

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

All of us know the 2 boys described by Jesus in today's gospel. It's either us or our children, or our grandchildren, or our nieces or nephews, or our godchild. It is our own story. We can all pin down a name in today's gospel. Children who say, "yes dad", "right away Mom", but after an hour or two, are still at the same location. Time to time, we say "yes" to God, and act contrary to our answers. Or we say "no" to God and then act not accordingly. It's the story of our nature that was wounded by the original sin. The good I see and want to do, I don't do it, and the evil that I don't want to do, I do it, says Saint Paul, Rom 7,19. That makes us slaves of our sins. We better ask God to change our hearts of stones into hearts of flesh. We are so used to Jesus's words that sometimes they have no effect in us. Please let us remind ourselves of Jesus's words: "tax collectors and prostitutes will precede us into the kingdom of God" Matt. 21, 31.. Just remember last Sunday's gospel, or even the good thief in the gospel of Luke.

ST. PATRICK FALL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY OCT. 4 FROM NOON TO 4PM

REMEMBER NEW THIS YEAR: MUSIC BY JOHN BOWER, SILENT AUCTION, KIDS GAMES!

. The sign-up sheets are ready for your signature! OR call Joanne 443-528-8713 (note the 443 area code!!) she will take your info!

1. HALL SET UP FOR THE DINNER- FRIDAY MORNING! SEE CAROL!

2. Bring SOUP HOT in a CROCK on Sunday morning

3. DESSERTS that do not need refrigeration to be cut up into servings, like Pies. Bring Sun

OCT 5th starting at 9am BEFORE CHURCH to the hall.

4. Baked Goods- bring SUNDAY BEFORE CHURCH to the hall or SAT MORNING to the hall

5. Build a Bountiful Basket - valued between \$25-\$50 Or a Specialty Basket-\$100-\$120

BRING WRAPPED or FRAMED WITH NAME or anonymous. Bring On Sundays OR to the OLA

OFFICE Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri or ST PAT'S HALL before BINGO 4-6 on Thursdays or Sat morning OCT 3rd.

6. Assorted variety pack (1oz) CHIPS or WATER 2 cases (cold if possible) to the KofC stand in

the garage on Sunday morning or times like the Baskets.

7. FESTIVAL set-up SAT OCT 3rd 9am! Clean up on Sunday

8. Dinner PREP: 9am SAT OCT 3rd at the Hall

9. Raffle Tickets: DO NOT MAIL. Bring on Sundays OR to the OLA office OR like the times

listed for the baskets OR WITH YOU TO THE FESTIVAL!

10. a few items for Potato Pancakes

Thank you for all your support for our annual fundraiser!

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

The blessing of animals will be on October 3rd, a commemoration of the Patron Saint of animals, St. Francis. At 10:30am, at St. Patrick's parking lot, our Parish Community will come together for the blessing of our pets, our friends (please make an appointment if you need to have your snake blessed).

BE A CATHOLIC MAN CONFERENCE

The 11th Annual Be A Catholic Man Conference is on October 10th at Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes Barre. The theme is: "Just Be Catholic" The Conference starts with rosary at 7:30 AM, the main speakers begin at 8:00AM. We have 3 great speakers lined up for you, with lunch, exhibitors, opportunity for confessions and concluding with Holy Mass said by Bishop Bambara. For information and registration, contact: Mike Kilmer 570-721-0872 • mkilmer@thekilmergroup.com \$40, Student \$15, Morning coffee & box lunch included

MEN, THIS ONE'S FOR YOU!

If you've never attended the Diocese of Scranton's, Be A Catholic Man's Conference, make this the year you go! Join hundreds of Catholic men on Saturday, October 10th, for a powerful day of faith, fellowship, encouragement, and spiritual renewal. Men attending the conference for the first time attend FREE, compliments of our parish community and the Office For Parish Life. Come be strengthened in your faith! The conference is just around the corner, and free registration for first-time attendees is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Don't miss this opportunity — contact the parish office soon to claim your free registration.

PRAYING THE MASS

At the very start of Mass, we see the Entrance Procession where the Priest, Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Lectors process into the church. This reminds us that the Church is a pilgrim people journeying toward God as the Priest comes forward to lead the community in worship. Once the procession takes its place, the Priest opens Mass with the Sign of the Cross. This proclaims our belief in the Holy Trinity and reminds us of our Baptism. It also places our entire prayer (Mass) under the name of God and reminds us that our salvation comes through Christ's sacrifice.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

October 3 & 4

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Andrea Walsh
9:00am (SML) Sean Pieretti
11 am (SP) Cynthia Singer

Musicians

4 pm (OLA) Kenny McGraw
9:00am (SML) Danny Williams
11 am (SP) Kenny McGraw

Lectors

4 pm (OLA) Judy Zipay
9:00am (SML) Nick Miglari
11 am (SP) Barry Singer

Altar Servers

4 pm (OLA) – Jace Biglin
11am (SP) – Kali Harvatine
Shadow – Nolan Phillips, Wyatt Phillips

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 1 - Bingo SP doors open at 5pm, bingo 6pm
Oct 1– Prayer Shawl Ministry, SML, 5:30pm
Oct 3 – Blessing of Animals at SP, 10:30am
Oct 5 – Altar & Rosary Meeting at SML, 6:45pm

SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith Formation at SML Sundays following
9am Mass until 11:15am
Grades Pre-K through 8th grade
It's back to school season!
Classes begin October 4
Contact Kerry Pieretti for more information
Redlightgreen343@gmail.com

SP & OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith Formation at SP began this past Sunday,
9/13 from 9:45-10:45am for grades K-8. If you
haven't already registered, but are still interested,
please contact Jill D'Antoni for more information at
dantonijill@gmail.com.

PRO LIFE SUNDAY OCTOBER 4

Our three Parishes will celebrate the SML
tradition of Pro-Life Sunday (October 4) by
having a container in each church for the whole
month of October, to collect baby items for St
Joseph Center Baby & Children's Pantry.

OLA FALL FESTIVAL THANK YOU

Thank you to all who supported our OLA Fall
Festival. Despite the rain on Sunday, people came and
enjoyed our event. Bruce and I are truly thankful for
all who helped in any way, no matter how small or
big. We couldn't have made it a success without you!

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (September 29) Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels

8:00am (OLA) Health & Blessings for Jennifer Evans
Besten

By James Besten & Family

Wednesday (September 30) St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:00am (SP) Steven Stawawy

By Pat Moots

Thursday (October 1) St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

8:00 am (SML) Elizabeth Krause

By Mary Lou & Rick Franko

Saturday (October 3) The Vigil of The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (OLA) Mary Leiber

By Tom & Debbie Lowrie

Sunday (October 4) The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) Sue Migliori

By Ed & Linda Zalewski

11:00 am (SP) Carl Carpenter

By Barbara Kelly

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly \$ 1,978.00 Loose \$ 82.50
OLA Weekly \$ 1,799.00 Loose \$ 141.00
SML Weekly \$ 1,233.00 Loose \$ 93.00
May the Lord reward your generosity.

EXPOSITION- ADORATION-BENEDICTION

Due to a coincidence of activities in our Parish
Community, the Exposition-Adoration-Benediction of
this coming First Saturday of the month is postponed
till next Saturday October 10th at the same time, 2:45
to 3:45pm, OLA church as usual.

SAINTS WITH UNUSUAL LIVES

Canonization is the official act by which the Catholic
Church declares a deceased to be a Saint. The
Catholic Church doesn't send people to heaven. God
and only God does it. The very first canonization in
the Church was made by Jesus. Tradition gave a name
to that person: Dismas. We know very little about him
in the Bible, except during the dialogue between Jesus
and him in the gospel of Luke..... "Remember me
when you come into your kingdom". Jesus replies to
him: "Today, you will be with me in paradise". His
name, Dismas, comes from the Protoevangelium of
Nicodemus, and another document called Acts of
Pilate.

If Dismas can be a saint, so can we.