

INTRODUCTION: ROGATION SUNDAY – ROGATION DAYS

The word ROGATION comes from Latin “Rogatio” which means action of asking, supplication, prayer. The latin verb ‘rogare’ means to ask. So, what is ROGATION SUNDAY? A clear definition is given into the dictionary of liturgy. ROGATION SUNDAY is a day of special prayer for crops. It is a day to seek blessings for a community and its subsistence. The ROGATION DAYS comprise the days before ASCENSION, which are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before ASCENSION THURSDAY. This celebration was even accompanied with a FAST to prepare for the Feast of Ascension. It is an ancient popular practice, which is being brought back up to date in certain rural Parishes. Its origin is in Vienna, with Saint Mamert, Bishop of Vienna in the Fifth Century. ROGATION DAYS are the 37th, 38th, and 39th days after Easter during which we ask for divine blessings on the work of the fields in view to the upcoming harvest. But with modern technology in the field of agriculture, ROGATION SUNDAY and ROGATION DAYS are being given a new meaning, becoming thus days of prayer for a good weather for summer travel, but also for prayer against calamities. In the gospel of the previous Sunday, Jesus says: “ask whatever you want, and it will be done for you “John 15,7. This is the biblical origin of the ROGATION SUNDAY. The Second Vatican Council did not eliminate this celebration but gave each Diocese and each Parish freedom to celebrate it whenever it sees fit.

CHRIST IS RISEN, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA HE IS RISEN INDEED ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA

MARIAN MINISTRY

This year once again, Ernie Pappa will lead us for the Monday Fatima Rosary at 6pm. This year the rosary will be prayed in church on May 13 at OLA. June 10 at SML, July 8 & August 12 at OLA, September 9 at SP, October 14 at OLA. Note: Please remember, this ministry is not organized by OLA. It is organized and planned throughout the Diocese by Ernie Pappa who chooses where to hold these Rosary Rallies, opened to ALL Parishioners of our 3 churches.

PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE SCRANTON CHAPTER FUNDRAISER

Pennsylvanians for Human Life will be conducting a fundraiser in which all our parishes are participating. The donations will be used to promote respect for life, to educate the public, and to help women choose life during crisis pregnancies or heal after abortion. This weekend May 4 & 5, we ask you to take home baby bottles, fill them with pocket change, cash, or a check payable to PA. for Human Life and return it on or before the weekend of May 25 & 26.

MOTHER’S DAY REMEMBRANCE

Mother’s Day envelopes may be found in your offertory pack. You may place them in the collection basket or just drop them off at the parish office. Mother’s Day this year is May 12. All returned envelopes will be placed on the Altar throughout the month of May and the intentions for ALL Mothers.

OLA FALL FESTIVAL NEWS

REMINDER: The OLA Fall Festival will be September 14-15, 2024. This is one week later than our usual date. Please keep this in mind as you plan. If anyone would like to volunteer for our biggest fundraiser of the year, please sign-up in the OLA hall or see Ned Clarke to share your contact information.

SP CLOTHES CLOSET OPENING DAY WEDNESDAY MAY 15 FROM 5 TO 7PM

Calling all church helpers, the clothes closet will have **workdays on May 8,9,10 from noon to 4...**come one come all! We need to set up tables and racks and sort 50 bags of donations. We will be working on the 15th at 2 for final set up. Any questions call Jane Decker 570.942.6078.

SML PARISH MEETING FOR ALL SML PARISHIONERS

Please mark your calendar for a very important meeting at St Mary of the Lake Hall on May 23rd at 6:30. This will be the time to decide our future at the Wyoming County Fair, future fundraisers, any thoughts, or ideas you may have for the future activities of our parish. Your input is important! God bless!

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

St. Patrick Church lost one of our parishioners, Bill Webster. St. Mary of the Lake Church also lost one of our parishioners, Mary Ellen Lavelle. Please pray for the repose of their souls and for the consolation of their loved ones.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

May 11 & 12

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Len Peters
9:00am (SML) Ellen Wenger
11 am (SP) Cynthia Singer

Musicians

4 pm (OLA) Maria Fay
9:00am (SML) Danny Williams
11 am (SP) Maria Fay

Lectors

4 pm (OLA) Judy Zipay
9 am (SML) Stephen Zdaniewicz
11 am (SP) Holly Harvatine

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

May 6 – Disciples of Mary mtg SML, 6:45pm
May 6 – SML Financial Council mtg, 6:00pm at SML
In the vestibule
May 7 – Legion of Mary at OLA, 9am
May 8 - Choir Practice at SML, 6:30 pm
May- 9 – Prayer Shawl Ministry SML, 5:30pm

CCD NEWS

Happy last day of class to all our CCD students
(except our Confirmation candidates). THANK YOU
TO ALL OF OUR TEACHERS!

FIRST COMMUNION NEWS

Congratulations to all the children who received their
First Holy Communion this weekend. Please continue
to pray for them as they grow in faith.

Dillon Snyder	Liam Jones
Olivia Jones	Robert Katorkas Jr.
Rocco Katorkas	Marcy Bower
Peyton Colvin	Avionna Evans
Emma Evans	Matthew Myers
Cortland Pencek	Gianna Santarelli
Rinaldo Santarelli	Robert Santarelli Jr.

Noah Solfanelli

May God bless you and hold you in his arms.

UPCOMING CONFIRMATION CLASS EVENTS

5/12/2024 - Confirmation Class

5/19/2024 - Confirmation for all parishes at SML
3 PM

MOTHER'S DAY ADOPTION MASS

The Diocese of Scranton will celebrate its annual Mother's
Day Adoption Mass on Sunday, May 12, at 10:00 a.m. at
the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. This liturgy
prayerfully recognizes all mothers, with a special emphasis
on adoptive and foster mothers.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (May 7) Easter Weekday

8:00 am (OLA) Jane & James Ratchford
By Pat Ratchford

Wednesday (May 8) Easter Weekday

8:00 am (SP) Health & Blessings for Carol Van Fleet
By Clarence & Genevieve Evans

Wednesday (May 8) Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord

6:00 pm (SML) Bill Waters
By Bill Waters Estate

Thursday (May 9) Ascension of the Lord

8:00 am (OLA) Richard James
By The Clarke Family
9:30 am (SP) Health & Blessings for Diane
Fitzpatrick

By Liz Dempsey

Saturday (May 11) Vigil of the Seventh Sunday of Easter

4:00 pm (OLA) Beatrice MacPherson
By The Cupillari Family

Sunday (May 12) The Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:00 am (SML) Rita & Thomas Walsh
By Bob & Andrea Walsh

11:00 am (SP) John Lynch
By Barb & Gene Kovalchick

The Sanctuary Candle at SML is burning this week
for Anna Van Auken by Dorothy & Russell Trauger

SP Weekly \$ 1,500.00 Loose \$ 155.00

OLA Weekly \$ 1,704.00 Loose \$ 53.00

SML Weekly \$ 1,715.00 Loose \$ 79.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

ST PATRICK YARD SALES

MAY 24 & 25, MAY 31 & JUNE 1

St Patrick's will be having a yard sale including the
clothes closet from 10am to 3pm the weekends of
May 24, 25 and May 31, June 1. If you would like to
have a space for yourself, it is only \$10.

DURING THE EASTER SEASON

(Instead of the Angelus, the church says the following
prayer, Regina Caeli. A partial indulgence is granted the
faithful Christian who devoutly recites this prayer during
this Easter Season).

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia For Christ, your Son and
Son of God, has risen as He said, alleluia Pray to God for
us, alleluia.

V/. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R/. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. God of life, you have given joy to the world
by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through the prayers of His mother, the Virgin Mary, bring
us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through
Christ our Lord. R/. Amen.