

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Jesus says in today's gospel: "You are the salt of the earth". Salt is necessary in our life (not too much). It gives taste to our meals. If salt loses its quality, it is no longer good and needs to be thrown away. If light doesn't shine any longer, it's to be thrown away. If we follow this pattern, the gospel of Matthew says it is the same with Jesus's disciples. Like salt who gives a taste to food, like light that shines, Jesus's disciple must be like Him. So, it's up to anyone, to any Christian to be salt of the earth or to be light on a mountain by making God's grace effective in us, through us, and around us. Isaiah in today's First Reading gives an EXCELLENT example of how to be salt of the earth or to be light of the world. He says: "share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, do not turn your back on your own... Then, you shall call and the Lord will answer.....The Lord will say: "Here I am....! If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious speech; if you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted, then light shall rise for you in the darkness....". What a wonderful and beautiful First Reading!

**MOVIE NIGHT**

This St. Valentine's Day weekend, Friday, February 13th, please join us at St. Patrick's Hall at 6:30pm for a free showing of "Cabrini" rated PG-13. Based on the true story of Mother Cabrini, this movie reminds us that the greatest love stories aren't about romance, but about fierce, self-giving love. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. All are welcome! Please call Jill at (646) 417-4505 with any questions.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE  
FEBRUARY 18, 2025**

8 am Mass, OLA  
with distribution of Ashes  
9:30 am Mass at St Pat  
with distribution of Ashes  
6:30 pm Mass at SML  
with distribution of Ashes.

**LENTEN SERIES**

Every Friday during Lent, after The Stations of the Cross (6 pm), we will gather in the church hall (6:30 pm), for Soup and.....Surprise!

Friday February 20: SP

Friday February 27: SML

Friday March 6: OLA

Friday March 13: SP

Friday March 20: SML

Friday March 27: OLA

PS. We will pay close attention to the weather which could affect some Fridays.

**HEALING SERVICE**

On Thursday February 19 at 5:30 pm, there will be a healing service at Our Lady of the Abingtons church for the parishioners of all our churches.

**LENTEN SLEEPING BAG PROJECT**

All are welcome to come help make sleeping bags for the homeless in the St. Pat's Hall on Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am to 4pm. No sewing skills required. Donations of blankets, fabric, thread, yarn, toiletries, and men's ties can be placed in the blue barrel at the Hall entrance. For information, please call Joan at 570-468-6903.

**SML EASTER CANDY SALE**

SML parishioners are busy making handmade Easter Candy to be sold during Lent and Easter seasons. There are order forms available at all our churches. Any questions call Dorothy at 570-378-2530 or Loretta at 570-378-2256.

**PRAY40 HALLOW CHALLENGE**

This Lent, our community invites you to join Hallow's Lent Pray40 prayer challenge, beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 18. Available on our page in the Hallow app — with or without a subscription. More details to come.

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS**

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will be the principal celebrant for the Diocese of Scranton's annual Mass for the World Day of the Sick on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2026, at 12:10 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

Celebrated each year on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, the World Day of the Sick invites the faithful to pray in a special way for those who are ill, the elderly, and all who suffer, while also honoring the compassionate service of caregivers, healthcare professionals, family members, and all who accompany the sick with love and dignity.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

### February 14 & 15

#### Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Danny Williams Jr.  
9:00am (SML) Carmel Williams  
11 am (SP) Jill D'Antoni

#### Musicians

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

#### Lectors

4 pm (OLA) Becky Mozeleski  
9:00am (SML) Bob Andrews  
11 am (SP) Mary Jo Danoski

#### Altar Servers

4 pm (OLA) – Jace Biglin  
11am (SP) – Maci Harvatine  
Shadow – Wyatt Philips, Nolan Phillips

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Feb 12 – Bingo at SP, Doors open at 5pm, Bingo at 6pm  
Feb 13 – Cabrini Movie at SP Hall at 6:30pm  
Feb 22 – All Faith Formation Students combined  
Valentine Breakfast at SML after 9am Mass  
Feb 19 – Healing service at OLA, 5:30pm

#### **COMBINED VALENTINE BREAKFAST**

On Sunday February 22, Faith Formation students from St. Mary's, St Patrick's and Our Lady of the Abingtons will wear red or pink and attend 9am Mass at SML. After Mass there will be breakfast in the hall with a lesson about St. Valentine, a game and a craft till 11:45am.

#### **SP/OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

Julie Harvatine - [jwharv03@gmail.com](mailto:jwharv03@gmail.com).

2/15/2026 - SP/OLA No Class

2/20/2026 - Stations of the Cross, at SP, K-1 families to participate

2/22/2026 - SML Mass and Class for SP/OLA Students

On 2/22 we all meet at SML for mass and a joint lesson after morning mass at SML. We will enjoy breakfast and snacks during our lesson. We need a final headcount for this event. An email was sent on 1/19, and I need the final number no later than 2/8/2026. Please respond to [jwharv03@gmail.com](mailto:jwharv03@gmail.com)

#### **SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

Kerry Pieretti - [redlightgreen343@gmail.com](mailto:redlightgreen343@gmail.com)

Feb. 15 - Off President's Day weekend

Feb. 22 - FFF Valentine breakfast at SML

Wear pink or red!

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Tuesday (February 10) St. Scholastica, Virgin

8:00am (OLA) Mary Ann Ketchur  
*By Bob & Andrea Walsh*

### Wednesday (February 11) Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00am (SP) Jersey & Michael Rodrigues  
*By Carol Stefanelli*

### Thursday (February 12) Weekday

8:00 am (SML) Bill Waters  
*By Bill Waters Estate*

### Saturday (February 14) The Vigil of The Sixth

#### Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (OLA) Deceased Members of the Rysz & Kruczak Families  
*By Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Kruczak*

### Sunday February 15) The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) Roger & Joan Betts  
*By Bob & Karen Andrews*

11:00 am (SP) Beverly Schnieder  
*By Liz Dempsey*

#### **Sanctuary Candle at OLA**

Burning this week for Brian Vail  
*By Bob & Andrea Walsh*

#### **WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)**

**SP Weekly \$ 1,999.10 Loose \$ 112.00**

**OLA Weekly \$ 1,911.00 Loose \$ 67.00**

**SML Weekly \$ 1,825.00 Loose \$ 56.00**

*May the Lord reward your generosity*

#### **ST. PAT BINGO NEWS**

Bingo continues every Thursday, doors open at 5pm. Bingo starts at 6pm. For more info call Rita at 570-575-9874. See you there.

#### **2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

Contribution statements for 2025 are available for all registered parishioners. These statements may be used for tax purposes. Contact the office at 570-563-1622 if you need a statement.

#### **LENTEN MEN'S RETREAT**

The Men's Lenten retreat at Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center in Dalton will begin at 7:00 PM on Friday, March 13th thru Saturday, March 14th at 1:30. Our theme this year is Teach Us To Pray

Registration is now open at

[Beacatholicman.com/register-for-retreat-1](http://Beacatholicman.com/register-for-retreat-1). For questions you may contact Joe Adcroft, retreat coordinator at (570-380-5070)

#### **OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST**

Blessed Ann Catherine Emmerich: what a mystic! Visionary, stigmatist... wrote a detailed life of the Blessed Virgin Mary): she lived on the Eucharist alone for 12 years.