

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

“Unless I see the mark of the nails,... I will not believe”. His name is Thomas; he is a twin. Could we be by any chance his twin? Today’s gospel is a clear proof that we must absolutely gather every Sunday. During every given Sunday, today’s gospel takes place. Jesus comes every Sunday and stands in our midst and says to us “Peace be with you”. He gives us peace. He fills us with joy. He breathes on us every Sunday just like during the first creation. He gives us His Holy Spirit. He sends us to go into the world that means to announce to people who are hiding like the disciples did on Easter Sunday or like Adam and Eve did after the Fall. He also gives us the power to go and forgive sins: “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained”. During the Sunday encounter that is God and us, another miracle takes place, His Body and Blood, so that we can touch Him as He asked Thomas to touch Him. We touch Him either with our hands or with our tongue. Once again, that is why it is ABSOLUTELY necessary to meet on Sunday. On Sunday, “The Church makes the Eucharist and the Eucharist makes the Church”, as Henri De Lubach said. Also, Pope Saint John Paul II with the Congregation of Divine Worship on April 30, 2000, instituted the Divine Mercy on the Second Sunday of Easter as the day of celebration, focused on God’s Mercy and Love. This came from Jesus’s apparition to St Faustina on the importance of His Mercy. If followed properly, Plenary Indulgence is attached to this Celebration.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

The Celebration will be at Our Lady of the Abingtons Church this Sunday April 27. Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament is at 2:45 pm, followed by The Divine Mercy Prayer at 3pm (with confessions meanwhile), then Benediction followed by Mass. There will be light refreshments after Mass.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER OF INDULGENCE

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is love and mercy itself. Amen.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR POPE FRANCIS

On Tuesday April 29 at OLA Fr. Arbo will celebrate a Memorial Mass for Pope Francis at 6pm so that our parishioners from OLA, SML and SP can come together to pray for the Holy Father. There will be light refreshments after Mass.

MOTHER’S DAY REMEMBRANCE

Mother’s Day envelopes may be found in your offertory pack. You may place them in the collection basket or just drop them off at the parish office. Mother’s Day this year is May 11. All returned envelopes will be placed on the Altar throughout the month of May and the intentions for ALL Mothers.

ST PAT’S CLOTHES CLOSET

Now that Lent is over it is time to leave our 40 items for the clothes closet under cover at the lower level of St. Patrick’s Church Hall. We appreciate all donations. If you have any questions, please call Jane Decker at 570-942-6078.

CLOTHES CLOSET OPENING NEWS

The clothes closet will open on May 14. We will be setting up from Monday May 5 till Thursday May 8. We need helpers on those days starting at 1pm.

ST. PATRICK BINGO ANNOUNCEMENT

Bingo will begin on Thursday June 12. As always, help will be needed in the kitchen & with bingo. Come out & share the fun & good food. For info please call Rita at 570-575-9874.

THANK YOU

A great thank you to the parishioners of our three churches who used their time and talent to work together to make our churches so beautiful for the Easter season as well as those who helped make our celebrations at each church very special.

MARIAN MINISTRY

This year once again, Ernie Pappa will lead us for the Monday Fatima Rosary at 6pm. This year the rosary will be prayed in church on May 12 at OLA. June 9 at SML, July 14 & August 15 before the Assumption Mass at OLA, October 13 at OLA. Note: Please remember, this ministry is not organized by OLA. It is organized and planned throughout the Diocese by Ernie Pappa who chooses where to hold these Rosary Rallies, opened to ALL Parishioners of our 3 churches.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

May 3 & 4

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Carm Williams

9:00am (SML) Danny Williams Jr.

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) Kathy Tumavitch

9:00am (SML) Bob Andrews

11 am (SP) Maria Perez

Altar Servers

11am (SP) Kali Harvatine, Maci Harvatine

Shadow – Nolan Phillips, Wyatt Phillips

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

April 28 – Confirmation Nativity, Tunkhannock 6:30

May 1 - Prayer Shawl Ministry SML, 5:30pm

May 3 - First Holy Communion at SP 11am

May 5- Disciples of Mary Meeting at SML, 6:45pm

May 6 – Parish Pastoral Council Mtg at OLA, 6:30pm

SP/OLA & SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

May 4 – Last day of Class

SPRING SACRAMENT SCHEDULE SML-OLA-SP

April 27 - Confirmation Practice at Nativity,
Tunkhannock 1PM

April 28 - Confirmation Nativity, Tunkhannock 6:30
PM, students arrive at 5:30

May 1 - First Holy Communion Practice SP 6PM

May 3 - First Holy Communion SP 11AM

May 4 – May Crowning of Mary at Mass SML 9am

May 4 - May Crowning of Mary at Mass SP 11am

Please pray for all the students who are receiving
these Holy Sacraments. God bless them.

SP/OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION NEWS

1. We are accepting donations for our end-of-year
party and awards! Please feel free to leave a treat we
can use at our party in SP/OLA churches or at the
office. Any donation is greatly appreciated. The kids
have worked so hard this year!

2. We are continuing to collect baby items (diapers,
wipes, bath items, etc) now thru May 4th in honor of
our Holy Mother Mary. Our students will present
them at Mass on 5/4 and donate the items to St.
Joseph's Center.

3. May 4 - Last Day of Class - End of the Year
Awards - Communion Class May Crowning SP
presentation of donated baby items all students should
attend mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (April 29) Memorial Mass for Pope Francis

6:00 pm (OLA) Pope Francis

By The OLA, SP & SML Parishioners

Wednesday (April 30) St. Pius V, Pope

8:00 am (SP) Gerald Stawowy

By Pat Moots

Thursday (May 1) St. Joseph the Worker

8:00 am (SML) John Irish

By Paul & Diana Noreika

Saturday (May 3) The Vigil of the Third Sunday of Easter

4:00 pm (OLA) Jeff Fleming

By Wife Nancy Fleming

Sunday (May 4) The Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 am (SML) Anna VanAuken

By Parents

11:00 am (SP) Joan Peters

By Barbara Kelly

Sanctuary Candle at OLA

Burning this week for Anniversary Blessings for
Robert & Andrea Walsh

By Family

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly OLA Weekly SML Weekly
Unavailable this week

May the Lord reward your generosity.

OPEN INVITATION TO ALL PARISHIONERS

There are 8 students from SP, OLA, SML receiving their
Confirmation tomorrow, 4/28/2025 at 6:30 PM. This mass is
being celebrated by Bishop Bambara at Nativity in
Tunkhannock. All are invited to participate in this celebration
with our Confimandi. If you are not able to attend, please pray
for our students as they prepare for this momentous occasion of
receiving the Holy Spirit to help guide them in their lives. Also,
please pray for the students who will be receiving First Penance
& First Communion.

REGINA COELI PRAYER

During the Easter Season, instead of the Prayer Angelus,
the Church says the Regina Coeli (Queen Of Heaven). Just
as the Angelus, it's said at 6 am, Noon, and 6 pm,
preferably.

SML DISCIPLES OF MARY MAY CROWNING

SML will hold our annual May crowing of Mary on
Monday, May 5th. at 6:45 p.m. There will be a pot luck
dinner afterwards. We would like to invite the Legions of
Mary from OLA & St. Pat's to join us and bring a dish to
share.

THE EUCHARIST IN RELATION TO OUR SAINTS

Saint Isidore the Farmer "...every morning he heard Mass
in more than one church and spend some hours in prayer.
He was so pleasing to God that an angel was sent to help
him in his work on the farm less anything should suffer
through his absence".