

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME

There is nothing bringing us joy in today's gospel, nothing uplifting. However, it is a true and precise description of the world in which we live: wars, insurrections, earthquakes, epidemics, floods, famine. These are what make up our daily lives when we look at the world. We just have to read newspapers, watch TV, and all other sources of information which could lead one to despair. But Jesus Christ sees things differently for those who want to follow Him: first, to persevere in the path that we chose in following Him. Second, trust in Him. Then, for whatever happens, use the occasion to proclaim His Good News, the announcement of God's love. This way that Jesus proposes is not an easy one, because to follow Christ means to go against the tide, to go against the flow or as one outlines to go against the norm. To announce peace in today's world, to announce that people after all are brothers and sisters, to preach a civilization of love in today's hatred, in today's racism, is neither comfortable nor believable. It's precisely this paradoxical choice that Jesus is asking from us. For us Christians, we have to show God's love and the service of our neighbors to all.

CEMETERY VISIT IN NOVEMBER

During the month of November, every Catholic is asked by law to visit a cemetery. If followed properly, Indulgence is attached to this ancient pious practice.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We need someone to light the candles on the Advent wreath during Weekend Mass at each church during Advent. We appreciate all who are willing to do this. There are signup sheets in the vestibule of each church.

OLA ADVENT GIVING TREE

Next weekend November 15th & 16th the Advent Giving Trees will be in OLA hall. Please take a card from the Advent Giving Trees and help children in need this upcoming Christmas season. Wrapped gifts may be returned to the OLA Hall. Some gifts must be delivered to local agencies by December 8. Others will be delivered on December 15. Check your cards carefully and call Nikki Weisenfluh (570)335-8135 with any questions.

SP ANGEL TREE

Next weekend November 15th & 16th the Angel tree will be in the narthex of St. Patrick Church. Please take a card from the Angel Tree to help children in need this upcoming Christmas season. Please return the wrapped gifts to the narthex by December 14.

SML ADOPT A FAMILY

SML through the Social Concerns Ministry has been given the opportunity to help provide Christmas for an area family who is facing some difficulties this year...if you are interested in being a shopper, you will be reimbursed, or if you can make a monetary contribution, which can be placed in the weekly collection basket and label the envelope "Adopt a Family", your help will be much appreciated...Thank you for your consideration! God Bless! Mary Lou 570-586-4811

CHRISTMAS PARTY SAVE THE DATE!

All members of Fr. Arbo's flock, please mark your calendars. This very special event will be at St Patrick's Hall on December 14 at noon. There are sign-up sheets for this free event at all churches to make your reservation.

**SML ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY
BAKE SALE**

St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society is having their annual bake sale on Sunday November 23rd after the 9a.m. mass. Anyone donating baked goods can drop them off at the church on Saturday November 22 from 1-3pm. Any questions please call Dee Pasko at 570-378-2834.

**MANDATORY FORMATION
OF A SECURITY COMMITTEE**

Each Parish in the diocese is required to build a committee for a right balance between security and accessibility. With this bulletin announcement, we start the process. So, please call the Parish Office to volunteer for the building up of this committee, or call to suggest any Parishioner that you know could be great for this. The requirements are for instance:

- Experience in law enforcement (police, military experience,...)
- Medical professional (doctor, nurse,...)
- Teacher (including Sunday School Teacher).
- Maintenance experience (handyman,...)

Members of this committee will be in contact with the bishop's office and will meet quarterly. Please, let's do this as soon as possible.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

November 22 & 23

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Barbara Williamson

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) Judy Zipay

9:00am (SML) Nick Migliori

11 am (SP) Mary Ann Mulfino

Altar Servers

4 pm (OLA) Jace Biglin

11am (SP) Maci Harvatin

Shadow – Nolan Matulevich

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Nov 20 – Prayer Shawl Ministry at SML, 5:30pm

Nov 20 – Turkey Bingo at SP, doors open, 5pm, bingo, 6pm

Nov. 18 - PPC meeting at OLA Hall, 6:30pm

SP/OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Julie Harvatin - jwharv03@gmail.com.

November 23 - class

November 30 - no class

December 7 - Class and Christmas Program Practice

SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

. Kerry Pieretti - redlightgreen343@gmail.com

Nov. 23 Class

We will be practicing for our Christmas play scheduled for Sunday Dec.21 after 9 am Mass. All are welcome!

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Sarah Weisenfluh and Joshua Bauman celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony at Our Lady of the Abingtons on Saturday November 8th. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Bauman. We wish them the best in their married life.

VETERAN'S DAY SERVICE PROJECT

THANK YOU

On Saturday, November 8th, we had 20 volunteers from all 3 of our churches and we made 16 sleeping bags to be delivered locally. We received many donations for the homeless veterans at the Community Intervention Center in Scranton and the Veterans at St Francis Commons. Our hearts are full of gratitude, and we especially want to thank the Lackawanna Trail Interact Club for their help. Our next event will be for Martin Luther King Day in January. On behalf of My Brother's Keeper, Thank You!

PARISH CHRISTMAS GIFT

Next weekend November 15th & 16th, upon leaving the church, everyone will receive a Christmas Gift. A right gift at the right time always changes everything.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (November 18) The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles

8:00 am (OLA) Marie Herman

By Charles & Ann Marie Kumpas

Wednesday (November 19) Weekday

8:00 am (SP) Emiliano Guterrez

By Pat Moots

Thursday (November 20) Weekday

8:00 am (SML) Phillip Zanghi

By Rick & Mary Lou Franko

Saturday (November 22) The Vigil of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

4:00 pm (OLA) Anna Soblosky

By Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Kruczek

Sunday (November 23) Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

9:00 am (SML) William Bradican Sr.

By Bill Bradican Family

11:00 am (SP) Deceased Members of the Marrazzo & Riccardo Families

By John & Pat Marrazzo

The Sanctuary Candle at SP

Burning this week for Health & Blessings for all the workers & participants of the Clothes Closet.

By A Friend

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly \$ 1,371.00 Loose \$ 155.00

OLA Weekly \$ 1,849.00 Loose \$ 20.00

SML Weekly \$ 1,465.00 Loose \$ 78.00

May the Lord reward your generosity. .

ST. PATRICK BINGO NEWS

The last Bingo will be the Turkey Bingo this Thursday, November 20th. Any questions, call Rita 570-575-9874. Thanks for your support.

SEVEN LOAVES SOUP KITCHEN

51 WARREN ST. TUNKHANNOCK

Volunteers are needed on the 4th Tuesday of every month, beginning in December. We will need 5-7 people to assist with prepping, serving, and cleaning up for the evening meal. Approximately from 3 PM to 6 PM. We will also be collecting staples for their food pantry. Wish list includes Dry cereal, soups, canned chicken, spam, fruit cups (individually wrapped), spaghetti sauce and pasta. Sign-up sheets (on November 16) will be at each of our churches. And there will also be a table at the back of SML church to collect the staples on November 16. Please contact Bill or Shannon Bradican with any question at 570-840-8663.

OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

Blessed Alpais: she was a poor peasant girl, who was nourished by the Eucharist alone for 10 years.