

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

“Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” Are the disciples wrong to wake Jesus up? No. We too, in our lives encounter this kind of moment of hardship (storms in our lives come in different forms: hatred, injustice, gossip, sickness, loneliness, etc....). Every single human being knows what the storms in his/her life are. We are not wrong to turn to God, “to wake Him up “as the disciples did in today’s gospel. One of the images we should retain from today’s gospel is the one that the Fathers of the Church have mentioned. They saw in this boat the image of the Church. The church is disliked by the world, persecuted, and it is worst when the destruction is from within. The boat has always been shaken by storms for the last past 2000 plus years. Remember, the Church has NEVER sunk. Only a word from Jesus, in His time, is enough. All we need is to keep the faith. “Quiet! Be still!”

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The PPC met on 6/17/2024 and finalized the Pastoral Plan. This document outlines goals for our parishes in the areas of WORD, WORSHIP, COMMUNITY and SERVICE. But now the real work begins, turning these goals into action steps. We will be working over the summer to identify coordinating team members to join us. These coordinating team members will work to listen to stakeholders and identify the action steps needed to bring the goals to fruition. Please prayerfully consider sharing your time, talents and God given gifts to continue this important mission.

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 on Monday July 8 at Our Lady of the Abingtons Church.

OLA FALL FESTIVAL

A planning meeting for the OLA Fall Festival will be held Thursday June 27th @ 6:30 pm in the OLA hall. Bring your best ideas for this year’s festival to be held September 14/15, 2024
(PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DATE)

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. There are 5 rooms of clothing and 3 rooms of miscellaneous household items as well as linens. Jane welcomes all parishioners who can help at the clothes closet. Call Jane at 570-942-6078 with any questions.

**SINCERE THANK YOU TO THE
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
and Ann Marie Cawley
from the Office for Parish Life**

(Dear Parishioners, please take a moment to join me in thanking the PPC).

Dear members of the Parish Pastoral Council, I am more grateful to you than words can express. You are an unselfish, church-oriented and serious group that any given Pastor can dream to have and to work with. I am also grateful to Ann Marie Cawley from the Office for Parish Life who supported the work of the PPC. Thank you.

Seeing us work together makes me remember the Acts of the Apostles 2,1: “...They were all in one accord “. Thank you.

The Pastoral Plan will soon be published to the three parishes. This document shows the love described by the great St Augustine, which is to love the other one to the point of forgetting yourselves. Thank you.

In order to crown your work, you are getting ready to turn to the entire parish community. You are convinced that you are not working for them, but that you want and hope to work with them. Hope does not disappoint. Thank you.

Our prayers, support and our blessings be continuously upon you.

Fr. Arbo

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

June 29 & 30

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Danny Williams Jr.

9:00am (SML) Brandon Pieretti

11 am (SP) Cynthia Singer

Musicians

4 pm (OLA) Maria Fay

9:00am (SML) Danny Williams

11 am (SP) Maria Fay

Lectors

4 pm (OLA) Mary Jo Danoski

9 am (SML) Nick Miglori

11 am (SP) Barry Singer

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

June 25 – Legion of Mary at OLA, 9:00am

June 26 - Choir Practice at SML, 6:30 pm

June 26 – SP Clothes Closet, open 5 to 7pm

June 27 – Prayer Shawl Ministry SML, 5:30pm

June 27 – Bingo at SP doors open 5pm, bingo,6pm

NICHOLSON NIGHT OUT WITH PICKS AT THE PARK

Join us on Wednesday, June 26th, 2024, in downtown Nicholson from 5pm-9pm for a free family friendly night of fun! Live music from 8 local musicians, specials at the local restaurants and establishments, yard games, and more! You won't want to miss this night of family fun!

SIGHT & SOUND THEATER TRIP

The Nativity BVM Altar & Rosary Society will be having a one-day trip to Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster on July 31 to see the biblical story of Daniel brought to the stage. The day's agenda includes a visit to Kettle Country Village, the story of Daniel show, and meal at Miller's Smorgasbord. The cost of \$200.00 that includes the bus, the show, the meal and the bus driver's tip. Please call Tiki for further details and to make a reservation 570-406-3506. Only 9 seats left.

ST. PAT'S BINGO STILL

NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Bingo is on Thursdays with doors open at 5pm. To keep the 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 25) Weekday

8:00 am (OLA) Harriet Walton

By The Jones and Webster Families

Wednesday (June 26) Weekday

8:00 am (SP) Bill Webster

By Liz Dempsey

Thursday (June 27) St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 am (SML) Eleanor Heller

By Pat Wall

Saturday (June 29) Vigil of The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary time

4:00 pm (OLA) James & Mary Kanton

By The Kanton Family

Sunday (June 30) The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) James Mecca

By Don & Carol Ames

11:00 am (SP) William Cawley

By Jim & Marian Booth

The Sanctuary Candle at OLA

Burning this week for Harriet Walton by Bill & Barbara Jones and Linda & Bill Webster.

SP Weekly \$1,397.00 Loose \$ 116.00

OLA Weekly \$ 1,701.00 Loose \$ 13.00

SML Weekly \$1,390.00 Loose \$ 53.00

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