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February 27, 2022 | Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)



*The Blind Leading the Blind (1568) - Pieter Bruegel the Elder*

## Today's Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye.

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."



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## **LENT:**

### ***It's all about Baptism!***

**Ash Wednesday: March 2:** Mass and ashes at 12:05 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

**Lent the Church's *annual retreat*:** We look more closely at how God is active in our lives, examine our response or lack of it to that grace, and discern how God is calling us forward.

**Ashes to Easter:** Easter is the high-point of our liturgical year, as we plunge more intensely into the paschal mystery of Christ's dying-and-rising, when we are made a "new creation in Christ." The Church initiated us into that mystery at our Baptism, and that journey will culminate when Christ raises us to eternal life.

**Catechumens and Candidates:** Easter is the privileged time for Catechumens and Candidates to enter the Church, through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. We have walked with them as they have responded to Christ's call to continual conversion of life and an ever more generous response to God's grace. Our solidarity with them leads us into our own renewed commitment to our Baptismal promises and ongoing conversion, expressed through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This solidarity is the origin of Lent, modeled on Christ's own 40 days of prayer and fasting in the desert after his Baptism.

**Baptism:** At the Easter Vigil, we will renew our baptismal vows, by which we renew our covenant, made in the Blood of Christ, the Sacrificed Lamb of God. We re-commit ourselves as disciples of Jesus, commissioned to collaborate in his work of building the Kingdom of God. And we receive into that covenant those to be baptized.

**Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving:** These traditional Lenten practices invite us to unite ourselves more closely to the Lord, to "fast" in ways that deepen our hunger for God, and to extend practical concern for those in need

We will distribute a booklet of **Daily Reflections for Lent** on Ash Wednesday and will also make it available in the back of church. There will be also a Communal Penance as well as Stations of the Cross during Lent.

Our Lenten liturgies will invite a "**fast of the senses,**" through more somber music and more silence. We will begin each Sunday Mass kneeling to recite the Confiteor. We will not have flowers or incense at Mass during Lent. The Alleluia is "buried" until Easter and the Gloria is not sung or said. These will be restored in abundance on Easter!

We will once again participate in **Operation Rice Bowl** and we will take up that collection at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

**A Time for Reconciliation:** Help us prepare for Easter by participating in a communal celebration of God's forgiveness on **Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00 PM in the church.** Make your Lenten celebration of this Sacrament demonstrate your Lenten effort to convert more faithfully to the baptismal life in Christ. Several confessors will be available.

**Holy Week:** Palm Sunday. Tenebrae. Chrism Mass. Holy Thursday. Good Friday. Easter Vigil. More news about each of these grace-filled liturgies in upcoming bulletins.

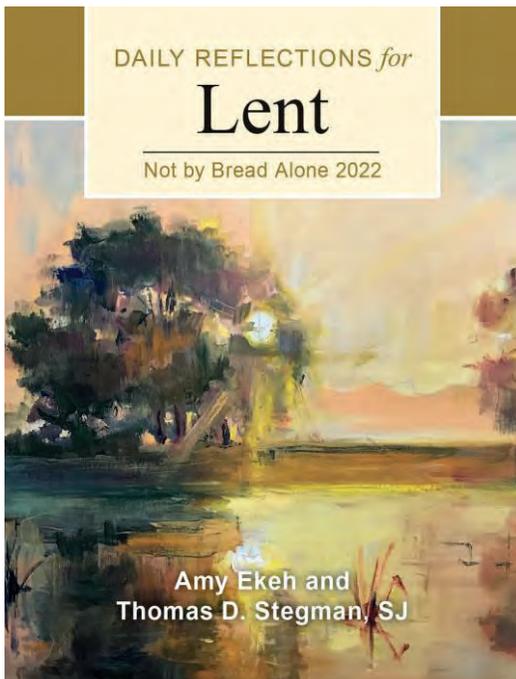
**Easter:** Through our RCIA program, we will baptize Jeff Whitlock during the Easter Vigil. His wife, Anna Garcia, already baptized in another denomination, will be received into the Church. Their 6-month-old son, Wes, will also be baptized at the Vigil. Matt Blaszczyk will also be received into the Church; he and Paige Niezelski, already baptized in the Catholic Church, will be confirmed along with Anna and Jeff. As they continue their formation in the faith, we join our prayers with theirs as we prepare to welcome them as our new sisters and brothers.

**Catholic Christians at Old Saint Joseph's 2022:** Lent is all about Baptism. Lent is our annual retreat. Lent is that grace-filled season where we recall the wonderful things God has done and continues to do for us in Jesus. Join us in the Church's Lenten pilgrimage from Ashes to Easter.



## This Week at Old St. Joseph's

Date		Mass Intention and Presider	Calendar Events	
Mon 28	12:05 PM	<i>Geraldine Marren &amp; Family (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Hannafey SJ		
Tues 1	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Roche SJ	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Wed 2	12:05 PM	<i>Ash Wednesday – No Announced Mass</i> Presider: Fr Holland SJ	9:30 AM 12:05 PM 5:30 PM	SMIPS' Ash Wednesday Services Ash Wednesday Noon Mass Ash Wednesday Mass
Thurs 3	12:05 PM	<i>Our FF&amp;F Guests (L&amp;D)</i> Presider: Fr. Roche SJ	10:00 AM 7:00 PM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin) Choir Rehearsal (Barbelin)
Fri 4	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Holland SJ	12:30 PM	Litany of the Sacred Heart
Sat 5	5:30 PM	Presider: TBA	10:00 AM	FF&F Lunch (Barbelin)
Sun 6	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	Presider: TBA Presider: TBA Presider: TBA	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	RCIA Zoom Mtg Vespers (Zoom)



**ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 2:** Ashes will be distributed during our **12:05 PM** and **5:30 PM** Masses on Wednesday, March 2. **RELAXED PARKING NOTE:** We have relaxed parking for our 12:05 pm Mass, but not for our 5:30 PM Mass since it occurs during a weekday rush hour.

**Daily Reflections for Lent:** The OSJ Ignatian Spirituality Committee invites all parishioners to set aside a few minutes a day during Lent to pray at home with *Daily Reflections for Lent – Not by Bread Alone 2022*. This year's book of reflections, based on the daily Scripture readings, is written by Amy Ekeh and Thomas D. Stegman, SJ. **Books will be distributed after all Masses on March 5 & 6, and 12 & 13.**

## OSJ PRAYER LIST

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

Susan Friend, Fr. Tom Wheeler, SJ, Roberta Parker, Paul Clement, Frances Banchi, John Scott, Barbara Paul, Anna Krachman, Margaret Incerto, Maggie G., Barbara Epting, Sharon Winge, Stefania Crum, Dennis Scott, Eleanor Bravo, Allen May, Anthony Pelle Jr, Betty Farris Pfeiffer, Billy Rispo, Alex Corona, Melissa Counselor, Helga Kogut, Ernie Koschineg, Gerrie Dressler, Tom Vaughn, Ava Iezzi, Cory Smith, Bill and Theresa Sherwin, Ann Crowther, Jane Crowther, Mary Kay Crowther, Fr. Jerry McAndrews SJ.

*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.*



**TODAY! SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>:** The next film in our Care for Creation film series will be shown on Sunday, February 27 from 1-3 pm in Barbelin Hall. **Mossville: When Great Trees Fall** is a documentary about a historic Black community in Louisiana ravaged by a chemical company. As such, it brings attention to the intersection of environmental degradation and racism. The screening will be followed by discussion.

**Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Ushers:** The March ministry schedule grid has been posted at <https://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/osj>. Please log in and volunteer now for upcoming assignments in your ministry. Your participation is a vital part of our sacred liturgies and we're looking forward to seeing you in church! +AMDG!



**Half Day Lenten Retreat on Finding God in All Things:** Fr. Matt Roche, SJ will lead a half day Lenten retreat that explores "Finding God in All Things". The retreat will allow for private reflection, group discussion, and Fr. Roche's thoughts on this important theme as a central part of our Lenten journey. **Date: Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm, Location: Old St. Joseph's Church. Cost:** Free Will offering of \$20 is appreciated, includes lunch and retreat materials **Please RSVP for the Retreat by Monday, March 21 to:** [osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org](mailto:osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org). Retreat Sponsored by the Ignatian Spirituality Committee at OSJ.

## FINANCIAL INFO

### Offertory for the week ending February 20, 2022

Daily Mass:	\$22.00
In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$4,995.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$854.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,522.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$10,393.00</b>

### Offertory for the week ending February 21, 2021

In-Pew Sunday Collection:	\$575.00
Mail-In Sunday Collection:	\$1,205.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection:	\$4,204.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$5,984.00</b>

## Thank You!

Now active on our online giving and text-to-give sites:

**Care of the Aging & Infirm Priests  
Operation Rice Bowl, and Ash Wednesday**

For Text-to-Give (215-929-7151) the keywords are  
**AgingPriests, RiceBowl, AshWednesday**



### Catholic Relief Services

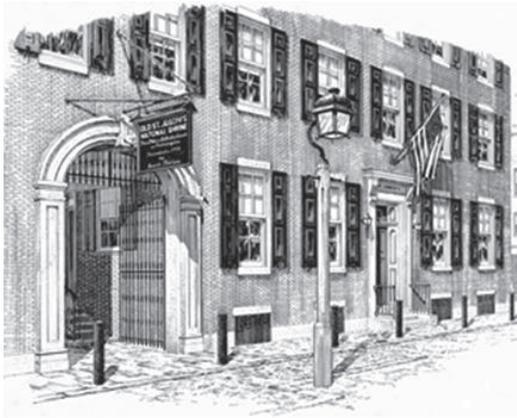
**Rice Bowl** Beginning this weekend, Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowls are available in

the back of the church. Please consider taking home a cardboard rice bowl and its enclosed calendar and guide to Lent. You may also wish to make a donation through Online Giving or Text-to-Give. They can be part of your family's prayer and almsgiving during this season. Catholic Relief Services is the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Lenten alms donated through the Rice Bowl are sent to the over 100 countries where CRS works. A 25% share of the collection remains locally in the Archdiocese and is directed to its Nutritional Development Services' network of food cupboards and soup kitchens.



**YAC Book Discussion Group:** All young adults are invited to join OSJ YAC for our monthly book discussion. The group meets over Zoom the last Monday of every month from 7:30-8:30

PM. Please reach out to [osjyac@gmail.com](mailto:osjyac@gmail.com) for book title and Zoom meeting info.



## INFORMATION

### Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Friday: 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM

### Mass Times

Monday through Friday: 12:05 PM

Saturday: 5:30 PM Vigil; Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 AM

Holy Days: 12:05 and 7:00 PM

### Medical Emergency

In a medical emergency when the need for a priest is urgent, please call 267-438-7266

### 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

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### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday through Friday: 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 5:30 pm Vigil Mass on the first Saturday of each month.

### Sacrament of Matrimony

Persons wanting to be married in the parish should call our wedding line (215-923-1766) 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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