

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's gospel has in it three parables. The overall message is about good and evil. Why are people inclined to separate the good from the evil? Why is it that we have in our being the desire to separate the good, the bad, left, right, Republican, Democrat, believers, non-believers.... and the list goes on. Do not be afraid, one thing is certain, God is with us in this life. The first parable is about the employees (that is each one of us) and the landowner (God). This parable is really and truly about the Church. God created the Church, which is good (because it is His work), but lot of bad people infiltrated her and are corrupting her, from within. And here comes an ultimate question: How and why is it that there is in the Church a mixture of good and evil? The Church is holy by and at birth and is sinful by the people in it. She is holy because of her union in and with Christ. Let's not take any joy at all in an insane pleasure of focusing more on the sinful face of the Church. Let's rather turn towards Christ's actions of purifying and sanctifying her. The subject in the second parable is the seed, and it's also about God, who makes the seed grow. The third parable is about a woman's work (this woman represents each of us). God once again is The One who gives a meaning to our labor.

**44TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC
RENEWAL CONFERENCE**

The Scranton Catholic Charismatic Conference will be held on July 31 and August 1 & 2, at the University of Scranton. National and International speakers will be sharing the Word of God. Contemporary music ministry from Baltimore will join us. Mass is celebrated daily; Adoration and a service of prayer will be held on Saturday night. More information and full weekend registrations are available at ccrscranton.org and day registrations are available all weekend at the John Long Center on campus. Meals are also available for purchase on campus. Bishop Bambera will be celebrating Mass on Sunday at 1:30 pm. Call the CCR office (570-344-2214) for additional information. All are welcome!

SML WYOMING COUNTY FAIR NEWS

It's Wyoming County Fair time again. This year we need your help in donating a gift card or a basket wrapped in cellophane for our booth. Gift cards are preferred due to limited transportation back and forth to fair. Baskets are also welcome. We are now accepting donations. All donations need to be in by Aug 1. Any questions call Pat Wall 570-575-6266 or Dee Pasko 570-378- 2834.

OLA FALL FESTIVAL NEWS

The OLA Fall Festival will be held on Saturday Sept 19 and Sunday Sept 20. Volunteers are needed for the serving lines, kitchen, table maintenance/garbage and parking. Sign-up sheets are in the parish hall. Sign-ups for donations of soda and water can also be found in the hall. Basket of Cheer, soda and water can be left in the parish hall. The Bountiful Baskets and Dining Out Booths are also seeking donations. Please share your gifts, time and talents to make this a successful fundraising event. Contact Bruce and Nikki Weisenfluh at (570) 335-8135. The next planning meeting will be held August 11@6pm.

**GLASSES IN THE GARDEN
A BEAUTIFUL EVENING FOR A GREATER
PURPOSE**

Join Providence Pregnancy Center and Casa de Maria Maternity Home on Thursday August 6 from 6 to 9pm for an unforgettable evening at beautiful Stone Meadow Gardens in Clarks Summit. Enjoy Chef-inspired appetizers and hors d'oeuvres by State Street Grill, wine and bourbon tastings, live jazz, and an exciting silent auction, all while supporting local mothers and babies in need. For tickets and event details visit their website at www.ppcscranton.org.

**ST. JOSEPH'S CENTER SUMMER
FESTIVAL**

St. Joseph's summer Festival will be Marywood University on July 24, 25 & 26. St Joseph's Center Auxiliary is looking for some help for the festival. Here is their wish list for the Afghan Booth: New handmade items including: Afghans, quilts, baby items, cards, dolls & doll's clothes etc. New & unopened donations can be dropped off Monday – Friday 8am-4pm at the DeNaples Community Services Building in Dunmore- 320 S. Blakely St by July 16th. For more information call: 570-207-6656.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Elana Clancy & Matthew Cahill celebrated the sacrament of Matrimony at St. Mary of the Lake on Saturday July 11. Congratulations Mr. & Mrs. Cahill. We wish them the best in their married life.

ST. ANN'S NOVENA

We are praying the St. Ann Novena after the final blessing at all Masses from Saturday July 18 until St. Anne & Joachim's Feast Day on Sunday July 26.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

July 25 & 26

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Danny Williams Jr.

9:00am (SML) Sean 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) Nicole & Greg

9:00am (SML) Stephen Zdaniewicz

11 am (SP) Barry Singer

Altar Servers

4 pm (OLA) – Jace Biglin

11am (SP) – Corinne Flynn

Shadow – Conor McHugh

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 22 – Clothes Closet at SP, 4 to 7pm

July 23 - Clothes Closet at SP, 4 to 6pm

July 23- Bingo at SP doors open 5pm, bingo 6pm

July 23– Prayer Shawl Ministry at SML, 5:30pm

BINGO NEWS

Thursday night St. Patrick's bingo, doors will open at 5pm. Bingo starts at 6pm. Come join us for good food and fun!

CLOTHES CLOSET NEWS

Right now, we are so full that we have no room for any more donations. There are clothes as well as miscellaneous household items and decorations. Please come and tell your family & friends to come check out the great selections we have.

CLASSES FOR OCIA CANDIDATES

New OCIA classes will be starting at the beginning of September 2026. Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, anyone interested in returning to the Catholic faith or anyone who knows of someone who may be interested in becoming a Catholic, please contact Lucy Ziman at the parish office 570-563 1622 or Greg Solfanelli at 570-281-8083 for further information. WELCOME!

BISHOPS EXPRESS SORROW, WARN FAITHFUL & CALL FOR PRAYER AFTER SSPX EXCOMMUNICATION

Catholics all over the world are asked NOT to attend whatever event (Mass included) with the group that says Mass in Latin. They were excommunicated. It's not the Pope's decision; it's a decision attached to a mistake against the Church (it's called *Latae Sententia*). In this case, they ordained bishops without the Pope's permission.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (July 21) St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:00am (OLA) Ned Clarke

By A Friend

Wednesday (July 22) St. Mary Magdalene

8:00am (SP) Chuck Steigerwald & The consolation of his family

By Geneva Kuzara

Thursday (July 23) St. Bridget, Religious

8:00 am (SML) Bill Waters

By Bill Waters Estate

Saturday (July 25) The Vigil of The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (OLA) Richard Rutkowski

By Duane & Cathy Valence

Sunday (July 26) The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) 90th Birthday Blessings for Theresa Zdaniewicz

By Altar & Rosary Society

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

By John & Pat Marrazzo

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly \$ 1,723.00 Loose \$ 171.00

OLA Weekly \$ 2,000.00 Loose \$ 13.86

SML Weekly \$ 1,890.00 Loose \$ 105.00

May the Lord reward your generosity

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Let's take a moment to talk about The Feast Of The Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary. In our Nation, the Conference of bishops decide year after year when or if the Feast will be of Obligation. This year 2026, The Feast of Assumption is not a holy day of Obligation. Because it's on Saturday, it will be very hard to have a Mass in each Parish, knowing that Dalton has Confession at 3 pm on Saturday followed by Mass. Please, don't forget that Our Lady Of The Assumption is the Saint Patron of Dalton; Parishioners in Dalton always organize a picnic on that day at the pavilion after the Mass.

OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

Sister Gertrude Mary: On one particular occasion, as she was sighing with love for The Holy Eucharist, Jesus said to her: "I desire for you with a still greater desire at the moment of Communion. There are special Graces attached to the Sacrament of my love. It is the moment for a new and most abundant outpouring of Grace into your soul."