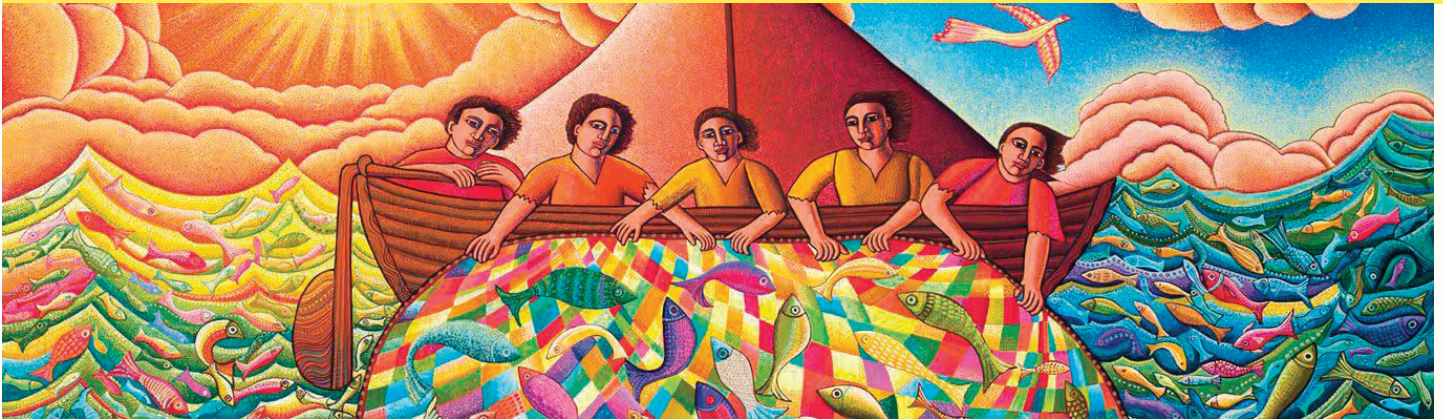


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May 4, 2025 | The Third Sunday of Easter – Year C



Today's Gospel: John 21:1-19

At that time, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to Simon Peter a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." Jesus said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."



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				4:00 PM	Jesuit High School Leadership Evening Prayer
5					
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Sirlene Caitano (D)</i>		10:00 AM	Faith, Food, & Friends
6		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		4:00 PM	Jesuit High School Leadership Mass
				7:30 PM	OSJ Book Club
Wed	12:05 PM	<i>T.V. Whitfield (D)</i>			
7		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ			
Thurs	12:05 PM	Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society		10:00 AM	Faith, Food & Friends
8		Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Fri					
9					
Sat				10:00 AM	First Reconciliation
10					Faith, Food & Friends
Sun	7:30 AM	<i>Our Faith, Food, & Friends Guests (L)</i>		5:00 PM	Vespers
11		Presider: Fr. Wagner SJ			
	9:30 AM	<i>Antoinette Giannini (D)</i>			
		Presider: Fr. Wagner SJ			
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Surovick 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.

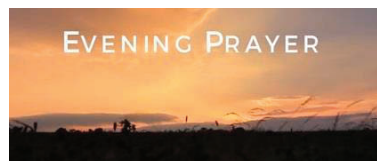
LGBTQ Prayer Group – Please join us for a monthly prayer group. All are welcome! The group will meet every fourth Sunday after the 11:30 AM Mass. Please find Robert Lord-Schell, who will lead the group to the Drexel Room in the Rectory at 12:30 PM. The meetings will consist of prayer, scripture reading, and discussion. The next meeting will take place on **May 25**. Contact Robert Lord-Schell at Robert.lord.schell@icloud.com for more details. We hope you will join us.



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.



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



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.

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!

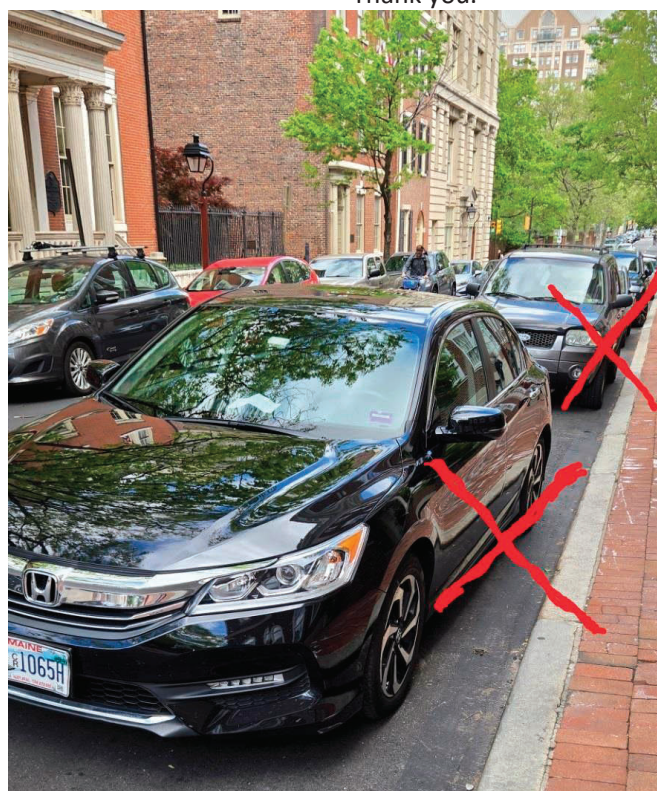


Please Join Us! The Women, Faith and Fellowship Committee invites women of the parish and female guests to gather for "Coffee and Conversation" on Sunday, May 25 from 10 AM to 11:15 AM in the Drexel Parlor in the Rectory. Looking forward to seeing you. Please RSVP to wff@oldstjoseph.org



RELAXED PARKING AT OSJ:

It has been reported that parishioners have been relaxed parking in front of The Willings (225 S. 4th 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 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.

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.



FINANCIAL INFO

Offertory for the week ending April 27, 2025

Daily Mass Collection	\$75.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$1,312.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,219.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$2,754.00
Total Collection:	\$8,360.00

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

Second Collection This Weekend, May 4th

Catholic Home Missions

Please give as generously as you are able.

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!



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And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who
trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.*

