

Sunday, September 14th, 2025
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

✠ Eucharistic Celebrations ✠

Mon. Sep. 15	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. Sep. 16	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
Wed. Sep. 17	8:05 am	For the Parish
Thu. Sep. 18	6:30 PM	at Wendelin
Fri. Sep. 19	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sat. Sep. 20	4:00 PM	at Wendelin
	5:00 PM	Linda Gumble Jean Zwilling
Sun. Sep. 21	8:00 am	For the Parish
	8:00 am	at Stringtown
	10:00 am	at Wendelin
	10:00 am	at Lawrenceville

OUR SEPTEMBER SPONSORS

Bulletins: Carolyn Hartrich
Missalettes: Anonymous Parishioner

OUR TITHES FOR SEPTEMBER 7th

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$8,619 (125) Outreach: \$157
Retired Diocesan Priests: \$940 (23)
Guatemala: \$346 (20)

Let Us Pray For: Dolores Hemrich, Clara Rose Wilson, Kenneth Ochs, Valerie Weidner, Julie Oesch, Deacon Jack, Margaret Burgener, Fr. Bill, Fr. Joe Erbacher, Jeff Beard, Judy Spitz, John Bower, Jerry L. Harper, Emery Oesch, Gene Bergbower, Luke G. Kocher, Marlene Harris, Bessie Rossiano, Mary Rowark, Tony Tredway, Anita Shultz, Kenneth Hann, and Ruth Zwilling.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Sep. 8: Garrett Lathrop (#850)
Sep. 9: Beth & Tanner Miller (#556)
Sep. 10: Brody Peavler (#074)
Sep. 11: Cathy Bunn (#308)
Sep. 12: Janice Zwilling (#025)

Deepest Sympathy to the family of *Eleanor R. Steber*. May she rest in the peace of God’s love.

~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

Saturday, September 13th

- Mass for *Living and Deceased Hermina & Frances Zuber and Donald Kocher*
- Red plates will be given out at all masses for all first graders as part of the kitchen table catechesis.
- 5:00 PM, Middle school youth group meets at Holy Cross after the 4 pm mass.

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- Mass for *Henry Weiler*.
- Children’s liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- Red plates will be given out at all masses for all first graders as part of the kitchen table catechesis.
- Treat your family to **donuts and coffee** after the 8 am mass at St. Joseph, Olney in the MPR. Don’t miss these yummy donuts and fellowship!
- 5:30 PM, High School Youth Group meets at Stringtown.

Tuesday, September 16th

- 12 PM - 3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Olney. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- 5:00 PM, Sister’s in Christ meet in conference room B at St. Joseph, Olney. This group meets every Tuesday until September 30th.
- 7:00 PM, Parish council meets in Olney.

Wednesday, September 17th

- Praying the rosary after mass, Olney.
- 12 noon, Bulletin deadline.
- Deadline to sign up for the Anniversary Brunch.

Saturday & Sunday, September 20th-21st

- Catechetical Sunday mass at all parishes. Children present will come forward to give a special blessing to catechists.

🐾 St. Joseph School News 🐾

- Wednesday, September 17- 11:50am dismissal (School Improvement Workshop).
- Thursday, September 18- 5:30 pm Boosters Meeting in MPR.
- **Catechetical Sunday (Sep. 21st)** - Thank you to ALL catechists for your dedication and guidance sharing the faith with our collective children.

~ SMORGASBORD NEWS ~

- **Mark Your Calendars** for the St. Joseph-Olney Smorgasbord and Bazaar which will be held on **Sunday, October 19th**.
- **Help is needed** to make this year another success. Please review the worker list and contact Lauren Tibbs (618-367-6268) to volunteer.
- **Cash Raffle Tickets Available:** The tickets are \$20 each. The prizes are: 1st prize- \$5,000, 2nd prize- \$1,000, (2) 3rd prizes- \$500, (4) 4th prizes- \$250, (10) 5th prizes; \$100, (20) 6th prizes- \$50. If you are willing to sell or buy tickets, please either call the parish office (618-392-8181) or email stjosephchurch_olney@yahoo.com. Tickets are available to pick up in the Parish Office. Hopefully we will be able to sell all 1,300 tickets as this is what funds necessary repairs and upkeep of our parish. Please help us by selling and buying tickets. The drawing will be held on Sunday, October 19.
- **Quilt Raffle Tickets** will be handed out after masses on September 20th-21st. The items to be raffled will be on display that weekend.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- We are now **accepting mass intentions** through December 31, 2025. Up to three first names with the same last name (ex. John, Paul and Mary Smith) or two last names only (ex. Scott and Smith Families) will be allowed per intention. We can accept up to three mass

offerings per mass. Mass intentions cannot be scheduled for All Souls Day, Christmas Eve, or Christmas Day. These days will be for the general intentions of our parishioners.

- **Attention All Anniversary Couples:** This year, the Parish and Family Life Committee will be sponsoring an Anniversary Brunch celebration on Sunday, September 21, following the 8:00 am mass. Any couple of the parish who already has or will be celebrating in 2025 their 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 55, 60, 65 or 70th wedding anniversary is invited to attend the Mass celebration that Sunday and stay for brunch in the multipurpose room. Please contact the Parish office M-W-F to make reservations by **Wednesday, September 17**. Those attending will be asked to bring a wedding picture to share with everyone in attendance.

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

- Thursday, Sep. 18th: 4th Degree meeting, 7 PM.
- Sunday, Sep. 28th: Knight led rosary before Olney 8 am mass.
- **Can you volunteer to pass out Tootsie Rolls? Contact Scott Seiler**
 - at Walmart 9/20 8:00 to noon (I need volunteers)
 - at IGA is 10/3 noon to 6:00 PM (I need volunteers 4:00 to 6:00)
 - At IGA is 10/4 8:00 to noon (cover by Special Olympics)
 - At Football Game is 9/19 (I need volunteers)

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. A passage of scripture we all know and have heard on numerous occasions. Did you realize that we encounter scripture every time we go to Mass, and every time we open the Word of God (your Bible).

Question for you, are you changed by the encounter with the “*Breath of God*” that breathes on you when you open your Bible or when you hear the heavenly words? Is the belief lost in translation because the gift of Jesus is so familiar that the price is forgotten? This *Wonderous Love* is offered to us when we receive the *Body and Blood* of the Son that God gave to the World! What might you need to give-change- forgive- in order to receive Eternal life? Let us Live a Life encountering the “*Breath of God.*” Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

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FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SAINTS LIBRARY

The weather is cooler, and there is nothing like a great book and a warm drink! Be sure to check out the library and take home a book to read! Our library is located in the vestibule by the front entrance to the church. **Book Suggestions: For Kids: *Saint Rose of Lima* and *Cloud of Witness*. For Adults: *Story of the Soul* and *The Angels*.**

Retired Diocesan Priests Collection Special Thanks

We express our sincere gratitude to each of you who contributed to the annual Retired Diocesan Priests Collection which was held last weekend. Your generosity ensures our commitment to safeguard the professional and personal dignity of our diocesan priests who are currently retired and our younger priests who will retire in the years ahead. If you were unable to give last week, you may still contribute at any time through your parish; be sure to note “Retired Diocesan Priests Collection” on the memo line of your check. Please also keep all our priests in your prayers. Thank you very much!
Our Belleville Diocese currently has:
60 diocesan priests
34 currently retired
26 in active ministry (11 of whom are of retirement age)

Vocation Corner: September 14th

Today’s Gospel is the popular, often quoted, section from John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son”. We see it often proclaimed at professional sporting events. Do we embrace those words? Can we give of ourselves to consider a vocation to the Priesthood or Sisterhood? Can we encourage and support our young folks who might be pondering this path in life? Be bold and pose the question – “Are you considering a religious vocation?”

Respect Life Corner: September 14th

“We pray to you, O Lord, that we always recognize each member of this human family as being made in your image and beloved by you, with worth and dignity.” USCCB, “Prayer to Heal Racial Division”

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~ Welcome ~

The St. Joseph Parish family is a community of believers rooted in the teachings of Jesus.

Join us for mass:

Wednesday School Mass 8:05 am
Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am

Live streaming of the 8 am masses on Sunday and Wednesday are now available! To watch it live, go to stjosephchurcholney.com or replay anytime.

New parishioners, please register as soon as you move into our parish. Call the Parish Office (618-392-8181) to receive a new member packet

Office hours: Mon. Wed. Fri. 7:30-3:00 pm

Baptism: Contact the Parish Office.

Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:30 PM – 4:45 PM or contact the Parish Office.

Marriage: Call 6 months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick: Any time of need.

~ St. Joseph School ~

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