

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 21st 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.

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

SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Kerry Pieretti - 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 & Kruczek Families

By Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Kruczek

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. 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.