THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus says in today's gospel; "Many are invited, but few are chosen". Thus concludes the gospel of the invited guests at the wedding. A well-known verse, a verse known so much so that some people like to use it to frighten other people, consciously or unconsciously, willingly or unwillingly. Yes, it's true that in many passages in the gospels, Jesus talks about the importance and urgency to make sacrifices in order to enter into God's Kingdom. But in this specific gospel or specific context, the meaning of "many are invited and few are chosen", is completely and totally different. In this context, it's an observation, Jesus is saying that in heaven, there are only few people, but the invitation was opened to all. It's a matter of people responding, or people's responses. This is the meaning of the parable: In the beginning, there was a chosen people, Israel. But they didn't accept the invitation, or they missed it by not welcoming and accepting Jesus. Then Jesus, through the Apostles and missionaries, sent the invitation to the Gentiles, to the pagans, to us. And the scenario here is the same, that means some of the people throughout the centuries, rejected the gospel and few accepted by aligning their being according to Jesus's message. The end results are the same as the chosen people of the beginning, interestingly enough, Paul predicted that the Jewish People would accept Jesus before the end of time. In Romans 11,25-26, and verse 23, something happened, a stubbornness entered the Jewish People, and caused them to reject Jesus, but things will end up coming to normal. However, although the Kingdom was opened to us, the requirement is the same as the one put on Israel, the wedding garment. Salvation is free, but we have to accept it, we have to have the wedding garment, that means the righteousness of Christ and a life transformed by faith. It means salvation is free, but it's not free.

SP FALL FESTIVAL THANK YOU

Karen and Joanne wish to thank the many, many people that contributed in small, medium and large ways to make the Fall Festival a success! God has truly blessed us with loving and generous people. New this year, we enjoyed music by John Bower. We appreciate his sharing his musical talent with us! The Hall was beautiful and peaceful. The meal, delicious! Tent set up and tables covered by strong and loving hands. Yummy soup! Yummy Pancakes! HOT hotdogs & chips to eat! Candy Prizes for the youngsters! Don't forget DESSERTS and baked goods! SO MANY BASKETS - BEAUTIFUL! Shh! the Silent Auction DEALS! The Garry's 50/50 to honor the man who ran this for so long. The clean-up crews- WOW! To all who participated in the Raffle: Thank you! We are thankful for the outpouring of gifts. May God continue to watch over us and guide us to use our gifts wisely for His glory!

OLA FALL FESTIVAL WRAP-UP GATHERING

Final numbers for the OLA Fall Festival will be available soon. All volunteers are invited to a Wrap-Up gathering on Sunday October 25 @ 1pm in the OLA Hall. Contact Nikki at 570 335-8135 to RSVP.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

Parish Pastoral Council and Coordinating Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 10 @6pm in the OLA Hall.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Our three Parishes continue to celebrate the SML tradition of Pro-Life Sunday (October 4) by having a container in each church for the whole month of October, to collect baby items for St Joseph Center Baby & Children's Pantry.

PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE 52ND ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday Oct.17 at Fiorelli's, 1501 Main St. Peckville. Doors open at 8am with Breakfast at 9am. The morning will include breakfast, prayer, fellowship, our popular raffle baskets, a silent auction, and an inspiring keynote message. Tickets are $25 per person. Children and students from K–College attend for free. Reserve your seat here: https://givebutter.com/52nd-annual-prayer-breakfast-qq9mfg For questions, please contact 570-343-5099

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 2026

On Sunday, October 18, we join Catholics around the world in celebration of the World Mission Sunday. Through the Pope's Pontifical Mission Societies, our prayers and gifts help bring the gospel, food, education and healthcare to communities in need in more than 1,100 dioceses across the globe. Please pray for our missionaries & give generously in this special second collection. Together, we are the Church's helping hands around the world.

SCRANTON PREP'S OPEN HOUSE

Open house will be held on Sunday October 18th from 12 to 4pm. Registration is required at www.scrantonprep.org/openhouse. 7th & 8th grade students and their families are encouraged to attend to learn more. Please call 570-941-7737 or email admissions@scrantonprep.org with any questions.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

October 17 & 18

Eucharistic Ministers
4 pm (OLA) Michele Zajac
9:00am (SML) Andrea Walsh
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) Liz Dempsey
9:00am (SML) Seb Naro
11 am (SP) y Nicole & Greg

Altar Servers
4 pm (OLA) – Jace Biglin
11am (SP) – Emma Evans, Conor McHugh

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 12 – Church office at OLA closed for Holiday
Oct 15 - Bingo SP doors open at 5pm, bingo 6pm
Oct 15– Prayer Shawl Ministry, SML, 5:30pm
Oct 16 – Deadline to sign up for Youth Rally
Oct 25 – OLA festival wrap-up gathering in hall, 1pm

SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

FFF for SML Sundays following Mass until 11:15am
Upcoming schedule: Oct. 18 Class
Oct. 25 Class
Please contact Kerry Pieretti for more information
Redlightgreen343@gmail.com

SP & OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith Formation at SP began on Sunday, 9/13 for grades K-8. If you haven't already registered, but are still interested, please contact Jill D'Antoni for more information at dantonijill@gmail.com.

DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY 2026

On Saturday, November 7th, the Diocese of Scranton will be hosting our fourth annual Diocesan Youth Rally, located at Notre Dame Junior/Senior High School in East Stroudsburg, PA. This event is for students in grades 7 through 12. The Rally will be from 11:30am-8:00pm, with check-in at 11:00am. The theme for this year's Youth Rally is quote; "Do whatever He tells you". To sign up, please reach out to your parish Youth Minister or Director of Religious Education. The deadline to sign up is October 16th.

REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any of those mentioned above has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, the matter is to be reported to law enforcement at 1-800-932-0313 or www.compass.state.pa.us./cwis

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (October 13) Weekday
8:00am (OLA) Bill & Zora Velicky
By Liz Dempsey

Wednesday (October 14) St. Callistus1, Pope & Martyr
8:00am (SP) Health & Blessings for Maria Perez
By Pat Moots

Thursday (October 15) St. Theresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
8:00 am (SML) Bill Waters
By Bill Waters Estate

Saturday (October 17) The Vigil of The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 pm (OLA) Chester, Ann, & Wesley Brzostek
By Family

Sunday (October 11) The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am (SML) Thomas & Ann Janoski
By Lisa Janoski
11:00 am (SP) Isabel Flores Cruz
By Maria Perez

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly $ 2,249.00 Loose $ 169.00
OLA Weekly $ 2,190.00 Loose $ 41.00
SML Weekly $ 1691.00 Loose $ 137.00
May the Lord reward your generosity.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. The Rosary is appealing and simple. The purpose of the Rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Every time we pray the Our Father we are reminded that Jesus' Father is the initiator of salvation. Praying the Hail Mary reminds us that we are joining with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. In addition, they help to make us aware that Mary was and is still intimately joined with her Son, Jesus, in all the mysteries of earthly and heavenly existence. The constant repetition of prayer creates an atmosphere of contemplation.

SAINTS WITH UNUSUAL LIVES

SAINT OLGA OF KIEV- This princess of Kiev, Saint Patron of widows and converts, before her conversion was a bloody person. It all started with the murder of her husband and those who did it paid a terrible price. Some of her husband's murderers were even buried alive. However, after that she converted and started to build churches, and fed the poor. Initially, her conversion was to preserve her power, but later, she had a conversion from heart. She even refused twice the proposition of her godfather to marry her, stating that she couldn't do it mostly because of her faith. If Olga of Kiev can be a Saint, so can we.