

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

Jesus says, “Come away by yourselves, to a deserted place and rest a while”, then He “began to teach them many things.” There seems to be a contradiction in today’s gospel, a contradiction in appearance, but in fact no. We easily see Jesus as someone aloof, uninterested, indifferent, with no emotion, and uninvolved. But He became man and was one like us in all things except sin. In Matthew 14,13 at the announcement of John the Baptist’s beheading, He withdrew in solitude in the desert to process this fact. In Mark 3,5 He is angry at the behavior of the Pharisees. In Mark 6, 6 He is surprised by the attitude of His kinsmen to the point that He was not able to perform any miracle there. In Luke 7,13, He has pity on the poor widow of Nain and gave back life to the young man who was being carried to be buried. In John 11,33 He wept at Lazarus’ death. In John 12,27, He was afraid of the prospect of His upcoming death and said: “Save me from this hour “. There is a double message in today’s gospel ‘Come and rest’ and at the same time help those who come to us even when we are resting: People need help, need someone to listen to them, someone to befriend them. The biggest challenge for us in today’s gospel is to combine our need of rest (a well-deserved rest) and a need of helping people.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Pastoral Council has been hard at work developing a Pastoral Plan. It is ready for publication, and we will soon be sharing that document. We now begin the next phase of putting the plan into action. We will be asking parishioners to participate in developing action steps to bring the plan to fruition. Please prayerfully consider how you can share your gifts given to you by God as we continue this important mission. We invite you to pray this parish prayer:

“Come Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful and renew our parish community with the fire of your love. May the Eucharist unite us in prayer and service, inspire all to share our gifts with our brothers and sisters, and cause our parish community to flourish.”

New prayer cards have been placed in the pews at each of our churches, and we’re excited about the expected outcome of these prayers! Our plan is that every parishioner attending every mass at each of the three churches will say this prayer with us. We only ask that you join us in prayer. We pray, then let God do the rest.

ST. ANN’S NOVENA

This year we will pray the St. Ann Novena after the final blessing at all Masses from Thursday July 18 until St. Anne & Joachim’s Feast Day on Friday July 26.

CLOTHES CLOSET NEWS

Another yard sale on July 26 & 27 from 10-2. Garage contents will be \$1 as well as purses. Books are 25 cents.

ST. ANN’S MONASTERY FIELD TRIP

Laura Goble from St. Mary of the Lake is organizing a field trip to tour St. Ann’s Monastery in Scranton on Saturday July 27. Parishioners from all our churches are invited to this beautiful event. This event is highly recommended to the children of this year’s Confirmation Class as part of an after-Confirmation activities. The tour is scheduled for 1:30pm with a lunch on the Monastery grounds starting at 12:45pm. If you want to carpool or caravan, meet at St. Mary of the Lake at 11:30 am. If you want to come for lunch, please call the church office at 570-563-1622 to reserve your lunch.

GENESIS MISSION

The Office for Parish Life is thrilled to announce the internationally acclaimed Genesis Mission is coming to the Diocese of Scranton this August! The Genesis Mission is a method of accompaniment that fosters a deeper sense of discipleship and a greater desire to connect and evangelize while confidently sharing the Gospel message. Genesis is experiential in nature and teaches participants a relational approach of encountering and connecting with others, focusing on practical skills such as listening, sharing and learning to rely on the Holy Spirit! All parishioners are encouraged to come on August 9th or 10th at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Ave., Scranton Pa. from 9am to 3pm. Workshop fee is \$30. For more information and to register go to dioceseofscranton.org/genesis-mission/

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

July 27 & 28

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) Becky Mozeleski
9 am (SML) Stephen Zdaniewicz
11 am (SP) Nicole & Greg

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

July 23 – Legion of Mary at OLA, 9:00am
July 23 – SML Fair Meeting at hall, 6pm
July 24 - Choir Practice at SML, 6:30 pm
July 24 – SP Clothes Closet, open 5 to 7pm
July 25 – Prayer Shawl Ministry at SML, 5:30pm
July 25 – Bingo at SP doors open, 5pm, bingo, 6pm
July 25 – OLA Fall Festival Meeting at hall, 6:30pm
July 26 & 27
July 27 – St. Ann Monastery Tour, 1:30pm

SPOLA CCD NEWS

Get Ready!!! Summer break has peaked for us all. It's so sad but also so true! Now we need to think about going back to school and enriching our kids' lives with religious education! Registration is OPEN! Returning students check your email on file, new friends and returning students can also check the parish website or the parish Facebook page for the link and/or form. Any additional questions please email jwharv03@gmail.com

SML CCD NEWS

Believe it or not, it's that time of year again!! Those who were previously enrolled please check your email for details on how to register for this year. If you are new to our religious education program, please contact Kerry Pieretti by email at redlightgreen343@gmail.com

IMPORTANT SML FAIR MEETING

There will be a Wyoming County Fair meeting on Tuesday July 23rd at 6 p.m. at the church hall to determine if we have enough help to continue. If we don't use the booth, we will lose it permanently. Let's give it a try. We already have some major parts solved. Please come out to help solve this dilemma.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (July 23) St. Bridget, Religious

8:00 am (OLA) Bill Webster

By Joyce Spencer

Wednesday (July 24) St. Sharbel Makhluf,

Priest

8:00 am (SP) Marrazzo & Riccardo Families

By John & Pat Abbiate Marrazzo

Thursday (July 25) St. James, Apostle

8:00 am (SML) Stanley Rysz

By Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hoch

Saturday (July 27) Vigil of The Seventeenth

Sunday in Ordinary time

4:00 pm (OLA) Judith Lomeo

By Nick & Kathy Tumavitch

Sunday (July 28) The Seventeenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) Raleigh Bloch

By SML Disciples of Mary

11:00 am (SP) Peter Bellanco

By Joan Kupetsky

The Sanctuary Candle at SML

Burning this week for Ronald Gorko by Theresa Zdaniewicz

The Sanctuary Candle at OLA

Burning this week for health & blessings for Jack & Lou Ann Jones by Arlene McHale.

SP Weekly \$ 1,317.00 Loose \$ 126.00

OLA Weekly \$ 1,750.00 Loose \$ 30.00

SML Weekly \$ 1,395.00 Loose \$ 147.25

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 W. Main St Dalton is open daily from 8am to 8pm.

“It is our duty to adore the Blessed Sacrament. No one receives the Blessed Sacrament unless he adores it...and not only do we not sin by adoring, we do sin by not adoring”

Saint Augustine.