

EXALTATION OF THE  
HOLY CROSS

**Mon. 09/15** **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Cancer**  
 Feast Our Lady of Sorrows  
 8:00 AM Mass Veronica Goclowski, C. Smith

**Tues. 09/16** **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Heart Diseases**  
 Feast Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs  
 8:00 AM Mass Louis Mangiacarne, Bob and Shirley McGrain

**Wed. 09/17** **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Arthritis**  
 Feast Saint Robert Bellamine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
 8:00 AM Mass Joseph Pufka, Ann., Patty and Joe Pufka

**Thur. 09/18** **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Nervous Disorders**  
 Feast Weekday  
 8:00 AM Mass Joan Heverly, Mary Ann Hofer

**Fri. 09/19** **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Emotional Disorders**  
 Feast Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr  
 8:00 AM Mass Paul Rose, Mrs. Janice Malady

**Sat. 09/20** **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Diabetes**  
 Feast Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 4:30 PM Mass Margaret Smithmyer, Family

**Sun. 09/21** **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Addictions**  
 Feast Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 9:00 AM Mass Lawrence Dorazio, C. Smith  
 11:00 AM Mass Our Lady of Fatima Parish Family

*Lord  
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**Happy Birthday:**

09/16 Michael Malligan  
 09/18 John Potopa  
 09/20 Emma Kowalski

**On Sunday, October 12th St. Joseph Parish in Williamsburg** will hold it's annual Swiss Steak Dinner. The meal includes the entree, mashed potatoes, vegetable, stuffing, salad, roll, and desert. The price is \$10.00 for adults and \$4.50 for children under 10. Takeout dinners will be available from 11:00 AM until Noon. Dine-in meals will be available from 12:30 until 2:00 PM. Presold tickets only - there will be NO tickets sold at the door. For tickets please call Delores Verbonitz at 931-7944. For many years the parishioners of St. Joseph's have taken great pride in preparing a meal that captures the very best of the home-style cooking that is part of rural America. The meal sells out each year - get your tickets early!

*Our Lady of Fatima Pleaded That we  
 pray the Holy Rosary Daily  
 At O.L.F. before each Mass and privately  
 from 8:30am to 7:00pm*

**MONEY MATTERS**

**(Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 7, 2014)**

193 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$ 2,163.00 of which \$ 176.00 accounted for non-envelope contributions.

# Envelopes In Circulation	188	# Used	83	# Unused	105
Additional ACA Pledges = M/M Christopher Keagy, M/M Tom Levine, Ms Eleanor Noye					
Collection One Year Ago = \$ 1,769.50					

## History of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross:

After the death and resurrection of Christ, both the Jewish and Roman authorities in Jerusalem made efforts to obscure the Holy Sepulchre, Christ's tomb in the garden near the site of His crucifixion. The earth had been mounded up over the site, and pagan temples had been built on top of it. The Cross on which Christ had died had been hidden (tradition said) by the Jewish authorities somewhere in the vicinity.

According to tradition, first mentioned by Saint Cyril of Jerusalem in 348, Saint Helena, nearing the end of her life, decided under divine inspiration to travel to Jerusalem in 326 to excavate the Holy Sepulchre and attempt to locate the True Cross. A Jew by the name of Judas, aware of the tradition concerning the hiding of the Cross, led those excavating the Holy Sepulchre to the spot in which it was hidden.

Three crosses were found on the spot. According to one tradition, the inscription *Jesus Nazareus Rex Iudaeorum* ("Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews") remained attached to the True Cross. According to a more common tradition, however, the inscription was missing, and Saint Helena and Saint Macarius, the bishop of Jerusalem, assuming that one was the True Cross and the other two belonged to the thieves crucified alongside Christ, devised an experiment to determine which was the True Cross.

In one version of the latter tradition, the three crosses were taken to a woman who was near death; when she touched the True Cross, she was healed. In another, the body of a dead man was brought to the place where the three crosses were found, and laid upon each cross. The True Cross restored the dead man to life.

In celebration of the discovery of the Holy Cross, Constantine ordered the construction of churches at the site of the Holy Sepulchre and on Mount Calvary. Those churches were dedicated on September 13 and 14, 335, and shortly thereafter the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross began to be celebrated on the latter date. The feast slowly spread from Jerusalem to other churches, until, by the year 720, the celebration was universal.

In the early seventh century, the Persians conquered Jerusalem, and the Persian king Khosrau II captured the True Cross and took it back to Persia. After Khosrau's defeat by Emperor Heraclius II, Khosrau's own son had him assassinated in 628 and returned the True Cross to Heraclius. In 629, Heraclius, having initially taken the True Cross to Constantinople, decided to restore it to Jerusalem. Tradition says that he carried the Cross on his own back, but when he attempted to enter the church on Mount Calvary, a strange force stopped him. Patriarch Zacharias of Jerusalem, seeing the emperor struggling, advised him to take off his royal robes and crown and to dress in a penitential robe instead. As soon as Heraclius took Zacharias' advice, he was able to carry the True Cross into the church.

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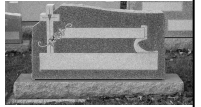
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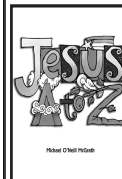
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