

INTRODUCTION

The 4th Sunday of Easter in the Church, the Good Shepherd Sunday was designated as the “World Day Prayer For Vocations”. 1964 is the year that suggestions were made to have a World Day Prayer For Vocations and in 1971, the 4th Sunday was chosen and designated for this purpose.

Our first vocation and common vocation to all human beings is a vocation to life. We are all called to life and to preserve it. Then from there flow all other forms of vocations. It is a special day to pray for all forms of vocations: Priesthood, Religious life, Marriage, and the Single life. It’s a day to thank all those who have said “Here I am Lord; I have come to do your will”. When we talk about vocation, we talk about what touches a human being in the most intimate of his freedom. It’s also a day of invitation to prayer for human freedom to discover its path. This is the role of The Holy Spirit and of The Holy Spirit alone.

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS APRIL 21

This weekend is The World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life.

PARISH FINANCIAL COUNCILS MEETING NEWS

The Finance Councils of our 3 Churches met last Tuesday and will meet again mid-June. The following points were discussed:

A- St Pat: St Pat’s Finance Council received 4 bids for the re-pavement of its parking lot and actively working to have everything done for the beginning of the work, ASAP. More information will be coming.

B- SML: So far, the SML Finance Council received only one bid and work needs to be done for a few more bids. More information will be coming.

P.S. Time is of essence for the work to be done on the different parking lots.

C- OLA: OLA’s Finance Council received news for the completion last week of the renting of the old barn (by the rectory) with Mr. Jim Millet (the neighbor across from the rectory). The Bishop, the legal tenant (after consulting the Finance Council), made a lease agreement with Mr. Jim Millet, for a symbolic value of \$ 1/year.

(Mr. Millet has invested for our benefit tens of thousands of dollars in repair and cleanup of the old barn).

PARISH ADORATION AT SML SUNDAY APRIL 21

In Matthew 26,40, we read: When Jesus returned to His disciples, He found them asleep. He said to Peter: ‘So you could not keep watch with me for an hour’. Thus, instituting the Hour of Adoration.

This Sunday April 21 at 3 pm, all Parishioners (from our 3 Parishes) are invited for an hour of adoration at SML from 3 to 4pm in response to the National Eucharistic Revival. Exposition is at 3 pm, followed by the rosary, Adoration and Benediction at 4 pm.

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.

SML EASTER CANDY SALE NEWS

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who was involved in the Easter candy sale including all who made, bought, or sold that delicious candy. Our efforts amounted to \$10,195.75 in candy sales with expenses of \$3,088.43.

RCIA LUNCHEON AT ST. PATRICK HALL SUNDAY APRIL 28

The Legion of Mary is hosting a luncheon to welcome the newest members of our Catholic Church family next Sunday April 28 after St Patrick’s 11am Mass. Please come to meet and welcome Georgene, Ashley, and Al.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

April 27 & 28

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Barbara Williamson

9:00am (SML) Sean Pieretti

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) Mary Jo Danoski

9 am (SML) Jim Soltis

11 am (SP) Liz Dempsey

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Apr 23 – Legion of Mary at OLA, 9am

Apr 24 - Choir Practice at SML, 6:30 pm

Apr 25 – Prayer Shawl Ministry SML, 5:30pm

Apr 28 – RCIA Luncheon at St. Pat's, 12pm

ST PAT/OLA CCD NEWS

We are collecting treats and drinks for the SP/OLA end of year CCD party!

5/5/2024 - Last regular CCD class - May

Crowning St. Pat's 11AM mass - Communion Class

ST PAT, OLA, SML CCD SCHEDULE

4/28/2024 - CCD

5/2/2024 - Communion Practice 6 PM SML

SPRING SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

First Holy Communion Sat May 4, 2024, 11am at SML

Confirmation Sun. May 19, 2024, 3pm at SML

DISCIPLES OF MARY MEETING

MAY 6

The next meeting of the Disciples of Mary will take place on Monday May 6 at 6:45pm at SML for the May Crowning of our Blessed Virgin Mary.

CHAPEL POTLUCK LUNCHEON

SUNDAY MAY 5

All our parishioners are welcome to the St Pio Adoration Chapel Potluck luncheon on Sunday May 5 at OLA church hall. The doors open at 12:30pm with lunch beginning at 1:15. Call the church office at 570-563-1622 with any questions. There are sign-up sheets at each church. Please sign up before April 29.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Dawn & Michael McHale on the Baptism of their son Colton James this weekend at St Pat's. Please pray for Colton James and his family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (April 23) St. George, Martyr & St.

Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr

8:00 am (OLA) Donald Williamson

By The Williamson Family

Wednesday (April 24) St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen,

Priest & Martyr

8:00 am (SP) Deacon Dan Sloan

By A Friend

Thursday (April 25) St. Mark the Evangelist

8:00 a, (SML) Doris Pollock

By A Friend

Saturday (April 27) Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:00 pm (OLA) Edwin Rysz

By Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Kruczek

Sunday (April 28) The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am (SML) Marlene Matosky

By Carl, Marie & Katie Packer

11:00 am (SP) Diane Adams

By The Debree Family

SP Weekly \$ 1,368.00 Loose \$ 162.00

OLA Weekly \$ 2,398.00 Loose \$ 78.00

SML Weekly \$ 2,225.00 Loose \$ 64.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

SIGHT & SOUND THEATER TRIP

The Nativity BVM Altar & Rosary Society will be having a one-day trip to Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster on July 31 to see the biblical story of Daniel brought to the stage. The all-inclusive cost is \$200.00. Please call Tiki for further details at 570-406-3506.

EARTH DAY CLEANUP ON APRIL 27

The annual Earth Day Cleanup of Rt. 307 by Lake Winola will begin at 8am at the Lake Winola Post Office on April 27. All are welcome to come to help. If you can help, please call Janet at 570-378-2605.

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.