

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saint Mark in today's gospel answers a crucial question. When people look at the reality of their daily life (suffering, stress, anxiety,...) and the way things are in the world (evil in the world; the strong get stronger; the rich get richer while the poor get poorer; leaders at all levels work only for their benefit and the benefit of their families, etc...), a question comes immediately to mind: why keep the faith ? Or why believe in the Gospel? Or "where is God in the world?" We often hear this last question from those who don't believe in God. St Mark answers with the parables of the seed, which for him means Trust in God and Patience, while accepting the daily reality. God acts and continues to do so in a world that doesn't listen. We cannot doubt that the gospel itself was a seed that has grown up and reached us today. Only Trust in God and Patience can help us to see,

PRAYER FOR FATHERS

Almighty Father, thank you for being Our Father and for giving us fathers in your image. We pray, bless all fathers, living and deceased; watch over them always with your heavenly care; protect them; comfort them and shower them with your heavenly blessing forever and ever. Amen

MARIAN MINISTRY ROSARY

Thank you to all who attended the rosary with Ernie Pappa on June 10th at SML church. It continues to be truly a beautiful experience. Please consider joining us for the next rosary on Monday July 8 at OLA at 6pm.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

We want to take a moment to congratulate all our parish graduates! Recently, we had a mass hosted at SP open to our three parishes to honor and bless our graduates we are sending forth, God Fearing, and asking the Holy Spirit to help guide them as they navigate the changes in their young lives. Please pray for Rachel Fay, Carissa Flynn, Holly Harvatine, and Stephen Jervis along with any other graduates that they go forth making us all proud finding their way and doing good in God's name. We welcome you anytime you are home for the weekend needing the guiding hand and familiarity of your faith and your community.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday June 17 at 6:30 in the OLA Hall. The PPC will finalize the Pastoral Plan and identify action steps to achieve the goals that have been set. We thank you for your prayers as we near the end of the Pastoral Plan process.

INFO FROM THE VOCATON OFFICE

A- Priestly Ordination: transitional deacon Bill Asinari will be ordained Priest on Saturday June 29 at 10am in St John the Evangelist Church in Honesdale. Please, pray for him.

B- 2 new seminarians have been accepted in the diocese this year, respectively from Scranton and Wilkes Barre and will be sent to the seminary when the school goes back, one to South Orange, NJ and the other to Baltimore, MD (these 2 are for the Academic Year 2024-2025).

C- The Vocation Golf Tournament this year will take place at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club on Monday July 8. Please, call the diocese at 570-207-2216 if you're interested in participating.

D- The Vocation Office has already received 4 Candidates as future seminarians for the 2025-2026 Academic Year. Please, pray for vocations.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

June 22 & 23

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Carmel Williams

9:00am (SML) Len Nash

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) Ned Clarke

9 am (SML) Bob Andrews

11 am (SP) Nicole & Greg

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

June 17 – Parish Pastoral Council mtg. OLA, 6:30 pm

June 18 – Legion of Mary at OLA, 9am

June 19 - Choir Practice at SML, 6:30 pm

June 19 – SP Clothes Closet, open 5 to 7pm

June 20 – Prayer Shawl Ministry SML, 5:30pm

June 20 – Bingo at SP doors open 5pm, bingo,6pm

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Emma Tully and Maximilian Salamida celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony at Our Lady of the Abingtons on Saturday June 8. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Salamida. May God richly bless their married life.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Justin and Kerstin Tremmel along with Brent and Laura Goble, respectively parents and godparents of Paige Marie who was baptized last weekend at St. Mary of the Lake Church. Please pray for Paige Marie and her family.

CLOTHES CLOSET NEWS

The clothes closet is in full swing now. It will be open every Wednesday from 5 to 7pm till the end of August. Jane welcomes all parishioners who can help at the clothes closet. Call Jane at 570-942-6078 with any questions.

ST. PAT'S BINGO IS BACK AND NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Bingo is on Thursdays with doors open at 5pm. To keep bingo happening we need volunteers for the kitchen as well as for bingo. Please consider joining the fun of helping. For more information or to volunteer to help please call Rita Thompson at 570-575-9874.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (June 18) Weekday

8:00 am (OLA) Alice & Ed Clarke

By The Clarke Family

Wednesday (June 19) St. Romuald, Abbot

8:00 am (SP) Marrazzo & Riccardo Families

By John & Pat Abbiate Marrazzo

Thursday (June 20) Weekday

8:00 am (SML) Mary Ellen Lavelle

By SML Social Concerns Ministry

Saturday (June 22) Vigil of The Twelfth Sunday in

Ordinary time

4:00 pm (OLA) Walter & Irene Woloszyn

By Bob & Andrea Walsh

Sunday (June 23) The Twelfth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) Joseph Cawley

By The Cawley Family

11:00 am (SP) Deceased Members of the Andrake family

By The Kashuba Family

The Sanctuary Candle at SP

Burning this week for Bill Webster by Pat Webster.

SP Weekly \$ 1,184.00 Loose \$ 57.00

OLA Weekly \$ 1,934.00 Loose \$ 46.25

SML Weekly \$ 1,015.00 Loose \$ 62.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

PLEASE REMEMBER

I AM HERE..... EVEN WHEN HIDDEN IN THE TABERNACLE. Visit, spend time with me after Mass. Bow, kneel (and if possible prostrate) and foster sacred silence in my Presence. **Jesus.** If you have no time after the weekend Mass, Saint Pio chapel is open every day from 8am to 8pm. "When there are two roads which will bring me where I am going, I take the one with more churches so as to be nearer the Blessed Sacrament. When I see a place where my Jesus is, I could not be happier, and I say, 'You are here, my God and my All'.

Venerable J.J. Olier

MSGR. ESSEFF HEALING MASS

The healing Mass will be at St. Ann Maronite Church at 1320 Price St. Scranton on Friday June 21. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confession at 5pm. Healing Mass at 6pm followed by prayers and anointing and blessing with Saint Charbel relic.