

Sunday, December 5, 2021
2nd Sunday of Advent

‡ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ‡

- Mon. Dec. 6 No Mass
 Tue. Dec. 7 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)
Wed. Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:05 am Patricia Gassmann;
Brenda Kocher
 6:30 PM (at Stringtown)
 Thu. Dec. 9 No Mass
Sat. Dec. 11 4:00 PM (at Wendelin)
5:00 PM Dewey & Marcella Poland;
Robert N. & Bernadette M. Kocher family;
Edmund, Anna & Linda Volk
Sun. Dec. 12 8:00 am Bernie Seiler;
Clorine Kistner
 8:00 am (at Stringtown)
 10:00 am (at Wendelin)
 10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS

Bulletins: Family Hair Care (Betty Slover)
 Missalettes: Kistler-Patterson Funeral Homes

OUR TITHES FOR NOVEMBER 28

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
 Envelopes: \$3,820 (62) Loose: \$143
 Guatemala: \$65 (3) All Saints: \$100 (1)
 C.C.H.D.: \$60 (2)

~ **Kudos** ~

- * To newly baptized Leo Matthew Tompson, child of Matthew Tompson and Lindsey Dehner.
- * To newly baptized Emma Grace and Charlotte Elizabeth McCann, children of Ashley Travous McCann.

*** AROUND OUR PARISH ***

Sunday, December 5

- Advent Penance Service for the parish and 1st Reconciliation for 2nd graders, 1 PM.

Wednesday, December 8

- Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Rosary, after Mass. Please join us!
- Good Samaritan, 9 AM -11 AM.
- Bulletin deadline, 3 PM. Write, type or email all announcements.

Friday, December 10

- Good Samaritan, 9 AM -11 AM.
- Finance Council, 12 PM (Noon).

Looking ahead to the upcoming Holiday Season, please remember, **THE DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE REQUIRES ALL PEOPLE ATTENDING MASS TO WEAR A MASK.**

CHRISTMAS EVE - Friday, December 24

- * **4:00 PM at St. Joseph-Olney**
- * 4:00 PM at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
- * 6:00 PM at St. Joseph-Stringtown
- * **8:00 PM at St. Joseph-Olney**
- * 9:00 PM at Holy Cross-Wendelin

CHRISTMAS DAY - Saturday, December 25

- * **8:00 am at St. Joseph-Olney**
- * 8:00 am at St. Joseph-Stringtown
- * 10:00 am at Holy Cross-Wendelin
- * 10:00 am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Sunday, December 26

- * **8:00 am at St. Joseph-Olney**
- * 8:00 am at St. Joseph-Stringtown
- * 10:00 am at Holy Cross-Wendelin
- * 10:00 am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

🔔 **St. Joseph School Notes** 🔔

Sunday, December 5

- 1st Reconciliation for 2nd graders, 1 PM. Please keep them in your prayers

Wednesday, December 8

- School Mass, 8:05 AM (2nd)

Wednesday, Dec. 8 / Thursday, Dec. 9

- Santa's Workshop. We are accepting gently used gift bags, wrapping paper, and labels.

Saturday, December 11

- Cookies with Santa for all parish partnership children from birth - second grade, 10 AM - Noon in the MPR. Bring your own camera for photos.

 Thank you to Clorine Kistner for remembering the school children at St. Joseph School in her will. We are grateful for her love and support.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

- November 29: Mary Getty (#412)
- November 30: Oscar Kuenstler (#484)
- December 1: Heather Colwell (#357)
- December 2: Corey & Emily Steber (#586)
- December 3: Dan Zuber (#662)

Let Us Pray for: Mike Dowty, Sondra Geiger, Frank Ginder, Loren Ginder, Lucille Ginder, Chris Hartrich, Fr. Vincent Haselhorst, Ember and Justin Kabbes and baby girls, Cathy McDowell, Gerald Ochs, Kay Rowark, Deana Schafer, Tony Tredway, Kurt Wengert and Clara Wilson.

Please call or email the Parish Office to add your name to the Prayer List. Unless notified to extend, the listing in the bulletin will be for four weeks.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

+ **J.O.Y.S.+**

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

The journey of Advent longs to bring us into a deepening awareness; an awareness that our lives are being drawn closer to the babe in the womb of Mary. This babe is Jesus, but before we come to know Him, we must come to know the Mother. Yes, Mary is the Mother of God, and she carries the King of Kings in her womb. Mary

wants us, we who are also her children, to walk with her during these days of waiting and longing. A waiting for the best gift to be given; a longing for the breath of God to envelop our heart, mind, and soul. Mary leads us to life! Take time this season to truly come to know Jesus! After all, He is still the reason for the season. Light your second purple candle of **Peace** and journey to Bethlehem with Joseph and Mary! Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

Christmas Flower Memorials: Please use the envelope labeled 'Christmas Flower Offering' included in your December packet. Proceeds from this collection will be used to purchase the flowers to decorate our church. On the reverse side of the envelope, please print clearly the person the memorial is for. A list of the memorials will be published at a later date.

Volunteer Now! Lectors, servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC), greeters, ushers and gift-bearers are needed for the Christmas Eve Masses, Christmas Day Mass and New Year's Eve Mass. Sign-up sheet is in the vestibule. Please volunteer to help at the Mass you plan to attend.

Giving Tree: This Advent, our parish again has the opportunity to share the real meaning of Christmas with our less fortunate neighbors by supporting our Giving Tree. You may choose one (or more) ornaments from the baskets by the doors, purchase and wrap the requested gift, place the sticker from the ornament on the package for identification, then place the ornament on the tree and the gift under the tree. The gifts will be delivered during Christmas week to the families whose Christmas would be very bleak without your caring. For more information, call Rose Ann Schwartz (395-1151).

We are now accepting mass intentions through June 30, 2022. With the mass schedule spread across the four parishes of our partnership, it is important that we follow Canon Law and Diocesan

Policy concerning mass intentions: Only one intention (person) per Mass is allowed. However, for pastoral concerns to better accommodate the needs of the parishioners, we will adhere to the following: Up to three first names with the same last name (i.e., John, Paul and Mary Smith) or two last names only (i.e., Scott and Smith Families) will be allowed per intention. We can accept up to three Mass offerings per mass.

The annual Cookie Walk will be held on December 18 and 19 after each Mass in the multi-purpose room. The Cookie Walk will consist of containers prepackaged with homemade cookies. We will have small containers with approximately 1/2 dozen cookies, medium containers with approximately 1 1/2 dozen cookies, and large tray with 3 dozen cookies. We are requesting cookie donations, and the cookies can be dropped off on December 17 in the multi-purpose room during school hours, and on December 18 between 8 AM and 10 AM. If you have any questions, please contact Sara Peavler (618-599-5963).

Thank you to Kistler-Patterson Funeral Homes for providing our 2022 calendars. The calendars are available at the doors.

St. Joseph-Stringtown On-Site PSR night will be the Mass of the Immaculate Conception at 6:30 PM. Plan to attend this Holy Day of Obligation and share in the joy as we honor our Mother Mary.

Support the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Do you remember the sisters, brothers or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give generously to the Retirement Fund for Religious next weekend.

We Are Called: A Weekend with Jesse Manibusen will be held at St. Mary-Mt. Carmel. Friday, Dec. 10- An evening with Jesse: This is for all parishioners, 6 PM-8:30 PM. Saturday, Dec. 11- A morning with the cantors and choir members of the parishes, 9 AM-11:30 AM. Sunday, Dec. 12- Jesse and the high school youth of our parishes. Jesse's words on We Are Called will hopefully reignite the youth to celebrate their faith, 6 PM-8:30 PM. Pizza and drinks will be served.

*Baruch 5:1-9. Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6.
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11. Luke 3:1-6.*

Preparing the Way. In announcing the first coming of the Messiah, John the Baptist urges all people to be right with one another and the world. In awaiting the coming, prophet Baruch tells us how to dress for that day – clad in justice and peace and mercy. In praying for us, as we await the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, Saint Paul confidently urges us to do good work, to love more and more, and to be filled with what is right.

* In these troubled times, how can I make things right with _____?

* What good work of justice and peace can I do this week?

* What mercy work is Jesus urging me to do?

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

Sunday, December 5: Free Member and Family catered Christmas Dinner at St. Joseph-Olney multi-purpose room, 5 PM. Santa arrives after the meal.

Wednesday, December 8: Extended deadline for the Christ in Christmas Posters if you are submitting posters to your respective teachers.

Thursday, December 9: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.

Thursday December 16: 4th Degree meeting, 7:30 PM.

Sunday December 26: K of C led Rosary at 7:40AM before St. Joseph-Olney Mass.

Knight of the Month: Matt Zuber- Transfer member to Olney Council and Olney 4th Degree Assembly.

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'Renewing the Vision'
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~ Mission Statement ~

St. Joseph Parish family is a community of believers rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ. Using the individual gifts, we have been given by God, we minister to ourselves and others through prayer, support, and service. We nurture our inherited faith life and through the power of the Spirit pass it to future generations.

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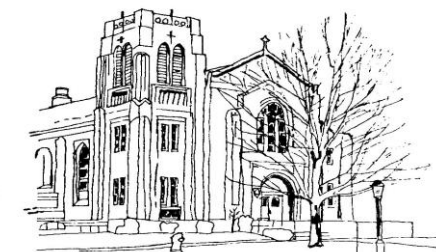
~ Sacraments ~

Baptism: Infant or adult, please contact the Parish Office.

Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:15 PM – 4:30 PM or contact the Parish Office.

Marriage: Call no later than 6 months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick: Any time of need.



~ Welcome, New Parishioners ~

Please register as soon as you move into our parish. Call the Parish Office (392-8181) to receive a new member packet. (If you are not receiving church offering envelopes, you are not properly registered.)

~ St. Joseph School ~

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