

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

“Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?” Today’s gospel (and the gospels of the next 4 weekends) is about the announcement of the Eucharist, the Bread of Life. Immediately after the reading of this sixth chapter of the gospel of John that we will be reading, Jesus declares: “I am the Living Bread that comes down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever “. Today’s gospel is about the multiplication of loaves, in order to feed more than 5,000 people. Let us focus our attention on the little boy in the gospel, the one who gave his five loaves and two fish. This boy could have kept his five loaves for himself or for him and his friends, but he gave them to Christ who in turn multiplies them (remember the wedding feast of Cana in Galilee, water into wine, Christ always uses what we have). This young boy in the gospel is you, is me, is every Christian, who, when facing the immensity of sufferings around us, think that we are not capable of doing something. Wrong. Generosity begets generosity, sharing begets more sharing, and love begets and creates more love. We don’t lose when we give. We multiply when we share.

**SCRANTON CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE
HE IS OUR FREEDOM!**

Come join hundreds of Catholics from all over the Northeast at the University of Scranton for an exciting weekend of teaching, preaching, praising, and praying! International speakers will be sharing about our Freedom in the Lord! "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is FREEDOM" 2 Corinthians 3:17

August 2,3,4 - See ccrscranton.org for more information. Day and single-session registrations available at the conference

GENESIS MISSION

The Office for Parish Life is thrilled to announce the internationally acclaimed Genesis Mission is coming to the Diocese of Scranton this August! The Genesis Mission is a method of accompaniment that fosters a deeper sense of discipleship and a greater desire to connect and evangelize while confidently sharing the Gospel message. Genesis is experiential in nature and teaches participants a relational approach of encountering and connecting with others, focusing on practical skills such as listening, sharing and learning to rely on the Holy Spirit!

All parishioners are encouraged to come on August 9th or 10th at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Ave., Scranton Pa. from 9am to 3pm. Workshop fee is \$50. For more information and to register go to dioceseofscranton.org/genesis-mission/

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and thank you to our newest Eucharistic Ministers, Pat Carpenter, Jill D’Antoni, Susan Stutzman and Chris Stutzman. They are being installed at 11am Mass at St Patrick’s Church next weekend. They will also serve at St Patrick’s Church.

ASSUMPTION FEAST DAY

The parishioners of OLA invite SML and St. Patrick parishioners to join us on Thursday August 15.

After we celebrate the 5pm Mass at the OLA grotto, we will have our annual get together under the pavilion. There is a sheet at all churches to sign up. Thank you to Lucy Ziman & Sarah DeBree, our chairpersons for this year’s event.

**SML WYOMING COUNTY FAIR BASKET
RAFFLE NEW**

A group of parishioners met on Tuesday and decided to proceed at least one more year with our Baskets Galore stand at the Wyoming County Fair. The Fair runs from August 28 to September 2. We are seeking volunteers to work at the stand during the Fair. It was decided to shorten the hours that the stand is open. No one will work more than 3 hours unless he/she wants to do so. The stand will close by 6pm on Wednesday and Thursday of the Fair and by 8pm on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. It is important to have parishioners volunteer at the stand. PLEASE give just ONE shift at the Fair. It is a way to get acquainted with your fellow parishioners. Please call Lisa at 570-587-1924 to schedule your shift at the Fair. If you can donate a basket, please have it brought to the hall by August 18. All baskets should be wrapped. If the item is already in a box, just put the name of the donor on it. If you have any questions, please call Dee Pasko at 570-378-2834. Thank you, in advance to all who will help this fundraiser.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Our Lady of the Abingtons lost one of our parishioners, Ned Clarke. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for the consolation of his loved ones and all who will deeply miss him.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

August 3 & 4

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Lisa Janoski
9:00am (SML) Carmel Williams
11 am (SP) Pat Carpenter, Chris Stutzman, Susan Stutzman, Jill D'Antoni

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) Nick Migliori
11 am (SP) Liz Dempsey

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

July 30 – Legion of Mary at OLA, 9:00am
July 31 - Choir Practice at SML, 6:30 pm
July 31 – SP Clothes Closet, open 5 to 7pm
Aug 1 – Prayer Shawl Ministry at SML, 5:30pm
Aug 1 – Bingo at SP doors open, 5pm, bingo, 6pm
Aug 1 – OLA Fall Festiva meeting at hall, 6:30pm

SPOLA CCD NEWS

Registration is OPEN! Returning students check your email on file, new friends and returning students can also check the parish website or the parish Facebook page for the link and/or form. Any additional questions please email jwharv03@gmail.com.

SML CCD NEWS

Those who were previously enrolled please check your email for details on how to register for this year. If you are new to our religious education program, please contact Kerry Pieretti by email at redlightgreen343@gmail.com

PROVIDENCE PREGNANCY CENTER

We ask all parishioners to join in supporting this new pregnancy center. From August 3rd to August 18th there will be bins in each of our churches to place the baby items. The items are for the women helped by the Providence Pregnancy Center.

Here are baby items that are most needed: diapers, wipes, toiletries including baby shampoo, diaper cream etc., clothing – sizes newborn to 4t including socks and shoes, and baby bottles.

THANK YOU!!!

A sincere thank you to Tony Sandy for volunteering to replace Ned Clarke as chairman for OLA's annual Fall Festival. OLA Festival: next meeting is on Thursday August 1st in the hall at 6:30pm.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (July 30) St. Peter Crysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 am (OLA) Alexandria Buckshon
By Lucy Ziman

Wednesday (July 31) St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

8:00 am (SP) Bill Webster
By Jane Decker

Thursday (August 1) St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 am (SML) Kathy Szabo
By Theresa Zdaniewicz & Family

Saturday (August 3) Vigil of The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary time

4:00 pm (OLA) Deceased members of the Woloszy Family
By Bob & Andrea Walsh

Sunday (August 4) The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) Joseph Fabiani Jr.
By Lisa Janoski

11:00 am (SP) Barbara Stauts
By Barbara Kelly

The Sanctuary Candle at SML

Burning this week for Michael Boyer by the Morris Family

The Sanctuary Candle at OLA

Burning this week for Ned Clarke by Patricia Clarke

SP Weekly \$ 1,247.00 Loose \$ 115.50

OLA Weekly \$ 1,484.00 Loose \$ 60.00

SML Weekly \$ 1,205.00 Loose \$ 77.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

PLEASE REMEMBER

I AM HERE..... EVEN WHEN HIDDEN IN THE TABERNACLE. Visit, spend time with me after Mass. Bow, kneel (and if possible prostrate) and foster sacred silence in my Presence, **JESUS**

Come visit Jesus at Our Lady of the Abingtons' Saint Pio chapel at 700 W. Main St Dalton is open daily from 8am to 8pm.

“There is no doubt that a flood of graces will descend upon your family and the world if more souls will become docile pupils of adoration” St Pope John Paul II.