

INTRODUCTION: AD LIMINA VISIT

What is an “Ad limina visit”?

Before any explanation of this expression “ad limina visit”, we must mention that today’s First Reading is what leads us to talk about this concept. The background of today’s First Reading could be found in the Book of the Acts of the Apostles, 9, 1-19 or 22,3-16. Saul, who became Paul, was on his way to Damascus to arrest and kill Christians. Jesus appeared to him on the way and made him an Apostle. So, Paul goes from being a persecutor of Christians to defender of the faith. He received his authority and power directly from Jesus Himself. But still, he goes to Jerusalem to meet the leaders of the Church, Peter and the other Apostles (this is well explained in Ga 1,18). He didn’t have to do it; he received his power directly from Jesus, but still he went to the authority to present and introduce himself, which means in the Church, the authority is necessary, instituted by Jesus Himself. Ad limina visit means to the threshold of the Apostles, that to the tomb of the Apostles Peter and Paul. So, after every five years, the Canon Law dictates that every bishop in the world must go to Rome for 3 points: Visit the tombs of the Apostles Peter and Paul; meet the Pope and visit the 4 majors Basilicas in Rome. But with more than 2,248 dioceses in the world, the “5 years ad limina visit” is becoming impossible and is being extend to 8 years. During that visit, every bishop must give a written report of his diocese to the pope and to the different important offices in the Roman Curia, a report from a questionnaire sent from Rome. EVERY PRACTICE, TRADITION, CUSTOMS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HAS ITS ORIGIN IN HOLY SCRIPTURES.

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

FINANCE COUNCIL NEWS

In today’s bulletin, we have an insert ONLY for St Patrick Church. It’s the Finance Council addressing itself to ALL Parishioners of St Patrick Parish.

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.

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.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

The first communion class will receive their First Communion on Saturday May 4 at SML at 11am. This week let us pray for them as they prepare to receive Jesus.

RCIA LUNCHEON AT ST. PATRICK HALL THIS SUNDAY APRIL 28

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

MOTHER’S DAY REMEMBRANCE

Mother’s Day envelopes may be found in your offertory pack. You may place them in the collection basket or just drop them off at the parish office. Mother’s Day this year is May 12. All returned envelopes will be placed on the Altar throughout the month of May and the intentions for ALL Mothers will be remembered at all Masses.

OLA FALL FESTIVAL NEWS

REMINDER: The OLA Fall Festival will be September 14-15, 2024. This is one week later than our usual date. Please keep this in mind as you plan. If anyone would like to volunteer for our biggest fundraiser of the year, please sign-up in the OLA hall or see Ned Clarke to share your contact information.

SLEEPING BAG PROJECT THANK YOU

Thank you to all who showed up on Saturday to help make sleeping bags, donate material, baked, or purchased raffles! We made 4 sleeping bags, raised almost \$500, and had a great day!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

May 4 & 5

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Ned Clarke
9:00am (SML) Pat Wall
11 am (SP) Michele Zajac

Musicians

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

Lectors

4 pm (OLA) Kathy Tumavitch
9 am (SML) Seb Naro
11 am (SP) Maria Perez

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Apr 30 – Legion of Mary at OLA, 9am
May 1 - Choir Practice at SML, 6:30 pm
May-2 – Prayer Shawl Ministry SML, 5:30pm
May 4 – First Holy Communion SML, 11am
May 5 – St Pio Chapel luncheon OLA, 1-4pm
May 6 – Disciples of Mary mtg SML, 6:45pm

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

5/2/2024 - Communion Practice 6 PM SML
5/5/2024 – Last regular CCD class.

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.

PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE SCRANTON CHAPTER FUNDRAISER

Pennsylvanians for Human Life will be conducting a fundraiser in which all our parishes are participating. The donations will be used to promote respect for life, to educate the public, and to help women choose life during crisis pregnancies or heal after abortion. Next weekend May 4 & 5, we will ask you to take home baby bottles, fill them with pocket change, cash, or a check payable to PA. for Human Life and return it on or before the weekend of May 25 & 26.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (April 30) St. Pius V, Pope

8:00 am (OLA) Richard James
By Lucy Ziman

Wednesday (May 1) St. Joseph the Worker

8:00 am (SP) Stanley Rysz
By Mary Ann Hoch

Thursday (May 2) St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 a, (SML) John O'Brien
By Don & Carol Ames

Saturday (May 4) Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:00 pm (OLA) Marlene Matosky
By The Hallesky Family

Sunday (May 5) The Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am (SML) Anna Van Auken
By Parents

11:00 am (SP) Joan Peters
By Barbara Kelly

SP Weekly \$ 1,622.00 Loose \$ 179.00

OLA Weekly \$ 1,749.00 Loose \$ 56.00

SML Weekly \$ 1,480.00 Loose \$ 138.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

SP CLOTHES CLOSET OPENING DAY

WEDNESDAY MAY 15 FROM 5 TO 7PM

Calling all church helpers, the clothes closet will have workdays on May 8,9,10 from noon to 4...come one come all! We need to set up tables and racks and sort 50 bags of donations. We will be working on the 15th at 2 for final set up. Any questions call Jane Decker 570.942.6078.

ST PATRICK YARD SALES

MAY 24 & 25, MAY 31 & JUNE 1

St Patrick's will be having a yard sale including the clothes closet the weekends of May 24, 25 and May 31, June 1. If you would like to have a space for yourself, it is only \$10.

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.