

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's gospel, Jesus says to His disciples "There is no need for them to go away, give them some food yourselves". It means right away that every single person in the world should be concerned with the world hunger problem. It also means that mankind can solve this problem. But before we talk about the multiplication of the loaves that fed thousands of people, let us quickly mention the role and the participation of His disciples, that means the church, this dynamic combination between God and men, God and His church. With the multiplication of loaves in today's gospel, we can witness the extraordinary power of sharing: Five loaves....two fish....apparently that's nothing, but we see the abundance: Twelve wicker baskets full of leftovers. This is the announcement of the Tabernacle. We could also see in this gospel the announcement of the future Church: first, a crowd, then Jesus multiplies the food and gives them to the disciples who in turn give them to the crowd, which by this time is organized on the grass into groups (dioceses, parishes,...). Even Jesus' prayer before the multiplication of the loaves is already an announcement of the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass. The Five loaves and Two fish are the announcement of the collection at Mass, which allows the Parish to buy the non-consecrated host, and wine that will become the Body and Blood of Christ. The leftovers of this food were collected, twelve wicker baskets, which itself is the announcement of the tabernacle in the future.

SML WYOMING COUNTY FAIR NEWS

If you haven't dropped off your baskets for the Wyoming county fair yet, we will be over at the church from 11 to 1 on Saturday August 8. If you have any questions, you can call Pat Wall at 570-575-6266. Or Dee Pasko at 570-378-2834.

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. 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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Pastoral Council and Coordinating Committees will meet on August 4th at 6pm in the OLA Parish Hall.

BE A CATHOLIC MAN CONFERENCE

The 11th Annual be A Catholic Man Conference is on October 10th at Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes Barre. The theme is: "Just Be Catholic" Stand fast with the Church founded by Jesus Christ, Who "is the same yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). Through the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, God calls men, not to be lukewarm, but to become strong in order to contend with a hostile world. Christus Vincit! The Conference starts with rosary at 7:30 AM, the main speakers begin at 8:00AM. We have 3 great speakers lined up for you, with lunch, exhibitors, opportunity for confessions and concluding with Holy Mass said by Bishop Bambera. For information and registration, contact: Mike Kilmer 570-721-0872 • mkilmer@thekilmergroup.com \$40 (Early Bird \$30 until 9/15/26), Student \$15, Morning coffee & box lunch included

**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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

August 8 & 9

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Carmel Williams

9:00am (SML) Sean Pieretti

11 am (SP) Michele Zajac

Musicians

4 pm (OLA) Maria Fay

9:00am (SML) Danny Williams

11 am (SP) Maria Fay

Lectors

4 pm (OLA) Becky Mozeleski

9:00am (SML) Nick Migliori

11 am (SP) Mary Ann Mulfino

Altar Servers

4 pm (OLA) – Jace Biglin

11am (SP) – Kali Harvatine

Shadow – Conor McHugh

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 4 – Parish Pastoral Council mtg at OLA, 6pm

Aug 5 – Clothes Closet at SP, 4 to 7pm

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

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

Aug 6 – Prayer Shawl Ministry, SML, 5:30pm

ST. PATRICK ALTAR SERVER FAREWELL

Congratulations to Corinne Flynn, our altar server who will be heading off to college soon! We will miss your presence on the altar but welcome you home to serve any time you would like!

CLOTHES CLOSET NEWS

This week August 5 & 6 will be \$2 a bag sale days. Come grab some great deals.

HEARTFELT THANK YOU

To all the life-giving volunteers and ministry members of our parishes: our Clothes Closet volunteers, the Bingo Crew, the Altar and Rosary Society, the Prayer Shawl Group, the Social Concerns Ministry, the Legion of Mary, the Knights of Columbus, our Soup Kitchen volunteers in Tunkhannock, the Money Counters, Choir Members and Musicians, our Faith Formation and OCIA instructors, our Sacristan and those who help her, Greeters, Altar Servers, Ushers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, the organizers and workers of our fundraisers (the Wyoming County Fair, OLA Festival, and St. Patrick Fall Festival), the members of our three Finance Councils, the leaders and members of our Parish Pastoral Council, Coordinating Committee members, our Cleaning Crew, and the volunteers who lovingly care for our sacred spaces, especially the grotto and grounds—you are the greatest gifts our parishes could ever ask for. Thank you for the countless ways you give of yourselves to strengthen our parish communities. May Jesus look kindly upon you and give you peace. With heartfelt gratitude, thank you for all that you are and all that you do for our parishes.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (August 4) St. John Vianny, Priest

8:00am (OLA) The Deceased Members of the
Kondravy & Dempsey Families

By Liz Dempsey

Wednesday (August 5) The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

8:00am (SP) The Holy Souls in Purgatory

By Lucy Ziman

Thursday (August 6) Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 am (SML) Frank Flaherty

By Social Concerns

Saturday (August 8) The Vigil of The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (OLA) Albert Kruczek

By Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Kruczek

Sunday (August 9) The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) Mary E. Dillon

By Roanne Kelleher

11:00 am (SP) Agnes McCloud

By Geneva Kuzara

The Sanctuary Candle at SP

Burning this week for peace in the world & an end to
the war in Ukraine *By Joan Kupetsky*

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly \$ 1,408.00 Loose \$ 104.00

OLA Weekly \$ 1,775.00 Loose \$ 102.00

SML Weekly \$ 800.00 Loose \$ 217.00

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

From Saint Padre Pio: "Oh gentle Mother, make me love Him. Fill my heart with the love that burned in Thine...purify my heart that I may know how to love my God and Thy God! Purify my spirit that I may adore Him in spirit and in truth (John 4,24). Purify my body that it may become for Him a living Tabernacle."