

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The gospel today just like the gospel of every day, always gives us an opportunity to talk about many subjects. With today's gospel, we can talk about glory, God's glory. Or we can meditate about our own glory, because "the glory of God as St. Irenaeus puts it, is a man fully alive". We can also meditate on the Commandment of love as Jesus says in today's gospel: "love one another", which is the condition to be His disciple. Another point we can meditate upon is a name mentioned in today's gospel; it's Judas. When we say Judas, what comes into your mind? What do you make of Judas? Can you take a few minutes to talk to yourself about Judas? No matter what you might say or not say about him, have you ever taken time to think that he was chosen by Jesus? Why? Jesus doesn't make a mistake; Jesus never makes a mistake. Why did Jesus choose Judas to be one of His disciples? Besides the fact that it is with love and out of love that Jesus chose Judas, this question of Judas choice by Jesus also delves deeply into the mystery of God. In the bulletins of the past, we always meditate or talk about a subject, but today, we suggest that you take time to talk about Judas as far as your mind can lead you.

**CHRIST IS RISEN, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA
HE IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA**

A PRAYER FOR POPE LEO XIV

Lord Jesus,
You said to the Apostle Peter: "You are Peter and upon this rock, I will build my Church."
Bless the new successor of St. Peter, our new Pope, Leo XIV. With the Intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Michael the Archangel, and St. Augustine may he fight today's "devil machine". Help and protect him that his only concern be to proclaim You and to proclaim You alone. Amen,

**CHAPEL POTLUCK LUNCHEON
ST. PIO'S BIRTHDAY SUNDAY MAY 25**

The parishioners of our 3 churches are welcome to the St. Pio Adoration Chapel Potluck luncheon on Sunday May 25 at OLA church hall. The doors open at 12:30pm with lunch beginning at 1:15. Since St. Pio was born on May 25, 1887, we will be celebrating his birthday at the luncheon. If you didn't get a chance to sign up for the luncheon and still want to come, please call or text Liz Dempsey at 570-351-2302.

DISCIPLES OF MARY ANNUAL BAKE SALE

The Disciples of Mary is having their annual Memorial Day bake sale on Sunday May 25 after the 9am Mass. Anyone donating baked goods can drop them off at the church hall on Saturday May 24 from 10 am-12 pm. Any questions call Dee Pasko at 570-378 2834. Thank you.

**SPRING IS HERE! – THINK OLA FALL
FESTIVAL**

The first meeting to plan the OLA Fall Festival will be on Wednesday May 21 in the OLA church hall at 6:30pm. Come to the meeting with your best ideas for this year's festival to be held on September 13/14, 2025.

CLOTHES CLOSET NEWS

The clothes closet is open on Wednesdays from 5 to 7pm. On May 30th & 31st from 10am to 3pm. there will be a Clothes Closet yard sale. Donations of clothing, shoes, linens, misc. can be left on the lower level of the hall. Please consider being a volunteer. For bigger donations or to volunteer call Jane Decker 570-942-6078.

**CATHOLIC WOMAN'S CONFERENCE
HEART TO HEART PRAYER**

All women of the diocese are called to deepen their faith by attending the Women's Conference on Saturday June 7 at Marywood University. This year's inspirational speakers are Sr. Maria Kateri, Sisters of Life, Kara Kardell and Sarah Hart. Breakfast and lunch will be included in the ticket price of \$55. Information and registration are available at www.cwcnepa.com. There are fliers to take home at all churches.

**PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE
MOTHER'S DAY CARNATION SALE**

Thank you to all who purchased carnations on Mother's Day. Your generosity will help the Pennsylvanians for Human Life to spread the Culture of Life. Our Church donations are as follows:
OLA - \$141, SML - \$138, SP – \$185.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

May 24 & 25

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Nikki Weisenfluh

9:00am (SML) Len Nash

11 am (SP) Andrea Walsh

Musicians

4 pm (OLA) Maria Fay

9:00am (SML) Danny Williams

11 am (SP) Maria Fay

Lectors

4 pm (OLA) Mary Jo Danoski

9:00am (SML) Nick Migliori

11 am (SP) Nicole & Greg

Altar Servers

11am (SP) Corinne Flynn

Shadow – Nolan Matulevich

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

May 21 – OLA Fall Festival meeting in hall at 6:30pm

May 21 – SP Clothes Closet, open 5 to 7pm

May 22 – Prayer Shawl Ministry SML, 5:30pm

May 25 – Disciples of Mary annual bake sale

After the 9am Mass at SML

May 30 & 31– Clothes Closet yard sale SP 10am-3pm

SP/OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

MESSAGE

Congratulations to all our parish graduates! May you continue to be guided by the Holy Spirit as you move on to your next adventure!

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

PENTECOST CELEBRATION

The celebration will take place at St. Maria Goretti Parish 42 Redwood Dr., Laflin, Pa on Saturday May 31st from 9am to 3pm. Pentecost will be celebrated with praise & worship, a Holy Hour of adoration and messages from speaker Rev. Timothy Kennedy of Holy Ghost Parish in Jessup. There will be coffee & donuts in the morning and lunch. The cost is \$15 per person. You must register in advance for lunch.

For registration and selection go to:

<https://ccrscranton.org/httpsccrscrantonorgpentecost-celebration> or call 570-344-2214 and leave a message.

FATIMA ROSARY

Thank you to all who attended the rosary with Ernie Pappa on May 12th at OLA church. It was truly a beautiful experience. Please consider joining us for the rosary on Monday June 9th at SML church.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (May 20) St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

8:00 am (OLA) Catherine Motyka

By Janet Motyka

Wednesday (May 21) St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Companions, Martyrs

8:00 am (SP) Bill & Pat Webster

By Liz Dempsey

Thursday (May 22) St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

8:00 am (SML) Dorothy Billings Bush

By James Billings

Saturday (May 24) The Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:00 pm (OLA) Tom Cupillari

By Family

Sunday (May 25) The Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am (SML) Parker Wall

By Pat Wall

11:00 am (SP) Michael Mulfino

By Mary Ann Mulfino

Sanctuary Candle at OLA

Burning this week for Health & Blessings for Dr. Eugene & Colleen Harasym

By Camille DeAngelo

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly\$ 1,551.00 Loose \$ 101.00

OLA Weekly\$ 1,362.00 Loose \$ 120.00

SML Weekly\$ 1,465.00 Loose \$ 61.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

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.

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia For Christ, your Son and Son of God, has risen as He said, alleluia Pray to God for us, alleluia. V/. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia. R/. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia. Let us pray. God of life, you have given joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of His mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. R/. Amen.

OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

Saint Anthony of Padua (our beloved St. Anthony).

The Miracle of the Mule

In brief: St. Anthony made a hungry Mule adore the Blessed Sacrament instead of eating his oats after being starved for 3 days. This miracle converted many people to the Church.