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May 25, 2025 | The Sixth Sunday of Easter – Year C



Today's Gospel: John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me."

"I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe."



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 26	MEMORIAL DAY – OFFICES CLOSED			
Tues 27	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	10:00 AM	Faith, Food, & Friends
Wed 28	12:05 PM	<i>Daniel Paul McLaughlin(D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	6:00 PM	Wedding reh: Palmer & Arcidiacono
Thurs 29	12:05 PM	Holyday – No Announced Mass Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ	9:30 AM 12:05 PM 10:00 AM 7:00 PM	St. Mary's School Ascension Mass Ascension Mass Faith, Food & Friends Choir Rehearsal
Fri 30				
Sat 31			10:00 AM 2:00 PM	Faith, Food & Friends Wedding: Palmer & Arcidiacono
Sun 1	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: TBA <i>Ann Gannon (D)</i> Presider: TBA Presider: TBA	 10:30AM 12:30 PM 5:00 PM	Coffee Hours Today Parish Council Listening Session (Barbelin) Parish Council Listening Session (Barbelin) Vespers

Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life, The SEEL Program - Ignatian Spiritual Direction Formation Program, Cosponsored by Loyola Jesuit Center of Morristown, NJ, & Saint Joseph's University of Philadelphia, PA

This formation program is designed for individuals aspiring to become Certified Ignatian Spiritual Directors and Directors of the 19th Annotation of The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola.

- Beginning September, 2025, a two-year formation program
- Application deadline is July 15, 2025.
- Featuring on a monthly basis, a dynamic blend of in-person and virtual classes
- Open to candidates from all Christian denominations
- Comprehensive curriculum comprised of prayer experiences, monthly readings from books and articles, independent study project, reflections papers, presentations by a variety of experts in Ignatian Spirituality, and a practicum during the second year of the program
- Periodic "retreat days" for continual spiritual growth, education, and fellowship
- Pre-requisite: Candidate has made the full Spiritual Exercises according to the 19th or 20th Annotation (30-day) formats with a Certified Director of The Spiritual Exercises.
- Acceptance into the program requires completion of an application and interview.

Program Directors: Beverly J. Delleart and Rev. Daniel R. Joyce, SJ

For further information and an application, please visit our website at www.sju.edu/SEEL.

OSJ PRAYER LIST

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

Betsy Reese, 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 Kahrigier 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.

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 for more details. We hope you will join us.



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.)

The next meeting of the **OSJ Reading Group** will be in person on Tuesday, 3 June at 7.30. We'll meet in the Loyola Room in the rectory. Our book for the month is: *The Ride of Her Life* by Elizabeth Letts. To join, contact Carol Shloss: shlosscarol@gmail.com



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 if you are interested.

Parish Pastoral Council

Annual Report: Our Parish Pastoral Council has released its annual report in preparation for scheduled parish-wide listening sessions on June 1. The report covers Council's efforts regarding the new website and Welcoming Committee; inviting participation in parish ministries and committees; administration of the parish outreach program, Faith Food and Friends; welcoming children and young people to parish life; and other Council work during the past year. The full report is available at the parish website and hard copies will be in the back of the church through June 1.



OSJ OUTREACH SUMMER SATURDAYS ARE COVERED, SOME TUESDAYS REMAIN OPEN: The OSJ community has stepped up to ensure that our Faith, Food & Friends guests will receive their

mail on Saturdays this summer! Many thanks to those who volunteered! There are four remaining gaps in the schedule, on Tuesday mornings. Please consider picking one or more of these Tuesdays – you'll like it! Open dates are June 24, July 8 and 22, and August 19. It's easy: arrive at 10:15 AM and leave by noon. Sort mail into a box and hand it out after the meal. If you can spare two hours on Tuesday, contact Bill Culleton, wcully2@comcast.net or 215.284.2860. We'll show you where everything is ahead of time so you'll be set to serve!

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 or 215-923-2381. Be sure to include a phone number where we can get back to you. We hope to hear from you!



Faith Food and Friend volunteer Lisa Hunnam and seven FF&F artists participated in the first OSJ Art Show. The FF&F artists and guests would like to thank the parishioners of Old St. Joseph's Church for their continued support.



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)

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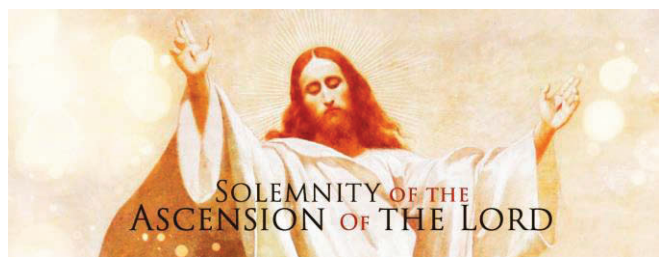
Sarah Johnson & Bob Culleton

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Care for Creation Committee

Bill Stigliani (careforcreation@oldstjoseph.org)





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 8,000 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 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 or 215-923-1733, X101 and he will be able to stop your recurring payments.

We thank you in advance for your patience as we continue migrating 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



LISTENING SESSIONS

The Parish Council will host listening sessions in Barbelin Hall after all the Masses next weekend, June 1st.

FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending May 18, 2025

Daily Mass Collection:	\$32.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$550.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,672.57
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$3,611.00
Total Collection:	\$8,865.57

Thank You!

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

Ascension Thursday, Catholic Home Missions, Operation Rice Bowl, & Catholic Charities Appeal

For Text-to-Give (215-929-7151) the keywords are Ascension, Missions, RiceBowl, 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!



Memorial Day

Monday, May 26, 2025

Honoring All Who Served

In observance, our rectory offices will be closed.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

