SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus says in today's gospel: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments". What are these commandments: "…When you pray, say…Love your enemy…The one who asks of you, give…Don't judge…Watch……Forgive seventy seven times…Go and reconcile…" God doesn't only ask to do or to be, He does it in the community of The Holy Trinity. During these days that precede the Solemnity of The Ascension, the Church gives us the opportunity to think about some of Jesus's teachings before His Passion. He is telling His Apostles (all of us His followers), to pass to a new form of understanding, a new way of seeing things, with The Holy Spirit whom the world does not know nor "see", because we see better with our hearts than with our eyes. The gifts of The Holy Spirit open our minds and hearts to comprehend Jesus's way. With the solemnity of Pentecost coming up, maybe this is an opportunity to ask The Holy Spirit one more time to open our minds to the understanding of The Holy Scriptures, to repeat with or after the disciples on the road to Emmaus : "…Were not our hearts burning within us while He spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us ?"(Lk 24,32).

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Almighty Lord,
We give you thanks for this Mother's Day, for All Mothers. We pray for All Mothers, living and deceased. Thank you for the joy they give us or gave us. Thank you for the gift of life that they bore, like Saint Jeanne Berretta; thank you for the grace of their courage, like Saint Zita; thank you for their family life's example, like St Zelie; thank you for the grace of a life of prayer, like Saint Monica; thank you for the grace of their maternal love, like Blessed Eurosia; thank you for the grace of their maternal love, like Saint Jeanne Chantal; thank you for the grace of birth, like Saint Elizabeth, thank you for the gift of our Mother Of Heaven, who intercedes for us without end. Amen.

NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME LUNCHEON

There will be a luncheon on Sunday May 24th at St. Pat's Hall after the 11am Mass to welcome the newest members of our three churches. Let us all come together to meet each other and enjoy some tasty food. If you want to come, please sign up on the sheets in each church or call the church office at 570-563-1622.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, 40th, or 50th wedding anniversary in 2026 to a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 28, 2026. The event includes a 2:30 PM mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter followed by a light reception.
The registration deadline for this event is Sunday, June 7, 2026. To register, please go to https://www.dioceseofscranton.org or contact Bridget Maille at (570) 207-2213 x 1133 or familylife@dioceseofscranton.org.

CLOTHES CLOSET

Thank you to everyone who helped to transform the lower level of the church hall into its affordable clothing & miscellaneous store. The Clothes Closet's opening day will be Wednesday May 13 from 4 to 7pm. It will also be open on Thursday May 14 from 4 to 6pm. We still need help to run the clothes closet. If you can volunteer, please call Lyn Harvey at 570-942-6552 of Carol Williams at 570-942-6804.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
(previously known as Diocesan Annual Appeal)
2025-2026 REPORT
5-2-2026

ST. PATRICK

Goal: $13,543.00 **Cash Raised**: $10,862.00
Committed-to-date: $11,302.00
Goal Reached: 83.45% **No. of Donors:** 61
% of Parishioners: 37.65%

OUR LADY OF THE ABINGTONS

Goal: $12,599.00 **Cash Raised**: $7,672.00
Committed-to-date: $8,147.00
Goal Reached: 64.66% **No. of Donors:** 47
% of Parishioners:25.82 %

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE

Goal: $12,667.00 **Cash Raised**: $10,987.00
Committed-to-date: $11,711.00
Goal Reached: 92.45% **No. of Donors:** 57
% of Parishioners: 24.89%

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

May 16 & 17

Eucharistic Ministers
4 pm (OLA) Nikki Weisenfluh
9:00am (SML) Len Nash
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) Len Peters
9:00am (SML) Stephen Zdaniewicz
11 am (SP) Mary Ann Mulfino

Altar Servers
4 pm (OLA) – Jace Biglin
11am (SP) – Corinne Flynn

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 13 – Clothes Closet at SP from 4 to 7pm
May 14 - Clothes Closet at SP from 4 to 6pm
May 14 – Prayer Shawl Ministry at SML, 5:30pm
May 14 - Bingo at SP, Doors open at 5pm, Bingo 6pm
May 18- Wyoming County Fair mtg. SML Hall, 6pm

SPRING SACRAMENTS

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

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.

FOR SML PARISHIONERS

Heartfelt thank you and hugs to Fr Arbo, Deacon Ray and our beautiful parish community for your prayers, cards, phone calls, and food … indeed it was a tough month, with aways to go yet but your love and friendship helped us so very much! God bless you!
Love, Rick and Mary Lou Franko

FATIMA ROSARY NEWS

Ernie Pappa cancelled all the Fatima Rosary evenings from May to October this year due to his physical condition. Please pray for him.

SML WYOMING COUNTY FAIR MEETING

There will be an important meeting Monday May 18th at 6 pm at St. Mary's hall to discuss the Wyoming county fair. We need your help to make it successful. Please come and offer your thoughts. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (May 12) Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs, St. Pancras, Martyr
8:00am (OLA) Gene Hoch
By Janet Motyka

Wednesday (May 13) Our Lady of Fatima
8:00am (SP) Emogene & Basil Moots
By Pat Moots

Wednesday (May 13) The Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord
6:00pm (SML) Health & Blessings for Rick Franko
By SML Altar & Rosary Society

Thursday (May 14) The Ascension of the Lord
8:00 am (OLA) Mary Ann Ketchur
By Jim & Marlene Cours
9:30am (SP) Carol Walker
By Peggy Nesevich

Saturday (May 16) The Vigil of the Seventh Sunday of Easter
4:00 pm (OLA) Health & Blessings for Barbara Sweeney
By Patrick Williams

Sunday (May 17) The Seventh Sunday of Easter
9:00 am (SML) Jeff Richardson
By Family
11:00 am (SP) Deceased Members of the Dalton & McGonigal Families
By Mary Ann Mulfino

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly	**$ 2,894.00**	**Loose $ 151.00**
OLA Weekly	**$ 2,178.00**	**Loose $ 17.00**
SML Weekly	**$ 1,055.00**	**Loose $ 149.00**

May the Lord reward your generosity

OLA FALL FESTIVAL 2026 NEWS

This week was the first organizational meeting for the OLA Fall Festival. Thank you to all who recommitted to chair a booth again this year! If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Bruce and Nikki Weisenfluh at (570) 335-8135 or we4fluhs@aol.com. We need volunteers to man the serving lines and the stand set-up. We will need donations so start planning your baskets, dining out certificates, Basket of Cheer and Bake stand favorites. We will also be looking for donations of water, soda (cans only), mums and pumpkins. We will meet again on June 2 at 6pm. With your support we can make this another great fundraiser for our parish!

OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

Mother Anne Margaret Clement. After receiving Communion, Our Lord said to her: "Your soul is My second Nazareth. This is My pleasure-garden which I shall make fertile, for I wish to make of you My dwelling-place of delight."