

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

“Who do people say that the Son of man is?” All the answers are really striking: John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah. These are great witnesses to the faith. But they are also people of the past. That is trying to enclose Jesus, to label Him. “And you, what do you say?” Hot issue button, even today. Talking about Jesus even today is taking a position on moral issues, like the meaning of life, what to do or not do. What is permissible or not, etc.... “You are the Messiah, The Son of The Living God”. Because Peter gave that answer, Jesus gave him the keys, the power, the authority: “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven”. The preface of this Solemnity says: “For by Your Providence, the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul bring us joy. Peter, foremost in confessing the faith, Paul, its outstanding preacher, Peter who established the early Church from the remnant of Israel, Paul, master and teacher of the Gentiles that you call.... They share one Martyr’s crown”. These are the two principal Pillars of the Church founded by Christ. Peter (and his successors), the visible sign of unity and communion in faith and charity, beheaded by the emperor Nero and is buried at the hill of the Vatican. Paul, chosen by Christ to bring His name to all peoples, was beheaded and was buried in the outskirts, nearby.

HALLOW PARISH PARTNERSHIP FOR OUR THREE PARISHES

Be part of our prayer community. We have teamed up with Hallow (the #1 prayer app in the world) in 2025-2026 to pray together as a parish community. We'll be announcing our kick-off event in a few weeks, but in the meantime, we'd love for you to download the app and sign up, enjoy some of the free content and get ready for our prayer challenges over the next year, which will hopefully enhance your prayer life and sense of community. To download, go to your smart device or phone's app store and search for Hallow. Once you've logged into Hallow, tap Community on the bottom right, from the drop-down menu in the upper left select "Join a Church" and enter our parish office's zip code 18414. From there select Our Lady of the Abingtons and tap Join. Please consider praying with us and we hope to lift each other up in prayer!

SML BASKET RAFFLE NEWS

Due to the remodeling of the hall and limited space we are mainly looking for donations of monetary gifts in a frame, lottery tickets or gift cards. We will also take baskets that are wrapped or in original boxes. Please give your donation to Pat Wall or Dee Pasco. All donations need to be received by August 17. This year the Wyoming County Fair runs from August 27 to September 1. Any questions please call Pat at 570-575-6266 or Dee at 570-378-2834.

FATIMA ROSARY

Please consider joining us for the next Fatima rosary with Ernie Pappa on Monday July 14 at OLA at 6pm.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The PPC and Coordinating Teams met this week to continue working on Action Steps for the Pastoral Plan. Our Word and Worship team has begun gathering survey information related to our youth faith formation. We have received a grant from the diocese due to their efforts. Our Community and Service team has been focused on improving our outreach ministries. We will be inviting all parishioners to share their ideas, time and talents. Please look for more information in the next few weeks.

CLOTHES CLOSET NEWS

The clothes closet is in full swing and well stocked now. Please tell your family & friends all about it. It is open on Wednesdays from 5 to 7pm till the end of August. There are clothes as well as miscellaneous household items and linens. Please consider being a volunteer. To volunteer call Jane Decker 570-942-6078.

ST. PATRICK BINGO NEWS

There will be NO Bingo this Thursday July 3rd. If you can help in any way when we resume bingo on Thursday July 10 or have any questions, please call Rita at 570-575-9874.

OLA FALL FESTIVAL UPDATE

For our Fall Festival we need large dinner-size, hinge Styrofoam takeout boxes and smaller sandwich-size takeout boxes. The takeout boxes can be dropped off in the OLA hall on the Donation Request table. Thank you in advance to all who can help.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

July 5 & 6

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Nikki Weisenfluh
9:00am (SML) Danny Williams Jr.
11 am (SP) Pat Carpenter

Musicians

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

Lectors

4 pm (OLA) Judy Zipay
9:00am (SML) Seb Naro
11 am (SP) Liz Dempsey

Altar Servers

4 pm (OLA) Margaret Jones, Kevin Jones
11am (SP) Corinne Flynn

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

July 2 – SP Clothes Closet, open 5 to 7pm
July 3 – Prayer Shawl Ministry SML, 5:30pm
July 3 – No Bingo at SP this week
July 4 – Church office at OLA closed for the Holiday

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

On Wednesday, October 1, 2025, The Most Reverend Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L. Bishop of Scranton will lead the Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC. The day will include opportunities for public as well as private prayer, confession, touring the National Shrine as well as the Campus of The Catholic University of America concluding with Mass. There are two ways to register either on the Diocese of Scranton Webpage or by contacting the Parish office. Bus fare: \$80.00 per person made payable to (enter name of parish) with buses leaving from either our parish or our deanery. To ensure bus transportation it is requested by the bus company to hold strictly to a dead deadline of AUGUST 18, 2025, for reservations.

CAPUCHIN SISTERS OF NAZARETH AMATA RETREAT

The Amata Retreat will be at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Brodheadsville, Pa from September 12th to the 14th. This retreat is for high school aged young women with the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth giving a glimpse into their life. The cost is \$35 that includes meals & Snacks. To register or for more information contact: Jill Salvi at youthminister@gopchurch.org or call 610-681-6137 ext. 117.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (July 1) St. Junipero Serra, Priest

8:00 am (OLA) Ben Janssen
By Lucy Ziman

Wednesday (July 2) Weekday

8:00 am (SP) Michael Mulfino
By Mary Ann Mulfino

Thursday (July 3) St. Thomas, Apostle

8:00 am (SML) Ellie Dougherty
By Disciples of Mary

Saturday (July 5) The Vigil of The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (OLA) Frances & Raymond Franko
By Mary McGuigan

Sunday (July 6) The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) John Irish
By SML Choir
11:00 am (SP) Mary Rutkowski & Merideth Polansky
By Joan Kupetsky

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly OLA Weekly SML Weekly
Unavailable This Week
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, Our Lady of the Abingtons Saint Pio chapel at 700 West Main St Dalton 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

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

There was a funeral Mass at SML on Saturday June 21 for Ellie Dougherty. Please pray for the repose of her soul and the consolation of her loved ones.

OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

Saint Agnes Segni. This saint, as many, receive communion from an angel on a number of occasions.