

THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This is how today's gospel starts: "Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else". It means those who are arrogant. The dictionary has 47 or at least 47 synonyms for the word arrogant. It's an indication that the world is full of these types of people. Jesus then went on to talk about two people. Both of them, in appearance, take the same steps that means do the same thing, go to church to pray. One of them knows that he is a sinner, he bows his head and acknowledges his sins to God. He enters into his inner misery. He is like a glass half empty. He hopes and expects everything from God. He waits. This is a true and real faith's attitude. The other one knows that he is a right-minded person, what we will call nowadays a self-righteous person. He is like a glass full. He gives a speech to God. In his relationship with God, he is telling God that "he is not like the rest of humanity". We know the rest of the story, which is that the first person left accompanied by God. The second, no. Each one of us time to time acts and behaves like the two people in today's gospel. Today's gospel is a call.

ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCE

November is traditionally the month when we especially remember in our prayers our faithful departed. Please remember the offertory envelope for All Souls Day in your envelope pack. Kindly inscribe the names of your deceased loved ones on the envelope and return it in the collection basket. These envelopes will be placed on the altar, and your intentions will be remembered at all the masses celebrated throughout the month of November.

CEMETERY VISIT IN NOVEMBER

During the month of November, every Catholic is asked by law to visit a cemetery. If followed properly, Indulgence is attached to this ancient pious practice.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 1 & 2, 2025

On the weekend of November 1st & 2nd, OLA, SML and St Patrick parishes will each have the Mass of Remembrance for parishioners who died and had a funeral Mass at one of our parishes between November 2024 and October 2025.

**DIOCESE OF SCRANTON GROUP NITE OUT
AT THE PENS HOCKEY GAME**

Special group pricing from the Diocese of Scranton for the November 14th Pens hockey game starting at 7:05pm. For more information you can call Tyler Rothmann at 570-208-5407. There are information flyers to take home at each church.

PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE

The Pennsylvanians for Human Life will host its Annual Prayer Breakfast on Saturday November 1 at 9am -11am at Fiorelli's, 1501 Main St. Peckville. Adult- \$25, Student-Free. Doors open at 8am. Engaging speakers, including Bobby Schindler, who advocates for the medically vulnerable in honor of his sister Terri Schiavo. Tickets/Information can be found on the website: humanlifepa.org.

SLEEPING BAGS FOR HOMELESS VETS

Join us to make sleeping bags for homeless veterans at St Patrick Parish Hall on Saturday, November 8 from 10am to 4pm. Donations for the veterans of Men's Boxer shorts (new) sizes small to XXL, women's briefs sizes 7-9, Hand warmers, waterproof gloves, toothpaste, and paper plates. Donations to make the sleeping bags: Men's ties, blankets, comforters, sheets, and fabric. Donations may be placed in the blue barrel in front of the Parish Hall or brought to the event on November 8th. For more information, call Joan at 570-468-6903

**PRAYER CHALLENGE STARTS
TOMORROW!**

"You say that you don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and once you have said, 'Lord, I don't know how to pray!' rest assured that you have begun to do so." - Saint Josemaría Escrivá You're invited to join our parish community for the How to Pray Challenge on the Hallow app, beginning tomorrow, Monday, October 27th. Together as a parish community, we'll explore a variety of prayer styles — through Sacred Scripture, music, reflection, the Rosary, contemplation and more. This prayer challenge features the likes of Jonathan Roumie (Jesus from The Chosen TV series), Father Mike Schmitz, Mark Wahlberg, Matt Maher, Bishop Robert Barron, Jeff Cavins, Dr. Scott Hahn and others. You can join the waitlist today on the home page of NEPACatholic.com or by visiting <https://hallow.app.link/qDrlemfA4Wb> and receive a reminder before the challenge begins. Wherever you are, come pray with us — and let God meet you there.

SP FALL FESTIVAL NEWS

Heartfelt thanks to Joann and her team as well as all parishioners who helped make the St. Patrick's Fall Festival a wonderful event! You helped raise \$8,991.94!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

November 1 & 2

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Nikki Weisenfluh
9:00am (SML) Danny Williams Jr.
11 am (SP) Pat Carpenter

Musicians

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

Lectors

4 pm (OLA) Liz Dempsey
9:00am (SML) Seb Naro
11 am (SP) Nicole & Greg

Altar Servers

4 pm (OLA) Kevin Jones, Margaret Jones
11am (SP) Corinne Flynn, Maci Harvatin
Shadow – Nolan Phillips, Wyatt Phillips

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Oct 30 – Prayer Shawl Ministry at SML, 5:30pm
Oct 30 – Bingo at SP, doors open, 5pm, bingo, 6pm

SP/OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Julie Harvatin - jwharv03@gmail.com.
11/2 - Class, Confirmation Parents Meeting
11/9/2025 - Class
11/16/2025 - Class
11/23/2025 - Class
11/30/2025 - No Class

SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

. Kerry Pieretti - redlightgreen343@gmail.com
Nov. 2 Class
Nov. 9 Class

PUBLICATION OF BANNS

It's our pleasure to publish the banns (second of three) for the intended wedding of Sarah Weisenhfluh and Joshua Bauman. This wedding is to take place at OLA church at 1 pm on Saturday November 8. Please, pray for this couple, the future Mr. and Mrs. Bauman.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

There was a funeral for Brandon Gardner on October 17 at St Mary of the Lake Church. Please pray for the repose of his soul and the consolation of his loved ones.

ST. PATRICK BINGO NEWS

Bingo continues every Thursday. Please volunteer. Call Rita 570-575-9874. Make a homemade dessert or entrée. Call Bernice at 570-947-1677. See our weekly chef specials on Facebook. Thanks for your support.

OLA FALL FESTIVAL WRAP UP LUNCHEON

The wrap up luncheon for all workers of the festival will take place at OLA Hall on Sunday November 9 at 1pm. If you plan to come, please call the office at 570-563-1622 to let us know that you will be there. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (November 1) The Vigil of All Souls Day

4:00 pm (OLA) Nestor Baylon
By Mike & Barbara Williamson

Sunday (November 2) All Souls Day

9:00 am (SML) Parker Wall
By Pat Wall
11:00 am (SP) Walter Kuzara
By Geneva Kuzara

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly \$ 1,763.00 Loose \$ 119.00
OLA Weekly \$ 1,307.00 Loose \$ 26.00
SML Weekly \$ 1,210.00 Loose \$ 81.00

May the Lord reward your generosity. .

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL.

OUR CALL TO SERVE

SML

Goal: \$ 12,667

Total received: \$ 7,768

Total to reach goal: \$ 4,899

OLA

Goal: \$ 12,599

Total received: \$ 4,042

Total to reach goal: \$ 8,557

ST. PAT

Goal: \$ 13,543

Total received: \$ 8,212

Total to reach goal: \$ 5,331

OCTOBER IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. This devotion is Christ's life seen through Mary. If you are a Parishioner who doesn't say the Rosary daily, please start during this month. If you are among those who say at least ONE Rosary daily, Congratulations. And maybe go for a second. To Jesus, through Mary.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

This year's Respect Life Month theme is "Life: Our Sign of Hope". Pope Leo XIV encourages us, "How important it is that each and every baptized person feels himself or herself called by God to be a sign of hope in the world today."

ST. JOSEPH BABY ITEMS COLLECTION

Our three Parishes continue the collection of baby items for the whole month of October, for St Joseph Center Baby & Children's Pantry. Your generosity is most appreciated.

OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

St Maria Francesco of the Five Wounds: this saint received Holy Communion from her guardian angel on several occasions.