

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus says in today's gospel: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest". Today's gospel, though not long at all (only verse 25 to verse 30) has many topics. For instance, Jesus talks about "the little ones", about those who are "wise", the "learned"; about "knowledge", about "power". He also talks about "law", about "weakness", "humility", "simplicity", "peace". Ultimately, Jesus is talking about the Sacrament of Confession, also called Reconciliation. Only a Divine Psychologist can "invent" a sacrament this great. Those who have ever been to Confession know that the joy that one feels after Confession is a joy that one cannot explain nor describe. All of us have our burdens, that means things that we have done which are wrong, from bad to worse. Jesus says, bring them to me and I will renew you; I will re-create you. Yes, it's true, Confession is a re-creation. That is why Jesus is saying that only "the little ones" that means, "those who are humble" can understand this statement, or ALL His teachings. And ALL His teachings lead to freedom, to The Father's undeserving love. Humility is the key to understand God.

PARISH MISSIONARY VISIT 2026

Next weekend July 11th & 12th all of our churches will welcome Fr, Emmanuel Owusu-Ansah from the Diocese of Sunyani, Ghana who asks for our help to support the holy work of his diocese: Support seminarians by helping train priests for the Universal Church & help build new Churches. Youth formation PMS- empowering young people in faith & service. Catechist Training – Strengthen those who teach the faith to our communities. Healthcare & outreach for the Poor/Needy – Provide food, sanitation & educational support. There will be a second collection for our donations to support the Sunyani Diocese next weekend.

SML WYOMING COUNTY FAIR NEWS

It's Wyoming County Fair time again. This year we need your help in donating a gift card or a basket wrapped in cellophane for our booth. Gift cards are preferred due to limited transportation back and forth to fair. Baskets are also welcome. We are now accepting donations. All donations need to be in by Aug 1. Any questions call Pat Wall 570-575-6266 or Dee Pasko 570-378- 2834.

OLA FALL FESTIVAL NEWS

The next planning meeting for the OLA Fall Festival is Tuesday July 7 @ 6pm in the Parish Hall. New volunteers and ideas are always welcome! Donations for Bountiful Baskets, Dining Out and the Basket of Cheer are needed. We are also looking for soda and water donations. Please consider volunteering for a few hours on the weekend of September 19 and 20 to help make this important fundraiser successful! Contact Bruce or Nikki Weisenfluh with questions 570-335-8135.

**LOWER WYOMING COUNTY FOOD PANTRY
SML**

Baskets are placed in the front entrance of the church and at the entrance to the hall. Please bring non-perishable food items to help our neighbors who are in need. Thank you.

**DALTON FOOD PANTRY
THANK YOU LETTER**

On behalf of the Dalton Food Pantry, I would like to thank the parishioners of Our Lady of the Abingtons & St Patrick's churches for the food you have collected and donated over the past few months. Without your help we would not be able to continue helping all the families that come to the food pantry. We serve families in the Abington Heights & the Lackawanna Trail School Districts. We are open each Monday evening. Sincerely, Nancy Thompson.

**WYOMING COUNTY FOOD VOUCHER
DISTRIBUTION**

The Area Agency on Aging for Wyoming county are distributing food vouchers to be used at area Farmers Markets for residents of Wyoming County age 60 and older. The distribution will take place at the Wyoming County Active Adult Center located on Dymond Terrace in Tunkhannock from 9am to 2pm on July 14. Proof of residency and age is required so bring your driver's license.

FAITH 250 IN GOD WE TRUST

A heartfelt thank you to our Parish Pastoral Council and those who joined them, for helping us to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the birth of our Nation. Last weekend, they offered a very warm reception, an occasion for Parishioners after each Mass in the Parish Hall of each church. This get together brought great rejoicing to those who gathered. Besides that, with the help of many, they decorated the Altar of each church, unique and proper to each Parish. May God continue the good work He began in the founding and blessing of our Nation.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, USA

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

July 11 & 12

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Nikki Weisenfluh

9:00am (SML) Len Nash

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) Seb Naro

11 am (SP) Lucy Ziman

Altar Servers

4 pm (OLA) – Jace Biglin

11am (SP) – Kali Harvatine

Shadow – Nolan Phillips, Wyatt Phillips

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 7 – OLA Fall Festival meeting in Hall, 6pm

July 8 – Clothes Closet at SP, 4 to 7pm

July 9 - Clothes Closet at SP, 4 to 6pm

July 9- Bingo at SP doors open 5pm, bingo 6pm

July 9 – Prayer Shawl Ministry at SML, 5:30pm

July 11 – Parish Missionary visit OLA, 4pm

July 12 - Parish Missionary visit SML, 9am

July 12 - Parish Missionary visit SP, 11am

BINGO NEWS

Good News: Thursday night St. Patrick's bingo will resume on July 9. Doors will open at 5pm. Bingo starts at 6pm. Come join us for food and fun!

CLOTHES CLOSET NEWS

Thank you to all who donated to the clothes closet and all those who make purchases at the clothes closet. Right now, we are so full that we have no room for any more donations. There are clothes as well as miscellaneous household items. Please come and tell your family & friends to come check out the great selections we have.

CLASSES FOR OCIA CANDIDATES

New OCIA classes will be starting at the beginning of September 2026. Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, anyone interested in returning to the Catholic faith or anyone who knows of someone who may be interested in becoming a Catholic, please contact Lucy Ziman at the parish office 570-563 1622 or Greg Solfanelli at 570-281-8083 for further information. WELCOME!

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (July 7) Weekday

8:00am (OLA) Mary Ann Ketchur

By George & Rosemary Ketchur

Wednesday (July 8) Weekday

8:00am (SP) Agnes McLaud

By Legion of Mary

Thursday (July 9) St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest & companions, Martyrs

8:00 am (SML) Gloria Makowski

By Rick & Mary Lou Franko

Saturday (July 11) The Vigil of The Fifteenth

Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (OLA) Gene Hoch

By Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Kruczek

Sunday (July 12) The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) Bootsie Gaffney

By Maureen Gaffney

11:00 am (SP) Meredith Polansky

By Joan Kupetsky

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly \$ 2,021.00 Loose \$ 213.00

OLA Weekly \$ 2,166.00 Loose \$ 21.00

SML Weekly \$ 1,083.00 Loose \$ 116.00

May the Lord reward your generosity

ST. JOSEPH'S CENTER SUMMER FESTIVAL

St. Joseph's summer Festival will be Marywood University on July 24, 25 & 26. St Joseph's Center Auxillary is looking for some help for the festival. Here is their wish list for the Afghan Booth: New handmade items including: Afghans, quilts, baby items, cards, dolls & doll's clothes etc. New & unopened donations can be dropped off Monday – Friday 8am-4pm at the DeNaples Community Services Building in Dunmore- 320 S. Blakely St by July 16th. For more information call: 570-207-6656.

OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

Fr. John Edward Lamy: He wrote the following: "I generally see the Sacred Species surrounded with light. You feel a sweetness, a gentleness out of the ordinary. Yes, at such moment, you think no more of the earth; you feel something so heavenly. It is the effect of the presence of Our Lord. I also feel the presence of The Holy Angels who help me at Mass, but not every time."