

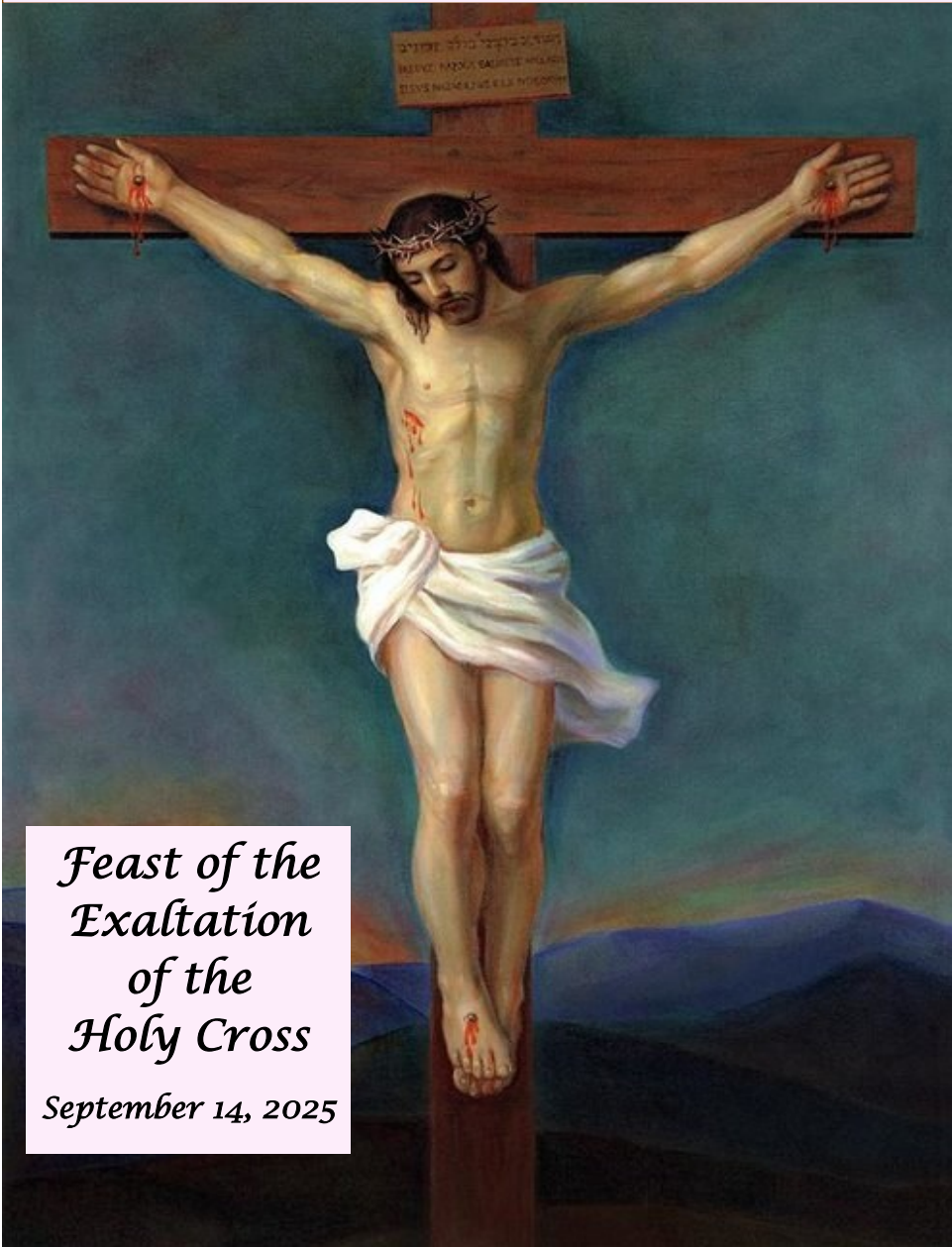
# OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

*September 14, 2025*

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

-Mondays, Tuesdays,  
Thursdays, Fridays: 8:30 am;  
-Wednesdays: 6:30 pm;  
-Saturdays: 4:30 pm;  
Sundays: 8:30 & 10:30 am

### **PARISH OFFICE**

Hours: Monday—Thursday,  
8:30—4:00 pm (Lunch 12-1)  
Email: [church@olqpbethalto.org](mailto:church@olqpbethalto.org)  
618-377-6519 Fax: 618-377-9550  
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Secretary/SCRIP Coordinator: Bea Albarado

### **PARISH SCHOOL**

Mrs. Kim Knight, Principal,  
[kknight@olqpbethalto.org](mailto:kknight@olqpbethalto.org)  
618-377-6401 Fax: 618-377-6146  
Chrissy Woodiel, Secretary:  
[cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org](mailto:cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org)  
School website:  
<https://www.olqpbethalto.org>

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Bethalto Council #4688,  
4th Degree #203  
Grand Knight: Luke Kistner  
[bethaltoknight@gmail.com](mailto:bethaltoknight@gmail.com)  
[www.bethaltoknights.org](http://www.bethaltoknights.org)

### **COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND**

1st Friday of each month.  
Call the parish office to request .

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION**

Saturday: 3:30-4:15 pm,  
And by appointment.

## **COMING OUR WAY..**

PSR Classes Begin.....	September 17
OCIA Classes.....	September 17
Family Fun Night.....	September 19
OLQP Parish Mission.....	September 22-24
Bible Study Group.....	September 24
Glow Bingo.....	September 26
40 Days for Life.....	October 1
Card Game Bingo.....	October 10
Public Square Rosary Rally (Alton).....	October 11
Fr. Tom's Scotch & Cigar Night.....	October 19
Harvest Knights Chicken and Beer Dance.....	November 8
Annual Smorgasbord & Bazaar.....	December 7

## Exaltation of the Holy Cross

### Mass Intentions

<b>Sat., Sept. 13</b> 4:30 pm	<b>St. John Chrysostom</b> Vi Perkhiser
<b>Sun., Sept. 14</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	<b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> Michele Peretti For the Parishioners
<b>Mon., Sept. 15</b> 8:30 am	<b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b> Communion Service
<b>Tues., Sept. 16</b> 8:30 am	<b>Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian</b> Communion Service
<b>Wed., Sept. 17</b> 6:30 pm	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b> Communion Service
<b>Thur., Sept. 18</b> 8:30 am	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b> Communion Service
<b>Fri., Sept. 19</b> 8:30 am	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b> Communion Service
<b>Sat. Sept. 20</b>  4:30 pm	<b>Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon &amp; Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions</b> For the Parishioners
<b>Sun., Sept. 21</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	<b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Jerry and Fred Flowers Jerry Barton



### Prayer Requests

**The sick:** Conor Vogel, Keita Salantai, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Marguerite Hufker, Brooke Randolph Carden, Brittany Witt, Greg Weber, Kristin Brunstein, Jim Begnel, Mike Toner, Lucie Hale, Liz Stutz, Rob Helmkamp, Don Laird, Bill Johnson, Jim Johnson, Leslie Rider, Garrett Hardin, Patty Eichen, Marvin Bonner, Cherie Buell, Lynn Bertels, Patty Hall, Norm Frisch, Thelma Kochan, Carla Klaustermeier, Tim Barton, Bonnie Wirth, Susan Hilker, Emilee Baalman, Bob Randolph, Ron Harshbarger, William Richter, Daryl Walker, Bill Timpe, Patti Dhue, Neil Friedel, Dale Werner, Mike McKeeber, Chris Schmidt, Jim Laurent, Lindy Camardella, Father Tom Liebler. **For prayer requests in the bulletin, call parish office, 377-6519. Prayer requests email prayer chain, Marie at rejoy128@gmail.**

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

You are invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40 day vigil in the public right of way outside the abortion clinic, Granite City. Our parish has adopted **Wednesday October 1, 7am-7pm**, 2 people an hour to stand at the clinic in peaceful prayer. To be a part of this spiritual exercise, contact Jim Albarado, 618-623-9325. Thanks.

### Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:  
**Don Scheffel**, husband of Jackie, father of Shannon;  
**Jean Walker**, wife of Daryl;  
**and Melba Friedel**,  
 mother of Paul and Margie,  
 Grandmother of  
 Kim, Terri and Jeff.  
 May God grant them eternal rest.



### Parish Mission—Mark Your Calendar!!

**September 22-24, 7-8:30 pm nightly:** Deacon Jim Schwartzkopf will present homilies on *Spiritual Desire*. Come grow in your faith and experience spiritual renewal. On each of the evenings, a reception will be held afterward in the Parish Hall.

### PSR Classes Begin Sept. 17

Register in the parish office asap. \$35/child or \$50/2 or more. More info, contact Ruth Baugh, PSR Coordinator. Email: ruthbaugh57@gmail.com or call 618-973-6786.

### OCIA (Formerly RCIA)

**Classes have begun.** Contact one of our Coordinators for more info: Tim Zacha @ 618-567-4468, [Tzac54@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Tzac54@sbcglobal.net) or Jay McCurdy @ 217-827-1406, [jay@allied.constuction](mailto:jay@allied.constuction) or church office @ 618-377-6519.

### Scotch and Cigar Night

**UPDATE!** Fr. Tom's Steak Scotch and cigar night: Strange things happen! First my knee was replaced on May 12th which put me out of action for a while. Then Sue broke and dislocated her ankle which made me chief cook and bottle washer. Then Fr. Tom had his operation - please pray for him - he is in a LOT of pain. The proceeds from this event are for Fr. Tom to distribute to where he decides. People rely on this fundraiser. The **tentative date is Oct. 19th** at our home. Updates as needed but we will have it this year. Thank you for your understanding and pray for Fr. Tom!

### Knights of Columbus Chicken Dinner

**Sunday, Sept. 21, 11:30 am—2:00 pm**

Dine in, all you can eat: \$14/adults, \$6/children (5-10); drive thru or carry out: \$14/half chicken or five (5) chicken strips, and choice of three sides. No custom orders available for drive thru. Side options: mac & cheese, green beans, mashed potatoes/gravy. Cash or credit, public welcome. For carry out or drive thru: please enter from Prairie Street into the school parking lot for pickup. Proceeds go to Bethalto KC Charities and OLQP Parish.



### Sunday Offerings

Week 10	9/6/25—9/7/25	Total to Date
<b>Loose Envelopes</b>	<b>\$394.39</b>	<b>\$4,758.18</b>
<b>On Line Giving</b>	<b>\$8,621.00</b>	<b>\$100,321.15</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,753.87</b>	<b>\$32,970.80</b>
	<b>\$12,769.26</b>	<b>\$138,050.13</b>
<b>Operating Budget</b>	<b>\$15,937.15</b>	<b>\$159,371.50</b>
<b>Tithe to Diocese</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(\$4,667.89)</b>	<b>(\$36,321.37)</b>

**Total Envelopes Received: 107**  
**Online Donations: 34**  
**Centennial Campaign Donation: \$1,432.34**  
**Other Charitable Donations: \$605.22**

**September 14, 2025**

## *Liturgical Ministers*

### **September 20-21, 2025**

#### **4:30 pm**

Rosary	Teresa Toner
Lector	JoEllyn Patterson
E. Ministers	Jim & Bea Albarado
Ushers	Mike Magee, Bob Sulsberger
	Pat Holbrook, Angie Reilly
Servers	Mya Bequette, Tinsley Busse
Music	Craig/Kris/Becky, Bob

#### **8:30 am**

Rosary	Joe Grabowski
Lector	Linda Begnel
E. Ministers	Jay McCurdy, Mike Early
Ushers	John & Dan Stutz
	Paul & Cindy Stutz
Servers	Logan & Connor Stutz
Music	Barb/Kathy/Tami

#### **10:30 am**

Lector	Teri Fulk
E. Ministers	Lee Gonterman, Dee Oller
Ushers	Mary Terry, Renee Harshbarger
	Brad & Brenda Goodman
Servers	Lucy & Ellie Colley
Music	Praise Team

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### **SCRIP Sellers, Sept. 20-21**

4:30	Maryjo Flaherty
8:30	Mary Cain
10:30	Amy Frisch

## **Military Mass**

**Thursday, September 11th, 6 pm,**  
St. Peter and Paul Church, Alton. Please join us.

## **Mark Your Calendars!**

**Inaugural Harvest Knights Chicken & Beer Dance**  
**Saturday, Nov. 8.** Purchase your tickets today!

## **Help Needed**

Looking for responsible adult to stay with an elderly lady, recovering from hip surgery (part time work). More info, call Josephine Pizzo, 618-210-8226.

## **Food Pantry Needs**

Currently, our food pantry is in need of these items: laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables, ramen noodles and tuna. **Thank you for your support for this much needed ministry.**

## **Unplanned pregnancy?**

Contact Thrive Metro East! Their services are no cost and kept confidential. No insurance needed. Call 618-466-1690 or text: **FREETEST4U** to **(618) 280-2040**.

## **Glow in the Dark Bingo**

**Mark your calendars! Friday, Sept. 26,** join us for this fun fundraiser! \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, includes 6 cards for 10 games, glow hat and dauber. Reservations, call the school office, 618-377-6401.

## **Bible Study**

Join us! **Next date: Sept. 24.** Questions, call Cindy Stutz, 618-741-4452, Linda Zacha, 618-377-5725.

## **Attention All Ladies**

The Annual Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will hold their 2025 Convention on **Wednesday, Oct. 1**, hosted by the Alton Deanery Council of Catholic Women and St. Paul's Church, 1411 Main Street, Highland, IL. The day will go as follows:

-8-9 am: Registration & Refreshments  
-9 am—3:30 pm—Convention

The theme of this year's convention will be **"Let Yourself Be Loved"**. The main speaker for the day will be **Claire Dwyer**, a wife and mother of six and grandmother of two, living and working remotely for the Avila Foundation as Content Editor of Spiritual Direction.com from her home in Arizona. She is a speaker, retreat leader, and author. To register, send email to: [sdccwinil@gmail.com](mailto:sdccwinil@gmail.com). Registration forms due September 14. Questions, call Janet Zimmerman, 217-494-4743.

## **Special Collection for Gaza**

Our church mourns the terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and surrounding areas who are struggling to survive, protect their children, and live with dignity in dire conditions. The Most Reverend Timothy P. Groglio, president of the USCCB, has asked our Diocese to take up a special collection to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected brothers and sisters in Gaza and surrounding areas. **This special collection will be taken up next weekend, September 20-21.** Please prayerfully consider supporting this effort.

## **Public Square Rosary Rally**

Join others **Saturday, October 11**, at 12 Noon at the Lincoln Douglas Square in Alton, to honor the miracle which occurred on October 13, 1917, when 70,000 people witnessed the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima. This public prayer is meant to show our Blessed Mother Mary we hear her request to stop offending God by our sins. We must urgently stop sinning if we hope to enjoy God's blessings and avert His wrath. He will hear us, if we pray through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. In *The Secret of the Rosary*, Saint Louis deMontfort said: *"Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."* More information, call Larry Greenwell, 618-465-0586.

## **Collection for the Church in Africa**

Next weekend, our parish will take a collection to support the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Although the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care. The Solidarity Fund supports pastoral projects to build the capacity of the Church and foster lasting peace and reconciliation across a continent often marked by division and tension. To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/africa](http://www.usccb.org/africa)

## *To My OLQP Parish Family,*

*When you prayed for me, sent me a get well card,  
came to visit me, took me to a doctor's appointment or  
called to cheer me up, you did more for me  
than you will ever know. Thank you!*

*Jim Laurent*