

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.**

“Is He not the son of Mary?” “Is He not the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon?” Are not His sisters here with us? Saying that Jesus is the son of Mary has two implications: First, that Joseph has already passed away when Jesus started His public ministry. That’s why Joseph is not mentioned in that phrase. If not, they would have said: ‘isn’t He the son of Mary and Joseph?’ Secondly, it is an invitation that if we want to know Jesus, we can ask His mother to talk to us about Him. Parents know their children and can talk about them. Also, every language has its own genius and its own weakness. For instance, one weakness of our English language is that there is only one word to say cousin, whether the cousin is a female or a male. Other languages have different words to express a female cousin and a male cousin. In English language, we say cousin for both female and male. In Aramaic (Jesus’ language), one of its weaknesses is that there’s no word for cousin. A cousin in that language is either a brother or a sister. Thus, the expression: ‘Jesus’ brothers and sisters in the gospels. Thus, the Italian saying Traduttore, Traditore that means every translation from one language to another is a betrayal.

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**DEANERY MENTAL HEALTH  
SUPPORT GROUP**

The Clarks Summit Deanery’s Mental Health Ministry is supporting a Spiritual Support Group for people over 18 years old living with mental illness. It provides a safe, supportive space for individuals and gives them the opportunity to speak in a confidential, non-judgmental environment, where isolation and stigma dissipate, and a supportive community is created. Meetings will be ongoing every first & third Wednesday of the month starting on July 3, 2024, at 6:30pm at the Church of St Gregory, 330 N. Abington Rd., Clarks Green. Each meeting will last about 90 minutes. You don’t have to commit to every meeting. When you feel the need, just come.

**DIOCESE OF SCRANTON  
UP & OVER MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT**

Students in 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grades for the 2023-2024 school year are welcome to come to the retreat on July 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> at Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center. Throughout the weekend students will spend time outdoors, meet new friends and learn how your God-given gifts can be used when you work with others as a team! There will also be a number of fun activities and events, including a movie, free time and an outdoor obstacle course. Registration fee of \$170 includes lodging, delicious home cooked meals, a t-shirt and unforgettable memories! For more info email Tommy at youthmin@dioceseofscranton.org. Register today at www.dioceseofscranton.org.

**MARIAN MINISTRY ROSARY**

Come to Jesus through Mary in the beautiful prayer of the rosary with Ernie Pappa as he leads us in praying the Fatima Rosary at 6pm this Monday July 8 at Our Lady of the Abingtons Church followed by light refreshments.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #6611  
POTLUCK BARBEQUE**

On Saturday, July 13 after the 4pm Mass at Our Lady of the Abingtons, the KOC members will host a barbeque of burgers and hotdogs along with cold refreshments for our parishioners of our three parishes. There is no charge, but attendees are encouraged to bring a side dish or desert to share. Please join us after the Mass for fellowship and vittles!

**OLA FALL FESTIVAL NEWS**

Planning for the 2024 OLA Fall Festival has begun. The dates for this year are September 14 and 15. Many hands make the work easier. We are looking for volunteers and donations for our many booths. If you are willing to give a little time or talent, please sign up in any of our parishes or by calling Ned Clark (570) 563-1519 or Nikki Weisenfluh (570) 335-8135. The next planning meeting will be July 25 @6:30 in the OLA Hall.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

**July 13 & 14**

### Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Len Peters  
9:00am (SML) Pat Wall  
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) Lisa Janoski  
9 am (SML) Len Nash  
11 am (SP) Holly Harvatine

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

July 8 – Fatima Rosary at OLA, 6pm  
July 9 – Legion of Mary at OLA, 9:00am  
July 10 - Choir Practice at SML, 6:30 pm  
July 10 – SP Clothes Closet, open 5 to 7pm  
July 11 – Prayer Shawl Ministry at SML, 5:30pm  
July 11 – Bingo at SP doors open, 5pm, bingo, 6pm  
July 13 – KOC BBQ for all at OLA after 4pm Mass

## CLOTHES CLOSET NEWS

The clothes closet is 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.

## ST. PAT'S BINGO

### STILL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Bingo is on Thursdays with doors open at 5pm. We would appreciate anyone who can donate a homemade dessert. Please call Rita Thompson at 570- 575-9874 to schedule a Thursday. Kitchen and bingo help is still needed. Please consider joining the fun of helping.

## CLASSES FOR OCIA CANDIDATES

The USCCB has changed RCIA to OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) to reflect greater fidelity to the original Latin. New OCIA classes will be starting at the beginning of September 2024. Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, anyone interested in returning to the Catholic faith or anyone who knows of someone who may be interested in becoming a Catholic, please contact Lucy Ziman at the parish office ,570-563-1622 or Greg Solfanelli at 570-281-8083 for further information. WELCOME!

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Tuesday (July 9) St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest & Companions, Martyrs

8:00 am (OLA) Health & Blessings for Becky & Bob Kohinski  
*By Clarence & Genevieve Evans*

### Wednesday (July 10) Weekday

8:00 am (SP) Catherine Motyka  
*By Janet Motyka*

### Thursday (July 11) St. Benedict, Abbot

8:00 am (SML) Bill Webster  
*By Lucy Ziman*

### Saturday (July 13 ) Vigil of The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary time

4:00 pm (OLA) Health & Blessings for Michaelene Mastriani  
*By Mary Ann Ketchur*

### Sunday (July 14) The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) Bootsie Gaffney  
*By Maureen Gaffney*  
11:00 am (SP) Meredith Polansky & Mary Rutkowski  
*By Joan Kupetsky*

### The Sanctuary Candle at SP

Burning this week for Bill Webster by Pat Webster

**SP Weekly \$ 1,297.00 Loose \$ 179.00**

**OLA Weekly \$ 1,347.00 Loose \$ 88.00**

**SML Weekly \$ 1,340 .00 Loose \$ 96.00**

*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, 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