

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's gospel says: "During the fourth watch of the night, He came toward them, walking on the sea.....Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water towards Jesus....". The gospel of last Sunday was about the multiplication of the loaves in the desert. Today's gospel takes place in a different decor, a different scenery. The boat in which the disciples are with Peter, as their leader, the head, is a symbol of the church, in this troubled world with its waves, waves against the Church. So, all the hatred and criticism against the Church are not of today's making. They are of all times, from the beginning of her creation. The fear that Peter had walking on the water is equal to the fear that the disciples had when the Lord appeared to them after the resurrection. The doubt of Peter in today's gospel (doubt that Jesus can have him walk on the water) is similar or comparable to the doubt that Thomas had that Jesus rose from the dead. The reality is that the disciples forgot that Jesus was near them when they were in the boat; we too, more often than not, we forget that Jesus is always there, near us, when the waves of this life are going against us, when things don't go our way, or when we think that the ground is crumbling beneath our feet. Even today, every day, Jesus says to us as He said to Peter on the water: "Why did you doubt ?.... Or why are you planning your life without me ?....or why are you organizing the Church or the world without me?"

WYOMING COUNTY FAIR SET UP NEWS

We need a few volunteers to clean the building before the Fair gets started. The plan is to go up to the building on Saturday, August 29 at 1:00 pm. We can meet at St. Mary of the Lake parking lot and go up together and go in fewer cars if you need a ride or do not know the way. We can meet at 12:30 pm then go to the Fair Grounds from there.

I do not think it will take more than two (2) hours to clean if we have about ten (10) people. We have buckets, cloths, and cleaning solutions, we just need people! You could bring a broom. Please call Lisa Janoski (570) 587-1924 to get on the list or if you have questions! Thank you!

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. Basket of Cheer, soda & water can be left in the parish hall. Bountiful Baskets & 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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The PPC and Coordinating Committees met to discuss parish needs and to outline plans for the next year in the areas of Word/Worship and Community/Service. We will be continuing our Hallow prayer challenges and are planning some additional Bible Study opportunities for all ages. We also are looking for additional opportunities for welcoming all to our parishes. We invite you to not just rush out the door after mass. Please take an opportunity to greet those around you, especially if they are a new face. Be on the lookout for a monthly Donut Sunday or Cheese and Cracker Saturday as an opportunity for fellowship. The next PPC meeting will be October 27 @ 6pm in the OLA Hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #6611

The Knights of Columbus invite you to attend a potluck on 10 August, beginning at 6:00 PM, in the Gathering Room at Our Lady of the Snows, Clarks Summit. Our invited guest and speaker will be Mr. Matthew Kelly, a Diocese of Scranton seminarian. In coordination with the Diocesan Vocations Office, the Council is providing financial assistance in support of his ongoing studies. The Council will also recognize Mrs. Pat Moots and the contribution provided by the estate of Basil Moots in support of the Knights of Columbus programs to encourage and support vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

ENTHRONEMENT OF THE SACRED HEART

On Tuesday, August 25th an Enthronement Mass will be held at Divine Mercy Parish in the Minooka section of Scranton at 7 p.m. Reverend Daniel Toomey, Spiritual Moderator of the Enthronement Guild, will be the principal celebrant for the Mass and Reverend Paul McDonnell, OSJ, Pastor of Divine Mercy, will concelebrate. If you are interested in an Enthronement for yourself or your family please contact Maria Pappa, Guild Coordinator, at 570-241-8172 to register for an Enthronement Packet at Mass. You may also renew your Enthronement if you have previously received one. All are welcome to participate at this Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart.

A SPECIAL REQUEST FROM POPE LEO

Pope Leo the XIV has made a special request to all Catholics to pray the Liturgy of the hours. The Liturgy of the hours is the official prayer of the Church. Also, in a course of 3 years, Catholics who pray the Liturgy of the hours and go to the daily Masses and weekend Masses will have the opportunity to read the entire Bible. Rare are the Christian denominations who read the whole Bible even in their lifetime.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

August 15 & 16

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Barbara Williamson

9:00am (SML) Carmel Williams

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) Don Ames

11 am (SP) Mary Jo Danoski

Altar Servers

4 pm (OLA) – Kevin Jones, Margaret Jones

11am (SP) – Emma Evans

Shadow – Conor McHugh

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 11 – OLA Fall Festival meeting, 6pm

Aug 12 – Clothes Closet at SP, 4 to 7pm

Aug 13 - Clothes Closet at SP, 4 to 6pm

Aug 13 - Bingo at SP doors open 5pm, bingo 6pm

Aug 13 – Prayer Shawl Ministry, SML, 5:30pm

Aug 15 – OLA Assumption picnic after 4pm Mass

CLOTHES CLOSET NEWS

This week August 12th & 13th will be \$2 a bag sale days.

Come grab some great deals.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL **(previously known as Diocesan Annual Appeal)** **2025-2026 FINAL REPORT** **7-18-2026**

ST. PATRICK

Goal: \$13,543.00 Cash Raised: \$11,167.00

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: \$11,290.00

Committed-to-date: \$11,711.00

Goal Reached: 92.45% No. of Donors: 57

% of Parishioners: 24.89%

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (August 11) St. Clare, Virgin

8:00am (OLA) Gene Hoch

By Janet Motyka

Wednesday (August 12) St. Frances de Chantal,

Religious

8:00am (SP) Walter Sliwinski & Basil Moots

By Pat Moots

Thursday (August 13) Sts. Pontian, Pope &

Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

8:00 am (SML) Mary Ann Kulick

By James Billings

Saturday (August 15) The Vigil of The Twentieth

Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (OLA) Mary Ellen Carpenetti

By Charlie Carpenetti

Sunday (August 16) The Twentieth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) Anna Van Auken

By Parents

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

By John & Pat Marrazzo

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly \$ 2619.00 Loose \$ 261.15

OLA Weekly \$ 2,581.00 Loose \$ 92.00

SML Weekly \$ 1660.00 Loose \$ 149.00

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 is on Saturday, it will be very hard to have a Mass in each Parish, knowing that Dalton has Confession at 3pm on Saturday followed by Mass. Please, don't forget that Our Lady Of The Assumption is the Saint Patron of Dalton. After the 4pm Mass there will be a potluck picnic. There are signup sheets at all our churches.

OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

Last weekend was the last time we wrote about Saints and the Eucharist. We were inspired by the National Eucharistic Revival that the Conference of bishops in our nation requested from 2022 to 2024. Because of that, week after week, we mentioned some Saints and their love/experience with The Eucharist. From next weekend going forward, we will write about some saints and their lives, inviting us to look for nothing else than holiness.

SAINTS WITH UNUSUAL LIVES

If he or she can become a Saint, so can I.