

Sunday, September 15th, 2024
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

✠ Eucharistic Celebrations ✠

Mon. Sep. 16 6:30 PM at Stringtown
Tue. Sep. 17 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville
Wed. Sep. 18 8:05 am *Rose M. Kocher
Paul & Clara Hartrich*
Thu. Sep. 19 6:30 PM at Wendelin
Sat. Sep. 21
4:00 PM at Wendelin
5:00 PM *Hermina, Frances, & Margaret
Zuber;
Living & Deceased Dan & Helen
Steber Family;
Marti Carrigan*
Sun. Sep. 22
8:00 am *Albert, Clara, & RoseEllen Hahn;
Ed & Mary Jo Zuber;
Herman Zwilling*
8:00 am at Stringtown
10:00 am at Wendelin
10:00 am at Lawrenceville

OUR SEPTEMBER SPONSORS

Bulletins: Carolyn Hartrich
Missalettes: Camille Weiler

OUR TITHES FOR SEP. 8th

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$6,178.25 (80) Loose: \$173
Guatemala: \$95 (5) Retired Priests: \$1,145 (23)

Let Us Pray For: Luke G. Kocher, David Fehrenbacher, Margaret Burgener, Marlene Harris, Don Kocher, Ruth Matheny, Bessie Rossiano, Mary Rowark, Mary Beth Scherer, Eleanor Steber, Tony Tredway, Anita Shultz, Kenneth Hann, Deloris Nix, and Ruth Zwilling. *Please call or email the Parish Office to add any new names to the Prayer List.*

~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

Sunday, September 15th

- 1st graders red plate blessing at all masses.
- Catechetical Sunday
- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass.

Tuesday, September 17th

- 12 PM - 3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- 2nd grade and 6th grade attends Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Wednesday, September 18th

- Rosary, after Mass
- 9:15 am, Bible Study, St. Joseph Olney, Room B:Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time and we'll hear a wonderful reassurance and promise. If you'd like to hear Jesus' promise, don't miss the Bible Study. Join us as we explore God's word. You'll be glad you did!
- 12 noon, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.

Friday, September 20th

- 2 PM – 6 PM, Blood Drive in the multi-purpose room. Appointments are available. Schedule online or call 1-800-RED CROSS. Walk-ins are welcome.

Saturday, September 21st

- 6 PM Middle School Youth Group

Sunday, September 22nd

- The Parish and Family Life Committee will be sponsoring an Anniversary Brunch celebration following the 8:00 am mass. Please contact the Parish office by **Wednesday, September 18** to make reservations.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Sep. 2: Kirk Wall (#686)
Sep. 3: Chris Doll (#701)
Sep. 4: Joanne Waggoner (#428)
Sep. 5: Gene & Sandy Fehrenbacher (#013)
Sep. 6: Mike & Jenny Krim (#199)

🔔 **St. Joseph School Notes** 🔔

- Early Release- Wednesday, September 18 at 11:50.
- Scholastic Book Fair open to the public Thursday, September 19 from 3-3:30pm in MPR.
- Middle School Youth Group- Saturday, September 21 at 6pm.

~ SMORGASBORD & BAZAAR ~

- **Mark your Calendars** for the St. Joseph-Olney Smorgasbord and Bazaar which will be held on Sunday, October 20.
- **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, text or email Jeffrey Rosenberg (618-302-0391) or jar325@yahoo.com. Tickets are also available 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 20.
- **Quilt Raffle Tickets** will be handed out after masses this weekend. The items will be on display.

~ CYM NEWS ~

Sun, September 15th: CYM Mass & Meeting in Olney.

Sat, September 21st: Middle School Night @ Olney - after 5 pm Mass (~6 pm).

Sun, September 22nd: High School Youth Group @ Holy Cross - 5:30 pm (Praise and worship music at 7 pm, all are welcome!).

~ YOUNG ADULT NEWS ~

Sun, September 29th: Young Adults Theology on Tap - more details soon.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **O.C.I.A. Order of Christian Initiation of Adults.** Are you or anyone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home? Have you been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what you have to do to become Catholic? Statistics show that most people respond to a personal invitation. So, this is that personal invitation and a challenge to all of you who might know someone who fits the categories above invite that person. An informational meeting will be scheduled in October. Contact Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate if interested or have questions.

- **Unleashing the Power of Intercessory Prayer:** Join us for a 9-week study of discovering the privilege of praying for others. Our praying for others is a beautiful way of thinking, acting, and living like Christ. Also, this deepens our own prayer life and relationship with our Lord.

Stringtown Study (books available Sept 17)

Tuesday mornings 10:00 am St. Joseph Stringtown beginning Sept 24. Contact Janette Kocher, or Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate if interested.

Sisters in Christ (books available Sept 18)

Wednesday evenings 5:30pm Holy Cross Parish House beginning Sept. 25. Contact Kristi Sandschafer, or Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate if interested.

- **Married Catholics 4 Christ & Engaged Couples: Saturday, September 28th:** Fall Welcome Gathering at Holy Cross Parish House at 6 PM. Food, fun, and fellowship all provided. Bring a lawn chair if weather permits.

- **In honor of the Month of the Rosary,** we will be praying the Rosary before all of the Masses during the month of October beginning with the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, October 5, and ending with the 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday, October 27. We will begin a half hour before each Mass. For anyone wishing to lead the Rosary during those times, there will be a sign-up sheet by the door at the back of the church. Thank you.

- **The Family Catechesis ministry** is an Award Winner of a prestige grant from Catholic Extension with funding via the Lily Foundation. This is a significant grant award that will benefit our families in our parishes. There will be a “Listening Session” in the near future - most likely early November- with representatives from Catholic Extension attending to meet with our parishioners. There will be more details forth-coming.

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~

Thurs. Sep. 19th: 4th degree meeting at 7 PM.
Thurs. Oct. 10th: 3rd degree meeting at 7 PM.

- **Annual Tootsie Roll drive**, we will collect in front of IGA (Sept 27 & 28), Big R (Rural King) (Sept 28), and Olney Tiger Home Football Game (Sept. 27). To sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FAFAF2DA3F4CF8-51129884-kofc> or text Scott Seiler - 618-843-0540
- **Knights of Columbus Soccer Kick Competition** is September 17 at St. Joseph School for 3rd through 8th grade during PE classes. Students in those grades wearing tennis shoes to school that day would be recommended!

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. A powerful verse from the Gospel of Mark, and one that is challenging. We all desire to follow Jesus and want to spend eternity with Him in heaven. However, there are choices and decisions we must make and live out to truly be one of his followers. This is where it becomes uncomfortable- for we must die to self and carry our own cross! You might be thinking- really- I am supposed to deny myself- you mean give up things- likes- desires- wants- and dare one say- even suffer- possibly even be asked to make a stand for one’s religious convictions! Then, take all of that- and pick up my cross with any other concerns-worry- hurts- problems-and carry it? You mean, like Jesus did when he walked the Via

Dolorosa- the way of the Cross- to Calvary? That is a lot to ask... that is a lot for me to do.... *Yes-It is...* but Jesus did it first and shows us the way! We do not carry it alone- suffer alone- our Lord carries-walks- encourages us along the way. This day- *Begin Again*- die to self- offer it up- and give that time-energy- to Jesus! Pick up and carry your cross with a joyful heart and then you will be following Jesus- this is our path. Remember this world is not our Home- we are just passing through. So, journey onward and Live a Life of Love- it is the only path that leads to God and will bring us to Eternal happiness!

Lady of Perpetual Help, *pray for us!*

~ **DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE NEWS**~

The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
Serve the Lord with gladness
-Psalm 100

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Respect Life Corner: Sep. 15, 2024

"Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: 'there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance' (Lk 15:7)*."

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 USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing After Abortion"

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!

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 208 South Elliott St.
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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 4:30 PM – 4:45 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.)
 Office hours: Mon. Wed. Fri. 7:30-3:00 pm

~ **St. Joseph School** ~

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