

### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”. Jesus replied to him, “Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise”. This is the first Canonization in the Catholic Church, proclaimed by Jesus Himself. A Canonization in the Catholic Church is the fact of declaring a deceased person as an officially recognized saint, and worthy of public veneration. (History has given a name to this person, Saint Dismas, the repentant thief, the good thief. He is the Patron Saint of prisoners, especially condemned prisoners, and of Funeral Directors too, among others). Jesus makes this scum a saint, through His love which forgives everything, and gives everything, even divine life. We cannot miss this opportunity to reinforce the teaching about Salvation. Salvation is free, it’s a gift. The good thief is a pure example, he has done nothing good, on the contrary, he is crucified because he killed. This teaching on salvation is so simple, so good and so true to the point that it makes it not easy to accept and comprehend. We don’t deserve salvation (Rm 6,1-4; Ga 2, 15-19 and mostly Ep 2,8: “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you. It is the gift of God”). Unlike kings of this earth, Jesus is a DIFFERENT and UNIQUE King, and His kingdom is “an eternal and universal Kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace” (from the Preface of today’s Mass). We are all sinners, and to each of us, Jesus is saying: “Today you will be with me”. It is up to us, it’s up to each of us to say to Jesus, “remember me”. But do we believe enough in The One who is Love and who saves?

### 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.

### OLA ADVENT GIVING TREE

Thank you to all who took cards from the Advent Giving Trees in OLA hall. 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

Thank you to all who took angels from the tree. Please return wrapped gifts with angel attached to the church by December 14th. If you didn’t pick one yet there are still some on the tree. Any donations for the food baskets of turkey or hams will be greatly appreciated. Call Rita at 570-575-9874 with any questions.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Pastoral Council met this week to discuss progress toward the Pastoral Plan goals and the needs of our parishes. The PPC will meet with the Coordinating Teams on December 9 at 6pm in the OLA hall.

### HAPPY THANKSGIVING

We are wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving. We have so many reasons to be thankful this Thanksgiving and you, Parishioners, are one of them. May God protect and bless all of you.

### 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

### SINCERE THANK YOU

Thank you to all who donated so generously when Fr. Arbo asked for help buying the Roman Missals. Through your generosity we are able to buy more needed items to be used at Mass.

From OLA Church we received \$1,280.00

From SML Church we received \$1,710.00

From SP Church we received \$ 1,100.00

We will publish in detail what we will purchase with all your donations.

### ADVENT PREPARATIONS

The parish Christmas’ gift to ALL Parishioners is the book from Matthew Kelly, THE SEVEN PILLARS OF CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY. This is an excellent book for Advent. Please, make sure you take a copy with. (Please, please do not bring it back after reading. It’s yours to keep or to dispose as you want). We would like to make a suggestion on how to read it as a good preparation for Christmas. The suggestion is as follow: Let’s read chapter 2 and chapter 7 during the first week of Advent. Of course, you can read straight as it’s written, even in one day.

Happy Advent, Happy New Liturgical Year A

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

**November 29 & 30**

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

4 pm (OLA) Carmel Williams  
9:00am (SML) Brandon Pieretti  
11 am (SP) Cynthia Singer

### **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) Stephen Zdaniewicz  
11 am (SP) Barry Singer

### **Altar Servers**

4 pm (OLA) Kevin Jones, Margaret Jones  
11am (SP)  
Shadow –

### **OFFICE INFORMATION**

Nov. 27 & 28 – Office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

### **SP/OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

Julie Harvatin - jwharv03@gmail.com.

November 30 - no class

December 7 - Class and Christmas Program Practice

December 14- Class and Parish Christmas Party

December 20- OLA Christmas Program and Class

Mass for 7th grade

### **SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

Kerry Pieretti - redlightgreen343@gmail.com

Nov. 30 lighting the first Advent candle

No Class- Happy Thanksgiving

Coming up Dec. 14 Christmas party 12pm St. Patrick's  
Nicholson

Dec. 21 SML Christmas play 10:30am All are welcome!

### **LECTOR WORKBOOKS**

Attention all lectors who ordered a lector workbook.

Starting this weekend November 22 & 23 the  
workbooks will be in the sacristy of each church.

### **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.

### **HALLOW PRAYER CHALLENGE**

We invite you to be part of our next prayer challenge  
by joining us through our community "Church" tab in  
the Hallow app. You can connect with our community  
and join the waitlist for the challenge today through  
our home page of NEPACatholic.com and receive a  
reminder before the challenge begins on December  
1st. More details to follow. Please see Greg Solfanelli  
or reach out to him directly, via call/text 570-281-  
8083.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Tuesday (November 25) St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr**

8:00 am (OLA) Irene & Walter Woloszyn  
*By Robert & Andrea Walsh*

### **Wednesday (November 26) Weekday**

8:00 am (SP) Mary & Bill Rutnik  
*By Carol Stefanelli*

### **Thursday (November 27) Thanksgiving Day**

8:00 am (SML) Benjamin Zdaniewicz  
*By Theresa Zdaniewicz*

### **Saturday (November 29) The Vigil of The First Sunday of Advent**

4:00 pm (OLA) Nestor Baylon  
*By Mike & Barbara Williamson*

### **Sunday (November 30) The First Sunday of Advent**

9:00 am (SML) Nancy Walsh  
*By Carl, Marie & Katie Packer*  
11:00 am (SP) Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mulhern & Joseph  
Mulhern Jr.  
*By Michael & Leslie Mulhern*

### **The Sanctuary Candle at OLA**

Burning this week for Mary Ann Ketchur  
*By Bob & Andrea Walsh*

### **The Sanctuary Candle at SML**

Burning this week for Elaine Turner  
*By Mark & Mary Cooper*

### **WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)**

**SP Weekly \$ 1,445.00 Loose \$ 89.00**

**OLA Weekly \$ 1,633.00 Loose \$ 68.00**

**SML Weekly \$ 1,775.00 Loose \$ 56.00**

*May the Lord reward your generosity. .*

### **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. Sign-up sheets  
are at each of our churches. 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. And there will be  
containers at all churches to collect the staples. Please  
contact Bill or Shannon Bradican with any questions at  
570-840-8663.

### **OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST**

Saint Marie of Oignies: sometimes even for 35 days, she  
went without food, in silence, and will not say a single  
word for many days. Then she will say, "give me the Body  
of Our Lord Jesus Christ", and as soon as she receives  
Communion, she will again get into silence, for a long  
time.