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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

September 14, 2025

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday----- 4:30 pm

Sunday----- 8:00 & 10:30 am

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday----- 8:00 am

Wednesday Evening----- 7:00 pm

Rosary recited half hour before every Mass.

HOLY DAYS

Vigil----- 7:00 pm

Holy Day----- 8:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:00 pm or by appointment

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are arranged by calling the Rectory.

MARRIAGES

Please consult the pastor at least one year prior to the desired date of marriage.

SICK CALLS

By law, hospitals and care facilities are prevented from notifying us of admission or status change. Please contact the office to request a pastoral visit.

CCD CLASSES

Sunday 9:10 to 10:15 am during the school year.

For Nationwide Mass Times & Locations: Call 1-410-676-6000

BULLETIN NOTICES MUST BE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE NO LATER THAN MONDAY AT 12:00 NOON.



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ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of this Christian Catholic Community of St. Joseph the Worker Church in Bonneauville, Pennsylvania, endeavor to live the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and practice the teachings of that same Gospel in our worship, our beliefs, what we learn, and the way in which we serve others.

As a Catholic Community of Faith, Hope, & Love, we invite others to join us in our goal of renewal and welcome them into our gospel fellowship.

Mass Intentions

The Exaltation of the Cross

Saturday, September 13

Peter's Pence Collection

4:00 PM – Rosary

4:30 PM – Raymond & Rosalia Storm

Sunday, September 14

7:30 AM – Adoration/Rosary

8:00 AM – People of the Parish

9:10 AM – CCD begins

10:00 AM – Rosary

10:30 AM – Bob Barefoot

Monday – September 15

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – Anna McMaster

Tuesday, September 16

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – Int. of Rick & April Phillips

Wednesday, September 17

Rosary – 6:30 PM

7:00 PM – Int. of Jane Crone Cookson

Thursday, September 18

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – Int. of Justin Staub

Friday – September 19

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – Roger Weaver

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 20

4:00 PM – Rosary

4:30 PM – Francis & Patricia Shanebrook

Sunday, September 21

7:30 AM – Adoration/Rosary

8:00 AM – Deborah Weishaar

10:00 AM – Rosary

10:30 AM – People of the Parish

IS ANYONE SICK AMONG YOU?

Please notify **Fr. Benny 717-334-2510** of any parishioner admitted to the hospital. Call the Office to arrange for the Anointing of the sick of the parish.



Barbara Dinges, Brook McMaster, Maureen Johnson, Elizabeth Fetter, Emily Elizabeth Schmidt, Rick Phillips, Michael Clabaugh, Bill Orndorff, Rose Weaver, Kim, Ann, Nancy Myers, Virginia Schriver,

Pam Lambert, Wyatt Esworthy, Lisa Barefoot Waggoner, Mike Shanebrook, Brad Clabaugh, Lorine Schwab, Michael Franek, Don Moser, Dave Weishaar, Raymond McMaster, Betty Clabaugh, Deacon Rich, Rich Faloon, Dale Keller, Shirley Bowman, Marilyn Wells, Jeremy Onorato, Mary Lee Noel, Kathi Barefoot, Cindalee Notich, Elizabeth Weishaar, Kim Beitler, Helen Little, Mary Beachtel Arvin, Darlene Long, Sally Irwin, Paul Smith, Jane Irwin Hollabaugh, Mike Farrell, Nora Keller, Rebecca Weaver, Arthur Hammett, Rich Shaffer, Barbara Onorato, Anna Sneeringer and all the rest of our brothers and sisters in need of healing of mind, body and spirit. Please call the parish office to add a name to our prayer list. Help us to keep our list current by letting us know when we may remove a name. **If you would like to be part of the Parish Prayer Line call Lisa Barefoot Waggoner @717-465-7568 for more information.**



EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

First Reading: Numbers 21:4b-9

The Jews were complaining against God and Moses of the tiring journey through the desert. The Lord punished them for such complaints with the bite of deadly serpents. After hearing the prayers of Moses for his people, the Lord instructed Moses to cure those who became ill with a bronze serpent mounted to a pole for them to see.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

In this letter to the Philippians, Paul tells us how Jesus set aside his form of equality to God and took on a humble, human form - obedient even unto death. God the Father greatly exalted Jesus because of this.

Gospel Reading: John 3:13-17

As today's first reading tells us of Moses raising the bronze serpent in the desert for those to be cured, Jesus says, too, that the Son of Man should be lifted up for all to see so the world might be saved and he who believes in him might enjoy eternal life.



This weekend will be the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. That this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.valen.html.

Membership: Welcome! ... to our visitors. We are happy to have you join us today for worship. If you wish to join our Parish, forms are available in the vestibule or call the Parish Office. Adults who are 21 years and older are encouraged to register as members of the parish. Church attendance alone does not make you or your family registered members. When changing your address, phone or email, please notify the Parish Office so we can update our records with your new information.

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

“God so loved the world, he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believed in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”

One of the most quoted bible verses by all believers. It awakens us to the why Jesus came. The reason, we were in desperate need. Unfortunately, that need is so great, yet we casually can quote the words but are not moved by them.

The bronze serpent offered a saving help when Moses turned to the Lord. They were healed from the deadly bite. People looked upon it to be saved. The cross of Jesus is our triumphant sign, bringing us the gift of forgiveness and eternal salvation which is as the scripture says, ‘to know God and the Son he has sent.’ I ask if I know God, if I am comfortable and have a personal bond with Him. As I ask myself if I take this sign seriously, I learn that the Lord takes me seriously. Take a minute and look upon the cross. Can you see Jesus looking to you?

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON

The
Exaltation
of the Holy Cross



FINANCIAL REPORTS

For The Weekend of September 6/7, 2025

Adults	\$5,914.00
Loose	148.00
On-Line Giving	1,675.00
Total	7,737.00
Budgeted - \$4,160.00	over 3,577.00
Poor of the Parish	80.00

63 of 298 Adults used envelopes
35 Online Giving

Next special collection is "World Mission
Sunday, the weekend of October 19, 2025.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be NO Parish Council meeting this month, next meeting will be November 12th after the 7:00 PM Mass in the rectory.

400 CLUB Week 4

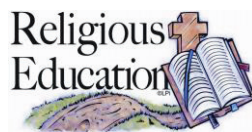
68	Bill Clabaugh	Doug Clabaugh
99	Doreen Dempsey	Kim Beitler
183	Anna Sneeringer	Mike Shanebrook
250	Terri Dell'Aquila	Kim Beitler
281	Kim Kohl	Kay Smith



"Our monthly potpie dinners will resume this month and continue throughout April, excluding November and December, on the 4th Sunday of each month. These dinners are a vital part of our church budget and

volunteers are urgently needed as our normal volunteers are getting older. We would joyfully welcome anyone, but especially those capable of some hard work and heavier lifting. Our most urgent need is the day prior to the dinner from 8-10 am to prep the kitchen and from 6-10 am or after 1 on the day of the dinners. Also, we are always looking for those willing to roast chickens to use for our dinner as well! Anyone interested, please contact Karen Bollinger at 717-476-5108. Thank you!"

**PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA & LOURDES
DISCOVERY WITH BARCELONA!** Join Fr. Benny Jose on this journey...September 20-29, 2026. 10 days, 14 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners. Highlights of the trip: Fatima, Aljustrel, Valinhos, Cathedral of Burgos, Lourdes, Grotto of Massabielle, Barcelona, Barcelona Cathedral. Information is on the table in the vestibule.



The 2025-26 CCD Classes will begin on Sunday, September 14th at 9:10AM until 10:20AM in the Deacon Weaver Center. Please remember that if your child does not attend catholic school, your child should be attending CCD classes each week as well as weekly Mass attendance.



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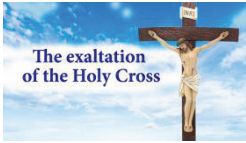
Grocery gift cards for Giant, Weis, and Walmart and Food Lion are available on weekends after the Masses and Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm at the rectory office.

Event: Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage; extending an invitation to sign up for a seat to Washington, DC for the Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage, on Saturday, September 27, 2025. Bus will depart from Saint Joseph Church, 5125 Grandview Rd, Hanover, PA. 17331 at 7:00 AM. There are 38 seats on the bus available for the event. Cost per seat is \$25.00. Call St. Joseph Parish office to secure seating 717-637-5236 (Payment in person) Information about the event: Bill Schuster 717-476-2247.

Everyone is invited to an exciting new event in October called **"BEHOLD! A Conference for the Family of God"**. Whether you are young or old, new to the faith, rooted in our Catholic traditions, or even feel yourself drifting away, BEHOLD! has something for you. Join Bishop Senior and our keynote, Bishop Frank Caggiano, along with our dynamic breakout speakers, and musical entertainment, The Scally Brothers, for a full day of faith, fellowship, and fun on Saturday, October 18th, at Holy Name of Jesus parish in Harrisburg. Register today at hbgdiocese.org/behold.



Thank you to the parish council, Kim Beitler, Kay Smith, Frances Weishaar, Michelle Study, Mike Shanebrook and all who volunteered to make the parish picnic a success. Thank you to the Knights for providing ice cream and drinks, and to all the parishioners that came to enjoy a wonderful day.



Faith Formation News

Sept 14, 2025 - The Exaltation of the Cross

We celebrate the cross—an instrument of death—because by it we pass from death to life. Jesus shows this by comparing His crucifixion to the bronze serpent. After Israel had sinned in the desert, God punished the people with deadly serpents. Yet when they repented and He showed them mercy, He did not take away the serpents. Instead, He erected an image of that punishment. If a bitten Israelite looked upon a bronze serpent, he would live. Similarly, Adam's sin and our personal sins merit death. But we fix our eyes on the crucified Lord who was "obedient unto death, even death on a cross." For "just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

The EXALTATION of the Holy Cross by Jennifer



Hubbard

I sat in the pew one morning not quite a decade ago. His family and his friends, those who would testify to the stories shared—we had gathered to bury him. He had lived life

well, loved the Lord, trusted in his faithfulness, and always, without hesitation, gave him all the glory. Even in our hope that he rested in the peace of our Lord, and in that holy and sacred space, our grief was great. As the procession began, my eyes followed the server as he delivered the cross to its place of honor, bowed ever so slightly, and made his way to his seat. The cross stood resolute, its polished gold and precious gem adornments inviting reflection, its majesty quietly calling gazes to ponder its mystery. It was beautiful, but I could not help but think of the cross of crude wood and rugged construction Jesus carried to Calvary, the one on which he would hang. Under its weight his knees buckled; its knots and splinters chafed skin already raw from the scourging. Marked by a rushed inscription, made in mockery, his cross stood testament to the malice of the embittered. I considered the anguish of those who had gathered at its foot in grief and confusion. Surely, they wondered how miracles could lead to mockery. And yet, they would soon understand its glory, its power, and its might. They would be the first to claim victory through the knotted and splintered cross on which he died that we might live. Amidst the juxtaposition of grief and joy, I set my gaze upon the cross lifted high on the altar. It would guide me, as it had led the procession on that solemn and sacred fall morning, to a place where the boundary between mourning and rejoicing blurred—and where it would lead us all to find solace in its promise at the table set before us.

(Jennifer Hubbard, author of, resides in Finding Sanctuary Newtown, Connecticut. The younger of her two children, Catherine Violet, was a victim of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting.)

The CROSS is the tree of victory: that Catholics be heroic in preaching Christ crucified and in witnessing to the world the redemptive value of suffering.

The CROSS is the support of the just: that the power of **The CROSS** of Jesus Christ will establish true peace and justice in the world.

The CROSS is the tree of life: that all persons embrace a genuine respect for human life from conception to natural death.

Christ from **The CROSS** draws us to himself: that Jesus Crucified will draw close to himself the poor, the sick, the persecuted, the marginalized, and all who suffer.

The CROSS is the door through which the grace of forgiveness enters into the world: that all whose lives are marked by alienation or division will come to true reconciliation in Christ.

The CROSS shows us the road of life: that we may embrace the cross in our life as the sure promise of newness, purification, and perfection.

Loving Father, let your Church be the living sign of The CROSS, for the way of The CROSS is the way that leads to the victory of love over hatred, of generosity over selfishness, of peace over violence. Through Christ our crucified Lord. Amen.

FEAST DAYS celebrated this Month

Sept 15, Monday - Our Lady of Sorrows

By the loving obedience He showed to the Father through his life, suffering, and death, Jesus showered us with grace so that we could share in His divine love. We do this by patterning our own lives after Christ's. Mary patterned her life after her Son's most especially when she stood beneath the cross as her Son hung dying. Her heart was united to His: His death was hers. When a lance pierced her Son's heart, her heart was pierced by a sword. Yet she who suffered her Son's death now shares most abundantly in his divine love and joy. Our mother invites us to stand by the cross with her so that we who share her sorrow may also share her joy.

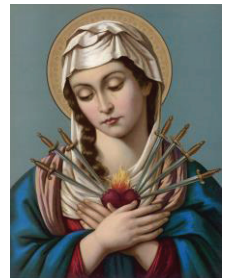
"Mary, you have loved us so much! Give us just a little of your faith, a little of your hope and your love, your strength and perseverance, your humility and purity, your meekness and your mercy and all your virtues. As often as we think of them, we understand how much

you lived them. Jesus entrusted the Church to you...." (Servant of God Chiara Lubich)

Sept 23, Tuesday - St. Pius of Pietrelcina

Sept 29, Monday - Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

Sept 30, Tuesday - St. Jerome





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