

Sunday, April 30, 2023
4th Sunday of Easter

‡ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ‡

- Mon. May 1 6:30 PM (at Stringtown)
 Tue. May 2 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
Wed. May 3 8:05 am Joe O'Fallon;
Sara Kelley
 Thu. May 4 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)
Fri. May 5 8:00 am Special Intention
Sat. May 6 4:00 PM (at Wendelin)
5:00 PM Una Kocher;
Bernie Seiler;
Carolyn Zuber
Sun. May 7 8:00 am Paul Wirth;
Living & Deceased
of the J.V. & Florine
Weidner family
 8:00 am (at Stringtown)
 10:00 am (at Wendelin)
 10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS

- Bulletins: Garai Doll
 Missalettes: A Parishioner

OUR TITHES FOR APRIL 23

- Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
 Envelopes: \$4,681 (77) Loose: \$95
 Guatemala: \$25 (3) Easter: \$150 (2)
 Holy Land: \$25 (1)

*** AROUND OUR PARISHES ***

Monday, May 1

- 7 PM, Finance Council at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Wednesday, May 3

- **Rosary, after Mass.**
- **3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.**

Friday, May 5

- **9 AM, First Friday Communion Visitation**

Saturday, May 6

- 5 PM, Baptism at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Sunday, May 7

- 10 AM, Baptism at Holy Cross-Wendelin
- Closing PSR Mass

Friday, May 12

- **12 PM (Noon), Finance Council**

 **St. Joseph School Notes** 

Wednesday, May 3

- School Mass, 8:05 AM (5th).

Friday, May 5

- Author's Corner - 3rd Grade in the church at 9:30 AM.
- Early Dismissal, 10:50 AM.

 * Thanks to the tremendous response to our Annual Giving Campaign. All donations received by May 1st will be recognized in our printer proof letter. Gifts made after May 1st will be recognized in the fall Parish Newsletter.

* Congratulations to our students who received their Confirmation Saturday morning!

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

- April 17: Theresa Bowlby (#073)
 April 18: Amy Beverlin (#542)
 April 19: Lynda Middlecalf (#132)
 April 20: Carole Wirth (#183)
 April 21: Beth Cantrell (#451)

Let Us Pray For: Willy Deimel, Bob Geiger, Angela Geltz, Kenneth Hann, Deloris Nix, Emery and Julie Oesch, Anita Shultz, Eleanor Steber, and Tony Tredway.

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.

FROM FR. MARK:

Today's Gospel reading speaks of Jesus as the shepherd who calls his sheep by name and leads them out to pasture. He is also the gate of the sheepfold. All who enter through him will "have life and have it more abundantly." Our relationship with Jesus allows us a place of refuge, a place where we will always find nourishment and safety. Jesus has called us by name, so we are able then to recognize his voice.

What does that mean in terms of our daily living? Jesus is the Good Shepherd who knows us by name, and he wants us to know him in the same way that he knows his Father, and his Father knows him. He knows and loves us intimately, and he gives us the grace to know and love him in the same way.

We learn to do this by taking the time each day to listen to his voice. He speaks to us in the Scriptures, in our worship, in our personal prayer, and in the people and events that are part of our daily lives. St. Francis de Sales calls this process learning to let Jesus live in us. As we let ourselves be led by the voice of Jesus.

Jesus lives in us more and more - and the new life that he shares with us becomes the source from which we live each day. The power that flows from his death and rising transforms our self-centeredness into out-reaching love for one another. More and more, we become the love of God incarnated in our world.

Because we hear Jesus' voice, we are able to be more patient in our suffering. We are able to look at Jesus' own experience of suffering and learn from him how to accept our own. He left us an example. He trusted in his Father's love for him and knew that his Father was with him no matter what he was doing. He listened for his Father's voice and found refuge in his love.

In the sacrament of Baptism, Jesus called us by name and made us part of his flock. What a wonderful gift we have been given in our baptism! May we learn to take hold of that gift each day and nurture its growth through prayer and generous love. Let us take joy in the fact that Jesus is leading us to abundance of life with him - an abundance that will be complete in eternity.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

"I am the gate for the sheep. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture." These words are the from the Gospel of John this weekend. Jesus is the good shepherd, who laid down his life for each one of us. We are the sheep in the world, that Jesus continues to seek - to care for - to lead - to bring home. We will either be sheep that obey and follow - or we will become lost and lose life eternal. Do you hear the voice of the shepherd? Or the voice of the prince of darkness? Let our hearts be crying out:

*Shepherd me O God, beyond my wants,
 beyond my fears, from death into life.
 God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
 I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and
 love, I walk by the quiet waters of peace.*

Live a life of Eucharistic Discipleship- be a sheep and live a Life of Love. Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

*The one who does justice will live
in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15*

A special thanks to everyone who has so generously supported The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal – we are most grateful. If you haven’t had an opportunity to make a gift as yet, we hope you will prayerfully consider doing so now. Gifts can be made through your parish or by visiting www.diobelle.org and clicking on “Giving”. Seventeen (17) ministries and programs and all those they so faithfully serve are counting on you. Please make your contribution today.

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

Men 18 years and older and a Practical Catholic, are you considering being a Knights of Columbus member? This calendar year new members in the Olney Council can join with free dues. Contact Hank Ginder at 618-843-3016 or email Hank at hnginder76@hotmail.com for more information. There is a monthly Catholic magazine and the Olney Council has an August free family picnic and games day, plus a free family Christmas Dinner!

2023 Confirmation Candidates

St. Joseph-Olney

- Ezha Biyok--St. Gemma Galgani
- Carter Blank--St. Hubert
- Jack Davis--St. Roch
- Johnson Ginder --St. Frances of Rome
- Emma Hefferman--St. Joan of Arc
- Sebastian Keller--St. Sebastian
- Sebrina Keller--St. Catherine of Siena
- Hudson Kuhn--St. Francis of Assisi
- Joshua Ochs--St. Francis of Assisi
- Angel Julian Padilla--St. Jude
- Mallory Richardson--St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Carter Seaman--St. Sebastian
- Carly Seiler--St. Irene of Rome
- Alexis Steele--St. Julie Billiart
- Lily Stevens--St. Kateri Tekakwitha
- Miles Tompson --St. Francis of Assisi
- Evelyn Volk--St. Francis of Assisi
- Briley Wilson--St. Francis of Assisi

Holy Cross-Wendelin

- Luke Himelick--St. Christopher
- Madison Hinterscher--St. Joan of Arc
- Noah Rudolphi--St. Thomas the Apostle
- Martin Stephans--St. Luke the Apostle
- Stella Warfel--St. Rose of Lima
- Aubrie Weidner--St. Veronica
- Hank Weidner--St. Sebastian

St. Joseph-Stringtown

- Kaitlin Kocher--St. Katherine Drexel

St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

- Ella Waggoner--St. Anne

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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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Elliot Brazil..... Trustee

~ 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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