

Exaltation

OF THE HOLY CROSS



**Saint Joseph the Worker
Bonneauville, Pennsylvania**



**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

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 12

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

4:00 PM – Rosary

4:30 PM – Int. of Ralph & Kay Hartlaub 50th Anniversary

Sunday – September 13

7:30 AM – Adoration/Rosary

8:00 AM – Int. of Dale & Judy Keller & Family

CCD BEGINS – 9:10 AM – 10:20 AM

10:00 AM – Rosary

10:30 AM – People of the Parish

PARISH PICNIC – 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Tuesday, September 15

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – Jim Gebhart

Wednesday, September 16

6:30 PM – Rosary

7:00 PM – Int. of Emily Raver

7:30 PM – **Building Committee Meeting**

Thursday – September 17

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – Int. of Jane (Crone) Cookson

Friday – September 18

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – Int. of Justin Staub Birthday

Saturday, September 19

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – Roger Weaver

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 19

4:00 PM – Rosary

4:30 PM – Francis & Patricia Shanebrook

Sunday – September 20

7:30 AM – Adoration/Rosary

8:00 AM – Int. of John & Sandy Weaver 40th Anniversary

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, Pam Lambert, Wyatt Esworthy, Lisa Barefoot Waggoner, Mike Shanebrook, Brad Clabaugh, Lorine Schwab, Don Moser, Dave Weishaar, Raymond McMaster, Betty Clabaugh, Deacon Rich, Rich Faloon, Dale Keller, Shirley Bowman, Marilyn Wells, Jeremy Onorato, Kathi Barefoot, Kim Beitler, Mary Beachtel Arvin, Darlene Long, Sally Irwin, Jane Irwin Hollabaugh, Mike Farrell, Nora Keller, Rebecca Weaver, Arthur Hammett, Barbara Onorato, Anna Sneeringer, Bob Clabaugh, Helen Sneeringer, Jasmine, Margaret Heintzelman, Diana Pfaff, Bob Dempsey, Annette Farrell Kennedy, Sherry Deardorff, Dean Drawbaugh, Gary Wilson, John Defeo, Jim Gleason 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.**



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 27:30—28:7

Sirach advises all to forgive the faults of their neighbor. Only by forgiving the sins of others, can a person expect to be forgiven his sins.

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Paul stresses that no one is his own master; we are responsible to the Lord, and we belong to him in both life and death.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

This narrative points out the difference between mercy and justice. When Peter asks how often he should forgive someone who wrongs him, Jesus answers, "...not seven times: I say seventy times seven times." Jesus then narrates the story of the king who was merciful to his official by forgiving him all his debts, but this same official showed no mercy to his own servant.



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.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Forgive your neighbor’s injustice, then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins?... Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor, remember the Most High’s covenant, and overlook faults.” ... “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?””

As the Lord speaks in these passages today, I ask: ‘which is more difficult, to ask forgiveness or to forgive?’ Forgiveness is an attitude of love and concern to set things right. The adage, ‘forgive and forget’ is noble, but it is hard to forget. A wise spiritual guide said it another way, ‘forgive and remember without bitterness.’

I leave the hurt behind and don’t allow the scar to keep me from offering the healing which someone else seeks. How powerful is the gift of forgiveness. May we use it well.

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS

God's Love
is
Everlasting

FINANCIAL REPORTS

For the weekend of September 5/6, 2026

Adults	\$ 3,627.00
Loose	280.00
On-Line Giving	1,240.00
Total	5,247.00
Budgeted - \$4,160.00 over	1,087.00
Poor of the Parish	145.00
Peter's pence	22.00

**69 of 298 Adults used envelopes
29 Online Giving**

**Next second collection is
"World Mission Sunday" October 17/18, 2026**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be **Building Committee Meeting** on September 16th at 7:30 PM Mass in the rectory.

Cemetery Memorial Walkway Brick Orders:

We are currently taking new brick orders for the cemetery walkway. Bricks can be purchased for \$75 in honor of a person or anniversary or in memory of a loved one. The order form can be downloaded from our website or contact the parish office. Bricks will be ordered and installed this spring.



Anyone who would like to sponsor **ALTAR FLOWERS** in memory or honor of a living or deceased loved one please put an envelope in the collection basket marked for altar flowers and the weekend you would like them, they are \$80.00 for two.

AERO ENERGY: *We are again participating in the "House of Worship" program thru Aero Energy. If you currently have Aero Energy for heating service please leave us know. The church receives 4 cents per gallon of heating oil and 4 cents per gallon of propane consumed by church members enrolled in the House of Worship Program. Please call the parish office: 717-334-2510.*



Thank you to everyone who helped with our last sub/sandwich sale. We made a profit of \$653.75

The **Football Tickets** are now in the back of Church. They are \$10.00 per ticket. The checks are mailed each week to the winner's home address. We also receive a notice of the winners each week. All tickets and money must be received by Sunday October 11th no exceptions. You can place the stub and money in an envelope and place in the Collection basket if no one is there to give them to. If you have any questions call Mike at 717-476-8205. Our next meeting will be held on Sunday September 20th beginning at 7p.m.

400 CLUB

Week 1

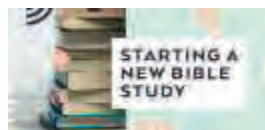
17	Raymie Staub	Charlie Staub
255	Larry Neiderer	Rose Bollinger
257	Rod Hewitt	Mike Shanebrook
286	Vickie Franek	Vickie Franek
302	Mike & Nora Keller	April Phillips



"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!"

BIBLE STUDY BEGINS

Beginning OCTOBER 6, Tuesday a new Bible Study will start at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center.



Contact Clare Crone:

ccrone2@gmail.com or the Parish Office 717-3342510.

SLOWING DOWN to the

SPEED of JOY will be the next Study which will be ideal getting us to think about preparing for the mad rush of the Holidays before us.

Busy is not your friend. Only a toxic friend leaves you feeling anxious, overwhelmed, discouraged, exhausted, stressed, inadequate, and resentful. It's time to take our lives back from this tyrant. *Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy* is a deeply personal book. By revealing his own vulnerabilities, Matthew Kelly provides us with the practical insights and timeless wisdom necessary to banish busy and urgent from our own lives. *"Joy erupts within us when we allow an experience to touch the very depths of our souls. That cannot be rushed. It's time to slow down to the speed of joy."*



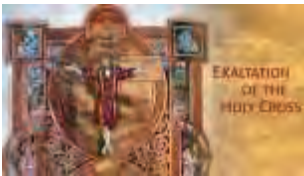
Faith Formation News

September 13, 2026

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" The "logic" of mercy is very simple: "Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then your own sins will be forgiven." Thus, "none of us lives for oneself"; rather, "we live for the Lord" and by the Lord. The "Lord of both the dead and the living" will endow us with the power to forgive others as he himself does. The desire to forgive others—even when painful wounds remain—is already the indication that God's mercy is present in our hearts. United to Jesus, we dare to *"expect healing from the Lord."*

Sept 14, Monday, EXALTATION of the HOLY CROSS



May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. (Gal 6:14)

The cross, instrument of torture and death, raised aloft as a sign of glory, continues to confound the wisdom of this world. God's work of salvation stands human expectations on their head: humility is exaltation, wounds are healing, death is life. The Feast of the Exaltation of the True Cross recalls when Saint Helena (mother of Constantine) discovered the True Cross of Our Lord after a search throughout the Holy Land, and on September 14th, in the year 320, it was venerated, with great jubilation and fitting exaltation. In honor of this feast day it is a good time to pause and consider: we are called to exalt in the Holy Cross of Christ. But what of the crosses God sends us? Do we see the cross we carry each day as a gift from God we must embrace? Although that might seem very difficult indeed, is that not what we are called to do on a feast day entitle the "Exaltation" of the Cross? This feast day is important not only because it recalls the finding of the True Cross of Christ which had been lost and when it was found was a cause of celebration; but because it calls us to this challenge: to will to love the cross God sends us. How do we do this? We learn from the Saints: *"The road is narrow. He who wishes to travel it more easily must cast off all things and use the cross as his cane. In other words, he must be truly resolved to suffer willingly for the love of God in all things."* (St. John of the Cross)

"You must accept your cross; if you bear it courageously, it will carry you to Heaven." (/St. John Vianney) *The lukewarm do not embrace the cross; they merely drag it along.* (St. Teresa of Avila) *The*

Christian's motto is the Cross. You will recognize God's love by this sign, by the suffering he sends you." (St. Padre Pio) *"Suffering is a sign that you have come so close to Him that He can kiss you."* (St. Teresa of Calcutta)

Sept 15, Tuesday, Feast of OUR LADY of SORROWS The Joy of Mary's Sacrifice



"Love" is a word that is much battered about in an age of materialism. Looking at Mary, we know that love is not the selfish and grasping thing that the world would have us believe: love does not take, it gives. And to give means

sacrifice—a word we do not like, because it means to give up something we want for ourselves. To be able to give it up at all, we must love someone else better than ourselves....Because of Mary, because of her divine Son who sacrificed even his life for us, the world still has many generous souls. They have learned that nothing is valuable unless it costs a great deal—not in money, but in tears, or in pain, or in silent disappointment. Sacrifice is not a word to make them afraid, because they remember that day of supreme sacrifice.... There is a sweetness to sacrifice that small hearts never know, a sweetness that Mary tasted to its depths on Calvary when she lost herself in Christ. It is a joy to suffer for someone we love. That is a secret that only the courageous ever find out, and it has to be learned the hard way, by experience. For inspiration our eyes turn back to a windy hill on which three crosses are stark against the sky and where there stands a woman unafraid in the terrible darkness because her love is so much greater than all human fear....None of us will ever be called upon to stand, as Mary stood, beneath a cross where a Son dearer than life -itself hangs dying.... But to each of us, some day, -sorrow will come, and death will take away those we love. In that day we shall need to remember Mary's love, her courage, her faith. More than that do we need her help to make us courageous in the crosses of every day.... *"O holy Mary, most compassionate of all the compassionate, and holiest of all the holy, intercede for us. Through you, O Virgin, may He receive our prayers who, born for us of you, reigns above the skies; that, by His loving-kindness, our sins may be cleansed away."*

Sister Mary Jean Dorcy, o.p. († 1988) was a prolific author and illustrator, especially of children's literature. / From Our Lady's Feasts. Copyright © 1999 by New Hope Publications, New Hope, KY. www.newhope-ky.org. Used with permission.



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