly and looking for a way to get involved in OSJ** with low time-commitment? We are looking for parishioners from all masses and all age ranges to join the Welcome

Committee. Your main tasks will be reaching out to newly registered parishioners to help them learn more about the parish. You may learn more about OSJ in the process! Please email Parish Council member Emily Sheehan at [welcome@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:welcome@oldstjoseph.org) if you are interested.

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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.*

