

ST. JOSEPH - OLNEY

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TRI PARISH NEWS

ST. JOSEPH, OLNEY

Mass times

Wed. & Fri 8:00 am
 Sat. 5:00 pm
 Sun. 8:00 am

HOLY CROSS, WENDELIN

Mass times

Thurs. 6:30 pm
 Sat. 4:00 pm
 Sun. 10:00 am

ST. JOSEPH, STRINGTOWN

Mass times

Mon. 6:30 pm
 Sun. 8:00 am



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**ST. JOSEPH
 OLNEY**



+
**HOLY CROSS
 WENDELIN**



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**ST. JOSEPH
 STRINGTOWN**

AROUND OUR PARISHES

Saturday, April 4th

- 9:30 am, Stringtown Easter Egg Hunt.
- 7:30 pm, Easter Vigil mass at Olney. Welcome to our new parishioners.

Sunday, April 5th Easter Sunday

- He is Risen!! Happy Easter!!
- 10 am, Holy Cross Easter Egg Hunt after mass.

Monday, April 6th

- No school and no evening mass.
- 5:30 pm, St. Raphael Ministry of Care group meets at Olney.

Tuesday, April 7th

- No adoration at Olney.

Saturday, April 11th

- 6:00 pm, Middle School Youth Group meets in Olney.

Sunday, April 12th Divine Mercy

- 9:00 am, Donut and coffee social in the MPR at Olney.
- 2:00 pm, Divine Mercy service at Stringtown. Refreshments to follow in the parish center.
- 5:30 pm, High School Youth Group meets in Olney.

Saturday, April 18th

- 11:00 am, Confirmation at St. Joseph, Olney.

Sunday, April 19th

- 8:00 am, CYM mass and meeting at Stringtown. Bale Sale to follow mass.
- Young Adults Gathering, TBD.

Saturday, April 25th

- 6:00 pm, Middle School Youth Group meets at Olney.

Sunday, April 26th

- 10:00 am, First Communion practice for Holy Cross after mass.
- 5:30 pm, High School Youth Group at Holy Cross, Wendelin.

Tuesday, April 28th

- Bibles and Brews, details TBD.



Welcome!

Our OCIA candidates and sponsors

St. Joseph, Olney

Isaac Beal – St. Hubertus
Sponsor – Mike Ginder

Dalyn Brach – St. Joseph
Sponsor – Kiersen Lewis

Stephen Brach – St. Joseph
Sponsor – Jennifer Brach

Hilary Cecil – St. Teresa of Avila
Sponsor – Logan Urfer

Luke Hahn – Ferdinand III of Castile
Sponsor – Elliot Brazil

Kristen Kocher – St. Catherine of Siena
Sponsor – Paula Kocher

Jillian Peavler – St. Gerard Majella
Sponsor – Lona Peavler

Holy Cross

Abby Garrison – St. Gianna Beretta Molla
Sponsor – Cheryl Garrison



Confirmation Candidates

Yzabella Biyok
Camden Blank
Brilyn Brinkley
Max Crouch
Hazel Durmas
Lauren French
Paxton Gher
Haley Ginder
Koltyn Hinterscher
Korbyn Hinterscher
Riley Kraus
Gavin Kuenstler
Nicole Kuhl
Parker Lewis
Kylah Matthews
Diesel Myers
Landree Nelson
Aubrey Patridge

Laney Peavler
Peyton Peavler
Sarah Ruppel
Julian Seaman
Sadie Seiler
Leo Seitzinger
Makai Steele
Beau Stevens
Jett Thomas
Quinn Trout
Lucca Trupiano
Bria Waggoner
Cora Warfel
Adrienne Weidner
Braden Weidner
Hayden Womack

Almighty God, we thank You for our young people who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. You call each one of them by name and promise to be with them always.

ST. RAPHAEL'S MINISTRY OF CARE

This ministry will focus on providing pastoral care through spiritual support to the sick, homebound, elderly, those grieving and their caregivers, and families.

Reminder to contact the St. Raphael's Ministry of Care Representative or the parish office, if your loved one is sick, anticipating a surgery or treatment, recovering from surgery, relocating from home, or might need a pastoral visit.

St. Raphael's Ministry of Care Representatives

St. Joseph Stringtown- Janette Kocher
Holy Cross Wendelin- Sherry Geier
St. Joseph Olney- Elaine Grimes
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

ADORATION

There must always be at least 2 people in the church

St. Joseph, Stringtown

Prayer service & adoration every
Tuesday at 9:30 am.

Holy Cross, Wendelin

Thursdays at 5:30 pm until mass
time at 6:30 pm.

St. Joseph, Olney

Every Tuesday from 12-3 pm

Contact Us

St. Joseph, Olney
618-392-8181

Holy Cross, Wendelin
618-752-5671

St. Joseph, Stringtown
618-754-3676

School office: 618-395-3081

SISTERS IN CHRIST

Sisters in Christ will resume in the month of April. Dates to be announced later. See bulletins for updates.

Tuesdays 10:00 am - Stringtown
Tuesdays 5:00 pm - Olney
Wednesdays 5:30 pm - Holy Cross

**St. Joseph School Trash Bag
Fundraiser- Now through April 10.
See any St. Joseph student to
order!**



St. Joseph School News

April 7- 5th Grade Altar Servers training
April 7- National Evangelization Team retreat for 6-8 grade
April 9- 7th and 8th grade to Springfield
April 17- 3rd Grade Leadership Day
April 18- Confirmation
April 20- 5th Grade Rotary Spelling Bee
April 23- 1:50 Dismissal
April 24- 4th Grade State Fair
April 28- Spring Picture Day

"He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption." -Hebrews 9:12 ESV

DONUTS & COFFEE

**Sunday
April 12th
after 8:00 am mass**

Enjoy donuts and coffee on
Sunday morning with your
families and fellow parishioners

**APRIL
12**

**St. Joseph, Olney
Multipurpose Room**



St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish invites you to join us on **April 12, 2026** at **2:00pm** in the church as we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy. There will be a Divine Mercy Message and Devotion followed by reciting the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Reconciliation will be available. Reception to follow in the Parish Center.



THE PARISH & FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE PRESENTS

A Celebration OF WOMEN

Honoring the Past, Celebrating the
Present, Inspiring the Future

Monday
May 4, 2026

St. Joseph, Olney

Join us at 5:30 pm for a beautiful evening as women of all ages come together to connect, reflect, and celebrate the generations of faith that unite us at St. Joseph Church. We begin with a prayer service in the church followed by a catered meal in the cafeteria.

Tickets are now on sale in the parish office. Adult tickets are \$10, child tickets are \$5, and under 5 are free. If you need a table reservation for a group of 8 or more, we can reserve an area for you to make sure you can sit together with your family and friends. Tickets will also be for sale after masses on April 25-26.

Have you attended this banquet in the past?

We would love to celebrate those memories by honoring our past generations. Please consider sharing your photos to be displayed at the event. Photos can be dropped off or emailed to the parish office.

All women are welcome! Come be encouraged, uplifted, and reminded of the beautiful role you play in the story of faith across generations.

~ 2026 Easter Flower Memorials ~

Bill & Karen Anderson, Jr.
Bill & Barbara Anderson, Sr.

Corbett & Bertha Bailey
Malachi Baltzell

John Beal
Charles & Esther Benton
Kim Black
Darrel & Alice Bishop
Norman Bishop
Edna Brian
Kenny Buckels
Bunn family

Kathy Ginder Compton
Howard & Ruth Craig
Lara Curry

Charlie & Jayne David
Dick Debolt
Earl & Mabel Debolt
Leroy Debolt
Alexander Dunn

Dorothy Eagleson
La Eagleson Family
Ted Eagleson Sr.
Keith Eckel

Barbara Faggetti
Ed & Pearl Fehrenbacher
Jim Fehrenbacher
Lawrence & Dorothy Fehrenbacher
Roy & Viola Fehrenbacher (2)
Steve & Margaret Fehrenbacher
William & Maxine Ferrell
Harold L. Foerster
Harold Wayne Foerster

Charles & Doris Galloway
George & Lora Geiger
Dean & Geneva Ginder

Delbert Ginder
Christina Ginder
Lee & Donna Ginder
Lawrence & Ima Gosnell
Gumble family

Bertha & Otto Hahn
Cliff & Katie Hahn
Harold & Rita Hann
Ronald Hemrich
Rosie Hemrich
Hinterscher family

Fr. Dan Jurek

Catherine Kelly Family
A.J. & Catherine Keolker
Alex & Lorene Kessler
Larry & Clorine Kistner
Donald A. Kocher
Jane Kocher
Jerry Kocher
Lawrence & Bernadine Kocher(2)
Neil & Dorothy Kocher
Norman Kocher
Mr. & Mrs. Omer Kocher
Ralph & Margaret Kocher
Raymond & Christina Kocher
Urban Kocher
Carl & Una Kocher
Frank Kuentler
Frances Kuentler
Fred Kuentler
Gerald Kuentler
Jacklyn Kuentler
Mary Ann Kuentler
Arthur Kuhl

Amelia Foerster Leaf

Bill & Estella Meadows
John & Vivian Menkosky

Allan & Mary Ellen Mosby
Woodrow & Lucille Mosby

Jonathan Richard Nieman

Dan & Mildred Ochs
Greg J. Ochs
Greg Ochs
Leonard & Colletta Ochs
Sylvan Ochs
Thomas & Edna O'Connor

Al & Marge Piercefield
Andrew & Elaine Pierzchalski
Eddie & Catherine Pingsterhaus

Mr. & Mrs. Cletus Rauch
Debbie Rauch
Floyd Rauch
John & Frances Rauch
Henry Rauch
Gene & Zita Reir
Florence Rohr
Paul & Josephine Rohr
Dale & Nancy Rosenberg
Brad Roth
Jared Rowark
Jason Rowark
Rowe family

Basil Scranton Jr.
Monte Scranton
Steve Scranton
Jessie & Basil Scranton Sr.
Lucille Sechrest
Mary Sheridan
Elmer & Dorothy Stark
Kimberly Stark
Mary Stark
Steve Stark
August & Christine Steber
Dan & Helen Steber

~ 2026 Easter Flower Memorials ~

Donald Steber
Eleanor Steber
Emily Steber
Gene & Virginia Steber
Herman Steber
Jim A. Steber
Jim & Mary Steber (3)
Lawrence Steber
Robbie Steber
Tony Steber
George & Shirley Stout
Kimberly Stout
Susan Ferrell-Stout

Dale Tibbs
Jeff & Verlie Troutman
Lynn Troutman

Estelle & Helen Uhl

Steve VanBlaricum
Lucy VanBuskirk
Kathleen Vaughn
Edmund & Anna Volk (2)
John & Martha Volk
Lawrence Volk
Linda Volk (2)

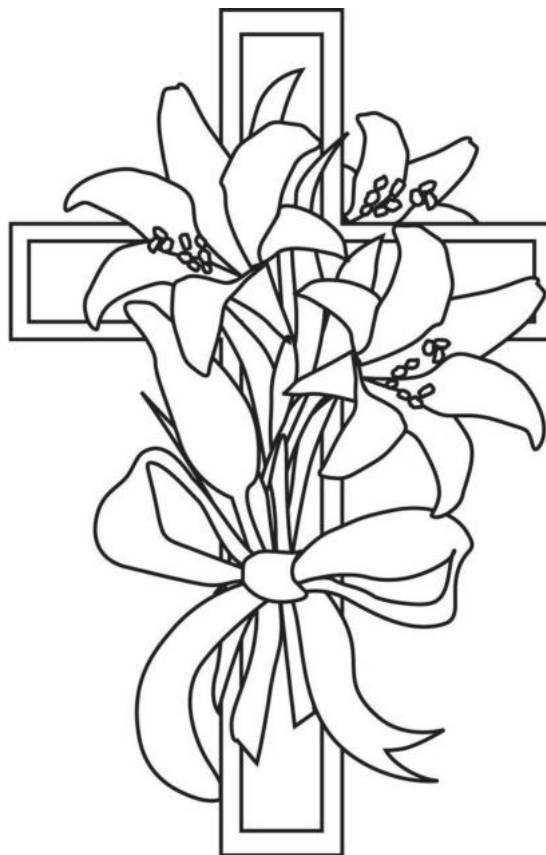
Jim Wattles
Fr. Ron Weber
Dr. George Weber Family
Joe Weber
Caide Weidner
George Weidner
J.V. & Florine Weidner
Jason Weidner
Marjorie (Marj) Weidner
William Weidner
Byron & Virginia Weiler (2)
Gus & Francis Weiler (2)
Mark Weiler
Jim & Wanda Weiler

Fr. Jerry Wirth

Ed & Mary Jo Zuber
Raymond & Alberta Zuber
Cletus & Marie Zwilling
Ella Zwilling
Jean Zwilling (2)
John & Bertha Zwilling Family
Joseph Zwilling (2)
Lawrence, Magdalene, & Greg
Zwilling
Norman Zwilling (2)

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Family Catechesis Revised Schedule of Events

“Following in the Footsteps of the Saints”

March	April	May
<p>4 Wed: Stay at Home Family Night 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat 6:30 p.m. Holy Cross Parish House 19- Family Catechesis will be held at St. Joseph Stringtown for the feast day of St. Joseph. There will be Mass and Dinner with the “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.</p>	<p>1 Wed. Family Gathering Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center Adults: Presentation Youth: Activity Saint presentations and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items. 5 -Easter 12 -Divine Mercy Sunday 18-Confirmation at St. Joseph Olney 26- First Communion Practice after Mass</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.</p>	<p>3 Sun. Holy Cross May Crowning 2-3 First Communion 6 Wed. Closing Family Gathering Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center Families: Final Saint presentations, meal, and year end presentation, and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder</p>



FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SAINTS

April 2026



Our April Saint



St. Catherine of Siena (1347–1380) was an Italian mystic, philosopher, and Dominican tertiary who became one of the most influential spiritual leaders in the Catholic Church. Known for her visions and activism, she famously persuaded Pope Gregory XI to return the papacy to Rome from Avignon and was later named a Doctor of the Church.

Feast Day: April 29

Key Aspects of Her Life

Early Life & Vocation: Born in Siena, Italy, as the 24th of 25 children, Catherine experienced mystical visions from a young age and vowed her virginity to Christ at age six.

Dominican Tertiary: She joined the Sisters of Penitence of St. Dominic (Mantellate), living a life of intense prayer, fasting, and charity in her family home rather than a convent.

Political Activism & Influence: During a time of church corruption and political chaos, she mediated between city-states and corresponded with leaders across Europe, advocating for peace.

Papal Return: She is credited with playing a pivotal role in persuading Pope Gregory XI to return the papal seat from Avignon back to Rome, ending a ~70-year period of French influence.

Theology & Legacy: She authored *The Dialogue of Divine Providence*, a major mystical work. She was canonized in 1461 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1970.

Death & Attributes: Catherine died at age 33 in Rome. She is often depicted with a heart, lily, and stigmata.

If **YOU** are *what you*
should be,
you will set THE
WHOLE WORLD ablaze!
~Saint Catherine of Siena

April Events

Sunday 12 Divine Mercy Sunday 2:00 p.m.
St. Joseph Stringtown

Saturday 18 Confirmation 11:00 a.m.
St. Joseph Olney

Sunday 26 First Communion Practice
Holy Cross Wendelin (*after Mass*)

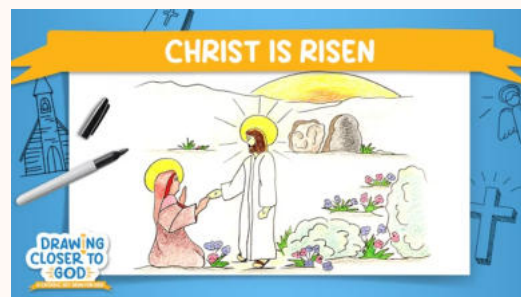


Following in the Footsteps of the Saints

The **Catholic Extension Grant** contributed:
Divine Mercy Holy Card and Saint cards
Let us continue to stay
“*Following in the Footsteps of the Saints.*”



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WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

Final Family Gathering
“**Following in the Footsteps of the Saints**”

This will be a Carry In Meal:

A-F Side Dishes

G-P Salads

Q-Z Desserts

**The Team will provide the Meat, Potatoes,
Paper Products, Drinks, and Fun!**

Upcoming May Events

Holy Cross Wendelin

- 3- Sunday-May Crowning & First Communion
- 6 -Wed. LAST Family Gathering Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Carry In Meal, Year-End Wrap Up with lots of Saint surprises and Family fun.
- 26-29 VBS at Holy Cross during the evening

*Reminder to bring Saint Binder.



Pray for ME

C O N F I R M A N D I

Adrienne Weidner: St. Veronica

Aubrey Patridge: St. Cecilia

Beau Stevens: St. Philip Neri

Braden Weidner: St. Hubert of Liege

Bria Waggoner: St. Anne

Brilyn Brinkley: St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Camden Blank: St. Phocas

Cora Warfel: St. Anne

Diesel Myers: St. Christopher

Gavin Kuentler: St. Isidore the Laborer

Haley Ginder: St. Gianna Beretta Molla

Hayden Womack: St. Joseph

Hazel Durmas: St. Rose of Lima

Jett Thomas: St. Francis de Sales

Julian Seaman: St. Sebastian

Koltyn Hinterscher: St. John Paul

Korbyn Hinterscher: St. Carlo Acutis

Kylah Matthews: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Landree Nelson: St. Catherine of Siena

Laney Peavler: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Lauren French: St. Therese of Lisieux

Leo Seitzinger: St. Joan of Arc

Lucca Trupiano: St. Padre Pio

Makai Steele: St. Michael the Archangel

Max Crouch: St. Michael the Archangel

Nicole Kuhl: St. Monica

Parker Lewis: St. Juan Diego

Paxton Gher: St. Sebastian

Peyton Peavler: St. Michael the Archangel

Quinn Trout: St. Patrick

Riley Kraus: St. Therese of Lisieux

Sadie Seiler: St. Mary, Mother of God

Sarah Ruppel: St. Therese of Lisieux

Yzabella Biyok: St. Philip Neri



Pray for Me

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A**

Isaac Beal

Dalyn Brach

Stephen Brach

Eli Brown

Hilary Cecil

Abby Garrison

Luke Hahn

Kristen Kocher

Jillian Peavler

Sallie VanBlaricum



New Resources For Children

Children's Missalettes

These missalettes are recommended for ages 5-12 and are a great resource for helping our school age children follow along with the mass. It includes a description of the sanctuary and all the prayers during mass. These can be picked up at each mass by all of the entrances to the church. Please return them at the end of mass.

Mass Bags

These bags are recommended for ages 0-4 and include religious toys and books. We currently have 3 bags available for children to use during mass. These can be found by the main entrance to church on the book shelf. Please return the bag and all of its contents at the end of mass. If you would like to purchase one of these for your family to keep, you can purchase one at the parish office for \$54.



Saints, Eucharist and the Catholic Faith



*Stringtown Study
The Four Terezas*

**TUESDAY
ST. JOSEPH
STRINGTOWN
10:00AM**

*Sisters in Christ
The Devil in the Castle*

**WEDNESDAY
HOLY CROSS
5:30 PM**

OCIA
*Order of Christian
Initiation of Adults*

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE
CATHOLIC CHURCH OR JUST
WANT MORE INFORMATION?

WE ARE ALWAYS EXCITED TO
WELCOME NEW
MEMBERS/FAMILIES.

MEETINGS WILL BE
STARTING SOON.

CONTACT
FR. STEVEN OR CAROLINE
FOR MORE INFORMATION.

*Olney Study
The Eucharist*

**WEDNESDAY
ST. JOSEPH OLNEY
9:15 AM & 7:00 PM**

*Brother's in Christ
Into the Breach*

**THURSDAY
HOLY CROSS
7:00PM**