

INTRODUCTION: Judas – Matthias

The Webster dictionary defines a mystery as “something not understood or beyond understanding: enigma “. For the Church, a mystery is something that we can understand gradually, but the total understanding is after death. A mystery can be a person, a thing, an affair, a situation, etc. Judas, the Apostle was a mystery. Even more so, his choice by Jesus was even a greater mystery. The All-knowing God chose someone who will betray Him.

In today’s First Reading, the Seventh Sunday of Easter, we have the election of Matthias, to succeed Judas. The Apostles, waiting for the Coming of the Holy Spirit, and knowing that the Master chose 12, wanted to respect this number, so they prayed and elected Matthias to take the place of Judas. This is the beginning of the apostolic succession in the Church, that means the choosing or election of Bishops. The lot they made fell on Matthias (Feast Day: May 14). The book of Leviticus chapter 16,8 tells the story how the choice is made. According to some Fathers of the Church, like Saint Clement of Alexandria, Matthias is identified as Zaccheus of the gospel.

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

“THANK YOU, MOM”

From the initial wonder to the morning
sickness,

From the sleepless nights to the giggles of
delight,

From the first steps to the temper tantrums,
Thank you, Mom.

From school day pride to detention day
disappointment,

From the big game to the big show to the big
“Uh-oh,”

With secret shared moments and homecooked
meals,

Thank you, Mom.

Through tears and laughter,

Through sorrow and joy,

For all the ups and downs,

And for the journey yet to come,

Thank you, Mom!

MARIAN MINISTRY ROSARY

Parishioners from all 3 of our churches are invited to join Ernie Pappa as he leads us in praying the Fatima Rosary at 6pm this Monday May 13 at OLA Church.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING NEWS

The Parish Pastoral Council has spent almost 2 years prayerfully drafting a Pastoral Plan for our 3 parishes. At this month's meeting, we drafted goals for WORD, WORSHIP, COMMUNITY and SERVICE. We identified core values for our parishes and are finally ready to draft our final product. We will finalize our pastoral plan at our next meeting on June 17th @6:30 in the OLA hall.

DISCIPLES OF MARY ANNUAL BAKE SALE

The Disciples of Mary is having their annual Memorial Day bake sale on Sunday May26 after the 9am Mass. Anyone donating baked goods can drop them off at the church hall on Saturday May 25 from 12-2 pm. Any questions call Dee Pasko at 570-378-2834. Thank you.

SML PARISH MEETING FOR ALL SML PARISHIONERS

Please mark your calendar for a very important meeting at St Mary of the Lake Hall on May 23rd at 6:30. This will be the time to decide our future at the Wyoming County Fair, future fundraisers, any thoughts, or ideas you may have for the future activities of our parish. Your input is important. God bless.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

May 18 & 19

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Nikki Weisenfluh
9:00am (SML) Carmel Williams
11 am (SP) Mary Ann Mulfino

Musicians

4 pm (OLA) Maria Fay
9:00am (SML) Danny Williams
11 am (SP) Maria Fay

Lectors

4 pm (OLA) Lisa Janoski
9 am (SML) Nick Migliori
11 am (SP) Nicole & Greg

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

May 13 – Fatima Rosary at OLA church, 6pm
May 14 – Legion of Mary at OLA, 9am
May 15 - Choir Practice at SML, 6:30 pm
May 16 – Prayer Shawl Ministry SML, 5:30pm
May 18 – Confirmation practice at SML, 6pm
May 19 – Confirmation at SML, 3pm

CCD THANK YOU

We would like to give a huge shoutout of THANKS to our fabulous CCD teachers on completing another great year with our enthusiastic students! They work hard each week to bring lessons to life for our students! If you see Loriann Matulevich, Christina Button, Sherry Evans, Theresa Sobolak, Nicole Solfanelli, Jill D'Antoni, Maria Perez, Laura Goble, Suzanne Gilpin, Tamara Migliori, Patti Zaleski Madelyn Newhart, please let them know how much we appreciate them! We especially THANK our Directors of Religious Education, Julie Harvatine and Kerry Pieretti for their amazing ability to organize and run this beautiful ministry.

UPCOMING CONFIRMATION CLASS EVENTS

5/18/2024 – Confirmation practice at SML, 6pm
5/19/2024 - Confirmation at SML 3 PM

PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE SCRANTON CHAPTER FUNDRAISER

Pennsylvanians for Human Life are conducting a fundraiser in which all our parishes are participating. The donations will be used to promote respect for life, to educate the public, and to help women choose life during crisis pregnancies or heal after abortion. If you haven't picked up a baby bottle yet, we ask you to take one home this weekend to fill with pocket change, cash, or a check payable to PA. for Human Life and return it on or before the weekend of May 25 & 26.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (May 14) St. Matthias, Apostle

8:00 am (OLA) Frank Pozer

By Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Kruczek

Wednesday (May 15) St. Isadore

8:00 am (SP) Bill Webster

By Sue, Gary, Linda, & Family

Thursday (May 16) Easter Weekday

8:00 am (SML) Health & Blessings for Lucy Ziman

By Clarence & Genevieve Evans

Saturday (May 18) Vigil of Pentecost Sunday

4:00 pm (OLA) Angelo & Grace Sandy

By Tony & Rita Sandy

Sunday (May 19) Pentecost Sunday

9:00 am (SML) Jeff Richardson

By Sandy Richardson

11:00 am (SP) Health & Blessings for Joseph Kupetsky

By Joan Kupetsky

SP Weekly \$ 2,372.00 Loose \$ 73.00

OLA Weekly \$ 1,850.00 Loose \$ 96.00

SML Weekly \$ 1,635.00 Loose \$ 64.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

SP CLOTHES CLOSET OPENING DAY WEDNESDAY MAY 15 FROM 5 TO 7PM

We will be working on the 15th at 2pm for the final set up. The Clothes Closet will be open every Wednesday from 5 to 7pm until CCD begins in the Fall. There will be 5 rooms of clothing and 3 rooms of miscellaneous household items as well as linens. Come shop, come help, come check it out! Any questions call Jane Decker 570.942.6078.

ST PATRICK YARD SALES

St Patrick's will be having a yard sale including the clothes closet from 10am to 3pm the weekends of May 24, 25 and May 31, June 1. We are also in need of helpers at the yard sale. If you would like to have a space for yourself, it is only \$10.

DURING THE EASTER SEASON

(Instead of the Angelus, the church says the following prayer, Regina Caeli. A partial indulgence is granted the faithful Christian who devoutly recites this prayer during this Easter Season).

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.