THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Once in a while, Jesus' words are harsh, and it is difficult to accept it. Because of that we face a dilemma which is either close our ears or ignore them. Or even protest them. We are wrong if we choose either of these solutions. God is NEVER wrong. We read for instance in Jn 6,60: "…. This saying is hard, who can accept it?… As a result of this, many of His disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied Him." Jesus words are for us; the Gospel is for the people of our time. Whatever Jesus says in the Gospel is for us, people of today. The parable of the murderous winemakers in today's gospel is clearly understood and interpreted when we know Jesus's life at the end of His human and physical life on earth. When we read today's First Reading and/or the Interpretation by St Paul in today's Second Reading, everything points to the Vineyard in today's gospel, that is us (Christians) in the world (vineyard). God's vineyard is entrusted to us: parish, diocese, communities or any group of activities in the Church. The fruit of the vine is clearly stated: our salvation, the salvation of the whole world. Since the day of Pentecost, the Church became heir of the vine, and the owner of the vineyard will ask us, each of us individually and also as community, to give an account of our work, of our actions, of our undertaking.

SP FALL FESTIVAL SUNDAY

This is the Sunday to have fun and great food with family and friends at the St. Patrick's Fall Festival.

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.

REBUILD MY CHURCH
PRAY WITH US & HELP US BUILD

Beginning Monday, our parish joins hundreds of parishes across the country for Parish Week: seven days of prayer called Rebuild My Church, running Monday, Oct 5 through Sunday, Oct 11. Christ told St. Francis to rebuild His Church. We think He's still asking us the same question today. Join the prayer from our parish page in the Hallow app — a few minutes a day, together. If you're not part of our community on the Hallow app, what are you waiting for? Get started by visiting https://hallow.com/communities/11156 If you have any questions or need assistance. Call Greg at 570-281-8083

2026-2027 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES REPORT
9-26-2026
ST. PATRICK

Goal: $13,610.00 **Cash Raised**: $4,565.00
Committed-to-date: $5,410.00
Goal Reached: 39.75% **No. of Donors:** 32

OUR LADY OF THE ABINGTONS

Goal: $12,272.00 **Cash Raised**: $4,025.00
Committed-to-date: $6,855.00
Goal Reached: 55.86% **No. of Donors:** 21

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE

Goal: $11,780.00 **Cash Raised**: $2,915.00
Committed-to-date: $9,365.00
Goal Reached: 79.50% **No. of Donors:** 17
Thank you to all who have responded so far.

PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE
52ND ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday Oct.17 at Fiorelli's, 1501 Main St. Peckville. Doors open at 8am with Breakfast at 9am. The morning will include breakfast, prayer, fellowship, our popular raffle baskets, a silent auction, and an inspiring keynote message. Tickets are $25 per person. Children and students from K–College attend for free. Reserve your seat here: https://givebutter.com/52nd-annual-prayer-breakfast-qq9mfg For questions, please contact 570-343-5099

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

October 10 & 11

Eucharistic Ministers
4 pm (OLA) Nikki Weisenfluh
9:00am (SML) Carmel Williams
11 am (SP) Sue Stutzman

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

Lectors
4 pm (OLA) Mary Jo Danoski
9:00am (SML) Jim Soltis
11 am (SP) Mary Ann Mulfino

Altar Servers
4 pm (OLA) – Kevin Jones, Margaret Jones
11am (SP) – Maci Harvatine
Shadow – Nolan Matulevich

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 5 – Altar & Rosary Meeting SML, 6:45pm
Oct 8 - Bingo SP doors open at 5pm, bingo 6pm
Oct 8– Prayer Shawl Ministry, SML, 5:30pm

SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

FFF for SML Sundays following Mass until 11:15am
Upcoming schedule
Oct. 11 Class
Oct. 18 Class
Oct. 25 Class
Please contact Kerry Pieretti for more information
Redlightgreen343@gmail.com

SP & OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith Formation at SP began on Sunday, 9/13 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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 2026

On Sunday October 18 the entire Catholic Church, every parish, every diocese in every country comes together in prayer and sacrificial giving for the sake of the missions. Please consider contributing.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (October 6) St. Bruno, Priest & Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
8:00am (OLA) Health & Blessings for Sydney Anne Aschenbrenner
By Grandma & Grandpa

Wednesday (October 7) Our Lady of the Rosary
8:00am (SP) Frank Pozer
By Janet Motyka

Thursday (October 8) Weekday
8:00 am (SML) Brandon Gardner
By Georgine DePrimo

Saturday (October 10) The Vigil of The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 pm (OLA) Anna & Wassil Sobolosky
By Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Kruczek

Sunday (October 11) The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am (SML) Margarite Peters
By Roanne Kellerher
11:00 am (SP) Carol Shnipes
By Geneva Kuzara

The Sanctuary Candle at St. Pat's
Burning this week for peace in the world and an end to the war in Ukraine by Joan Kupetsky

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)
SP Weekly $ 1,243.00 Loose $ 137.00
OLA Weekly $ 1,675.00 Loose $ 51.00
SML Weekly $ 1,385.00 Loose $ 98.00
May the Lord reward your generosity.

OCTOBER IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Traditionally in the Catholic Church, the month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. This devotion is Christ's life seen through Mary. If you are a Parishioner who doesn't say the Rosary daily, please start during this month. If you are among those who say at least ONE Rosary daily, Congratulations. And maybe go for a second. To Jesus, through Mary.

SAINTS WITH UNUSUAL LIVES

Saint Mary of Egypt was a prostitute from age 17. One day, a group of pilgrims was going from Egypt to Jerusalem for The Feast Of The Exultation Of The Holy Cross. She joined the group, not for the pilgrimage, but in hope of having more clients in her life of prostitution. But once in Jerusalem, at the door of the church, she felt a strong secret feeling and her conversion started there. She then asked for the help of the Blessed Mother. Then received her First Communion, entered a Convent, and then led a very austere life.
If Mary of Egypt succeeded to become a Saint, so can we.