

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Peter says in today's gospel: "Lord, it is good that we are here, if you wish, I will make three tents here; one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah". St Peter knew very well what he was saying. He understood what was going on with the Transfiguration and the presence of Moses and Elijah. On this holy mountain, Saint Peter sees clearly, distinctly, what he knows confusingly. He knows Jesus, but not deeply. In The Transfiguration, Jesus's identity is revealed. With the gospel of Jesus's Transfiguration, a question comes to mind: Who is God for us, personally? If God is the One who satisfies our needs, it means we haven't discovered or found faith. If God for us is the One from whom all good things come, then we are gradually beginning to comprehend Him. Jesus's Transfiguration is completely understood on Good Friday. According to the Ordo "the custom of reading this gospel near the beginning of Lent may have come from an ancient tradition which held that the transfiguration of Jesus took place 40 days before Good Friday."

THE SCRUTINIES

The next 3 Sundays in our Church are called Scrutinies Sundays: the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent. And the gospels of the Samaritan Woman, the Man born blind, and the resurrection of Lazarus are read. During these Sundays, the Catechumens, called Elect, receive the Prayer of the Lord, the Creed and an exorcism. The goal is to uncover and to heal all that is sinful in the hearts of the Elect. But also, the scrutinies are for all Parishioners, as a reminder to examine our own lives, to turn away from sin and to renew our commitment to Christ.

LENTEN THEME

Our Lenten motto this year comes from the Psalm 31, which is: **"Lord, let me never be put to shame"**. We are called to say this prayer many times a day during Lent. Let's say it not only for ourselves, but for all Parishioners.

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 March 6: OLA Soup and.....Surprise!
Friday March 13: SP Soup and.....Surprise!
Friday March 20: SML Soup and.....Surprise!
Friday March 27: OLA Soup and.....Surprise!
PS. We will pay close attention to the weather which could affect some Fridays.

SOUPS FOR FRIDAY MARCH 6 AT OLA

OLA parishioners, we need 5 soups for Soup & Surprise. If you can bring hot soup in a crock pot this Friday, please call the office at OLA (570-563-6122) to let us know.

ST PATRICKS PHONE NEWS

The phone service and internet have been disconnected at St. Patrick's. Call 570-563-1622 to reach the office.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL LECTORS

On Palm Sunday at each church, Holy Thursday at OLA, Good Friday at SML, and Holy Saturday at SP, no lector will read in his or her church. So, if you are a lector and want to read in a different church than yours, please call the office by March 17.

LENT AND LENTEN REGULATIONS

ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY: These are days of Fast and Abstinence from meat (or one full meal between the age of 18 and 59 inclusive).

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE: All Fridays of Lent (from age 14).

WEEKDAYS OF LENT: There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary works or acts of charity and self-denial are highly recommended.

SML EASTER CANDY SALE

SML parishioners are busy making handmade Easter Candy to be sold during Lent and Easter seasons at SML. The candy will be sold at OLA & SP on the weekend of March 7 & 8. There are order forms available at all our churches. The deadline for the order form is March 15. Any questions call Dorothy at 570-378-2530 or Loretta at 570-378-2256.

DEANERY LENTEN HOLY HOUR

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will be traveling throughout the Diocese of Scranton during Lent to lead Holy Hours in each of the Diocese's 12 deaneries, continuing a tradition that began several years ago. The Lenten Holy Hour for the Clarks Summit Deanery will be held on Thursday, March 19 at Saint John Vianney Parish in Scott Township (Montdale) at 7:00 p.m. All are invited and encouraged to attend. The theme for this year's Lenten Holy Hour will be "Finding Peace in Challenging Times." Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for this special opportunity to gather for prayer, reflection, and Eucharistic devotion during the Lenten season.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

March 7 & 8

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Carmel Williams

9:00am (SML) Bob Andrews

11 am (SP) Chris Stutzman

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) Steve Zdaniewicz

11 am (SP) Liz Dempsey

Altar Servers

4 pm (OLA) – Margaret Jones, Kevin Jones

11am (SP) – Corinne Flynn

Shadow – Nolan Matulevich

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Mar 2 – Altar & Rosary Society mtg. at SML, 6:45pm

Mar 5 – Bingo at SP, Doors open at 5pm, Bingo, 6pm

Mar 12 - Prayer Shawl Ministry at SML, 5:30 pm

Mar 15 - St. Patrick Day celebration at SP, 12pm

SP/OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Julie Harvatine - jwharv03@gmail.com.

3/6/2026 - Stations of the Cross-3rd grade families

3/8/2026 - Class

3/13/2026 - Stations of the Cross-4th grade families

3/15/2026 - Class

3/20/2026 - Stations of the cross-5th grade families

3/22/2026 - Class

3/27/2026 - Stations of the cross-6th grade families

SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Kerry Pieretti - redlightgreen343@gmail.com

March 8 Off, Spring break

March 15 Class

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Altar and Rosary will resume on March 2. Here are

the upcoming meetings & events: April 6 - meeting

May 4-May Crowning

June 1-Ice Cream Social

ST. PATRICK DAY HAM & CABBAGE CELEBRATION AT ST PAT'S HALL

On Sunday March 15th we will once again celebrate

St. Patrick after the 11am Mass. There are sign-up

sheets at all churches. Sign up as early as possible.

The last day to sign up is March 8. Volunteers to help

set up and prep the day before starting around 10am

and volunteers for serving and cleanup the day of the

dinner would be appreciated. A special thank you to

the Stutzman family who once again volunteered to

cook for us.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (March 3) St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin

8:00am (OLA) Marie Herman

By Gloria Warner

Wednesday (March 4) St. Casmir

8:00am (SP) JoAnn Petrachak

By Robert & Andrea Walsh

Thursday (March 5) Lenten Weekday

8:00 am (SML) Colleen Zdaniewicz & Rose Tulaney

By Theresa Zdaniewicz

Saturday (March 7) The Vigil of The Third

Sunday Of Lent

4:00 pm (OLA) Edward Zemalkowski

By Tony & Rita Sandy

Sunday (March 8) The Third Sunday Of Lent

9:00 am (SML) Bob Gaffney

By Maureen Gaffney

11:00 am (SP) Deceased Members of the Marrazzo &

Riccardo Families

By John & Pat Marrazzo

WEEKLY OFFERING (COLLECTION)

SP Weekly

OLA Weekly

SML Weekly

Unavailable this week

THANK YOU FROM RACHEL FAY

Thank you SO MUCH to everyone who supported me in my pilgrimage to France! With your help, I was able to completely fund my trip! I am so incredibly blessed to have an amazing and generous parish community that supports me in my faith. Words cannot express how thankful I am for your support. THANK YOU SO MUCH and I will be praying for you all in France!

ST. PAT'S CLOTHES CLOSET CHALLENGE

40 Days...40 Items. Each day during Lent consider removing one item from your house that is no longer needed and place in a bag to be donated to the Clothes Closet at St. Pat's at the end of Lent.

LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated blankets, sheets, toiletries, hygiene and sanitary products or volunteered to help us on Saturday! We had 9 volunteers and made 10 sleeping bags. We delivered the sleeping bags and 7 bags of assorted donations to the Community Intervention Center in Scranton, they were very grateful for the donations! Our next event will be for Earth Day. Thanks, Joan Kupetsky & My Brothers Keeper Quilt Group

OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

Servant of God: Domenica Lazzeri: She lived on The Eucharist alone for 12 years.