FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Judas left the Upper Room, the one of the Last Supper. Jesus prophesied about Peter's betrayal. We can just imagine the trouble of the group. It is in the midst of this atmosphere that Jesus makes one of the most important statements in a Jewish ear. He proclaims His identity. He says He is equal with The Father. He says He is God. This statement ends once for all the debate and war with the Pharisees, the fierce resistant group to Him. The conflict breaks down on the occasion of the healing of the man blind at birth. The chiefs of the Jewish people accuse Him, Jesus, of breaking the sabbath. St John notes in his gospel: "for this reason, the Jews tried all the more to kill him because not only He broke the sabbath, but He also called God his own Father, making him equal to God". We easily understand the anger and the revolt of these Pharisees against Jesus. To sum up, they become defenders of God's honor (to understand, doesn't mean to justify). Jesus says clearly: "Philip, who sees me sees The Father ". This statement deserves handcuffs according to the Pharisees. We see here the fundamental boundary between Judaism and Christianism: God's identity. "The God of Mount Sinai" becomes visible. The Jewish anger is that God's image is FUNDAMENTALLY changed, modified by Jesus. Jewish leaders couldn't accept this. With that, Jesus's Passion can start. In Golgotha, the dialogue between Father and Son seems to stop, just as if The Father rejected The Son. In the silence of Easter morning, Jesus announces the fulfillment of the messianic time:" I am The Way, The Truth, and The Life".

MOTHER'S DAY CARNATION CORSAGE FUNDRAISER FOR ST. PATRICK CHURCH

Thank you to everyone that ordered the Mother's Day carnation corsages. The corsages will be delivered on Mother's Day weekend, May 9th & 10th at the church of your selection. There will also be corsages available to purchase at the churches that weekend.

SP CLOTHES CLOSET

Starting Monday, May 4th and continuing all week, the clothes closet will be transforming the lower level of the church hall into its affordable clothing & miscellaneous store. This church fundraiser needs all kinds of help. Any amount of time you can possibly offer from startup or through the summer when we're open will be greatly appreciated. On Monday May 4 from 10:30 to 4pm we're setting up racks & moving tables & bins-heavy work, needs strength! Think about it gentlemen & strong women. The rest of the week between 10:30 & 4pm we're sorting clothing & unpacking & pricing miscellaneous items. There's a job for everyone. If you can volunteer, please call Lyn Harvey at 570-942-6552 of Carol Williams at 570-942-6804 or sign up on the Clothes Closet Volunteer Sheet in St. Pat's vestibule.

MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

Mother's Day envelopes may be found in your offertory pack. You may place them in the collection basket. Mother's Day this year is May 10. All returned envelopes will be placed on the Altar throughout the month of May and the intentions for ALL Mothers

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT OUTREACH MINISTRY

An Outreach Ministry is dedicated to extending compassion, connection, and care to those who may feel isolated or in need of encouragement. Through heartfelt card writing, friendly phone calls, and personal visits to homebound individuals, the ministry seeks to remind each person that they are valued, remembered, and not alone. Whether offering a listening ear, sharing words of hope, or simply being present, the team strives to build meaningful relationships rooted in kindness. In times of illness, loss, or hardship, the Outreach Ministry brings comfort, prayerful support, and a tangible expression of love to those who need it most.

This ministry is currently supported by The Legion of Mary, The Disciples of Mary, The Prayer Shawl Ministry, the Social Concerns Ministry and Pastoral Outreach Apostolate. If you are interested in learning more in how you could support our Outreach Ministries, please contact the Community and Service Coordinating Team at we4fluhs@aol.com or call the parish office. We would love to hear from you! Also, if you know of someone who could use outreach support please contact the office so we can add you to our prayer list.

MOTHER'S DAY ADOPTION MASS

The Diocese will celebrate its Adoption Mass on Sunday May 10 at 10am at the Cathedral of St. Peter. The liturgy prayerfully recognizes all mothers with a special emphasis on adoptive & foster mothers. All the faithful are invited to attend.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

May 9 & 10

Eucharistic Ministers
4 pm (OLA) Danny Williams Jr.
9:00am (SML) Ann Marie Gorko
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) Don Ames
11 am (SP) Liz Dempsey

Altar Servers
4 pm (OLA) – Margaret Jones, Kevin Jones
11am (SP) – Kali Harvatine
Shadow – Wyatt Phillips, Nolan Phillips

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 4 – Altar & Rosary Society Meeting at SML, 6:30
May 5 – OLA Fall Festival Meeting in Hall, 6pm
May 7 – Prayer Shawl Ministry at SML, 5:30pm
May 7 - Bingo at SP, Doors open at 5pm, Bingo 6pm

SP/OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Thank you to everyone who has donated to all of our family faith formation programs this year! We appreciate your kindness and generosity.
Julie Harvatine – jwharv03@gmail.com.
5/10/2026 - No Class - Mother's Day

SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

As our FFF program has concluded for this year I would like to extend my great appreciation and thanks to Father Arbo, our office staff Lucy and Liz, our religious education teachers, families, and parishioners. A Huge thank you and best wishes to Julie Harvatine who has served many years as DRE for St. Pat's and OLA parishes. Kerry Pieretti

Congratulations to our Communion Class on their First Holy Communion this weekend!

Cecilla Holgate **Emerson Kahari**
Kennedy Kiryluk **Ellianna Margotta**
Calla McHugh **Rio Perez**
Paige Tremel

SPRING SACRAMENTS

5/14 Thurs. - Confirmation Practice OLA 6 PM
5/17 Sun. - Confirmation OLA 3 PM

HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY REV. KEVIN MULHERN

On May 1 Rev. Kevin Mulhern Our Lady of the Abingtons Priest in 2009, celebrate 50 years in the priesthood. He is presently retired and is living at Villa St. Joseph. He is thankful for his 50 years of service to the church. He remembers our church in Dalton and keeps us in his prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (May 5) Easter Weekday
8:00am (OLA) Vito Shimkus
By Bob & Andrea Walsh

Wednesday (May 6) Easter Weekday
8:00am (SP) Deceased Members of the Marrazzo & Riccardo Families
By John & Pat Marrazzo

Thursday (May 7) Easter Weekday
8:00 am (SML) Lori Pierce
By Rose & April

Saturday (May 9) The Vigil of The Sixth Sunday of Easter
4:00 pm (OLA) Edwin & Dolores Rysz
By Mr.& Mrs. Leonard Kruczek

Sunday (May 10) The Sixth Sunday of Easter
9:00 am (SML) Maureen Cooper
By Mark & Mary Cooper
11:00 am (SP) All Mothers, Living & Deceased
By Joan Kupetsky

Sanctuary Candle at OLA
Burning this week for the 50th Anniversary of the priesthood of Fr. Kevin Mulhern
By the OLA parishioners

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly	**$ 3,947.00**	**Loose $ 209.00**
OLA Weekly	**$ 2,174.00**	**Loose $ 67.00**
SML Weekly	**$ 965.00**	**Loose $ 97.00**

May the Lord reward your generosity

OLA FALL FESTIVAL 2026

It is time to begin planning for the OLA FALL FESTIVAL. This year the festival will be held on September 19&20. This year's Festival will be led by Bruce & Nikki Weisenfluh. Please join us for a planning meeting on Tuesday May 5 at 6 pm in the OLA Hall. New ideas and volunteers are welcome.

ST. PAT BINGO NEWS

Bingo continues every Thursday, doors open at 5pm. Bingo starts at 6pm. Come and enjoy great food and fun. For more info call Rita at 570-575-9874. See you there.

OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

Esprite of Jesus: Jesus told Esprite "Am I not greater than all My gifts? And when you receive Me in the Holy Eucharist, do you not receive all good things?"