

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The apostles said to the Lord, “increase our faith”. In today’s world when you say to someone ‘blessed are the poor in spirit, blessed are those who mourn, blessed are the meek, blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, blessed are those who show mercy, blessed are the peacemakers’ or these words: ‘love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; forgive not seventy times but seventy seven times; lend and don’t expect to be paid back; stop judging; don’t marry someone and divorce him or her (unless the marriage was unlawful)...’ When you hear these words and many other words like these, the only and normal reaction should be the one similar to the Apostles: “Increase our faith”. The Gospel is for real. It’s not a human invention. What Jesus asks of us is humanly not possible, but it’s possible. Possible with God’s grace. The Gospel goes against the general opinion. To follow the Gospel is to think and to act differently from the prevailing opinion, the world’s opinion. The Gospel always goes against the grain that means contrary to what the world thinks, experiences or does. However, all these requirements from Jesus are not for nothing because everything will be given us hundred times more; our Father knows what we need. This is a joy. This is a victory. After all, what God demands from us is for our good. God doesn’t want anything from us; He wants everything for us.

SP FESTIVAL SUNDAY

This is the Sunday to have fun and great food with family and friends at the St. Patrick’s Fall Festival.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 19, 2025

On Sunday October 19 the entire Catholic Church, every parish, every diocese in every country comes together in prayer and sacrificial giving for the sake of the missions. Please consider contributing.

MARIAN MINISTRY ROSARY

To celebrate the Month dedicated to the Holy Rosary, we invite all our parishioners to join us for the final Fatima Rosary of this year led by Ernie Pappa on Monday October 13 at 6pm at OLA Church.

MINISTRY REQUEST

We are currently looking for friendly volunteers to serve as greeters before Mass. Greeters help welcome parishioners and visitors, share a warm smile, and set the tone for our worship together. If you enjoy meeting people and would like to serve in this simple but meaningful ministry, please contact the Community and Service Coordinating Team at we4fluhs@aol.com or call the parish office at 570-563-1622.

PRO LIFE SUNDAY OCTOBER 5

Today our three Parishes will celebrate the SML tradition of Pro-Life Sunday (October 5) by having a baby crib or container in each church for the whole month of October, to collect baby items for St Joseph Center Baby & Children’s Pantry.

ST. PATRICK BINGO NEWS

Bingo continues every Thursday. Please volunteer. Call Rita 570-575-9874. Make a homemade dessert or entrée. Call Bernice at 570-947-1677. See our weekly chef specials on Facebook. Thanks for your support

YOU’RE INVITED

“You say that you don’t know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and once you have said, ‘Lord, I don’t know how to pray!’ rest assured that you have begun to do so.” - Saint Josemaría Escrivá Prayer is more than something we do — it’s a conversation that God Himself desires to have with us. And there are many ways He wants to engage our hearts. We invite you to join our parish community for the **How to Pray Challenge** on the **Hallow app**, starting Monday, October 27th. Together, we’ll explore a variety of prayer styles — through Scripture, music, contemplation, reflection, the Rosary and more. This challenge will help you discover which form of prayer speaks personally to your soul and how God might be inviting you into a deeper relationship with Him. Wherever you are — at home, at work or on the go — you can join us on this shared journey of prayer and discovery. Visit our parish page on the Hallow app to join the waitlist today: <https://hallow.app.link/qDrlemfA4Wb>. You’ll get a reminder before the challenge begins so you can start with the rest of the parish community. Let’s listen for the voice of God — together.

PUBLICATION OF BANNS

It’s our pleasure to publish the banns (third of three) for the intended wedding of Rina Lylah Rionda & Brian Joseph Williamson. This wedding is to take place at OLA church at 1 pm on Saturday October 11, 2025. Please pray for this couple, the future Mrs. & Mr. Williamson.

OLA FALL FESTIVAL NEWS

Thanks again to all who helped, donated and supported the OLA Fall Festival. All our efforts reaped a total of \$29,028.32.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

October 11 & 12

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Andrea Walsh
9:00am (SML) Sean Pieretti
11 am (SP) Sue Stutzman, Chris Stutzman

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) Mary Lou Franko
11 am (SP) Mary Jo Danoski

Altar Servers

4 pm (OLA) Kevin Jones, Margaret Jones
11am (SP) Kali Harvatine, Maci Harvatine
Shadow – Nolan Phillips, Wyatt Phillips

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Oct 6 – Disciples of Mary Meeting at SML, 6:45pm
Oct 9 – Prayer Shawl Ministry at SML, 5:30pm
Oct 9 – Bingo at SP, doors open, 5pm, bingo, 6pm
Oct 13 – Church office closed for Columbus Day
Oct 19 – World Mission Sunday at all churches

SP/OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Julie Harvatine - jwharv03@gmail.com.
October 12 - no class - Columbus Day Weekend
October 19 - confirmation parents mtg 10am & class for all
October 26 - Class - Halloween classroom fun
We will accept and appreciate any donations of goodies to help with the kids Halloween party on 10/26. Donations can be dropped off in either church or at the office. Thank you for your generosity.

SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Sunday Mass at 9am followed by religious education until 11:15am. Kerry Pieretti - redlightgreen343@gmail.com
Oct 12 – Class
Oct 19 - Class.

PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE

The Pennsylvanians for Human Life will host its Annual Prayer Breakfast on Saturday October 25 at 9am at Fiorelli's, 1501 Main St. Peckville. Adult- \$25, Student-Free. Doors open at 8am. Engaging speakers, including Bobby Schindler, who advocates for the medically vulnerable in honor of his sister Terri Schiavo. Tickets/Information can be found on the website: humanlifepa.org.

PROVIDENCE PREGNANCY CENTER

Providence Pregnancy Center extends our heartfelt gratitude to your parish community for hosting the recent Baby Bottle Drive. Together, you raised \$2,042.73! Your generous support makes a real difference in the lives of pregnant women and their children who turn to our center during times of crisis.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (October 7) Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00 am (OLA) Clarence Evans
By Lucy Ziman

Wednesday (October 8) Weekday

8:00 am (SP) Elizabeth Brack
By Liz Dempsey

Thursday (October 9) St. Denis, Bishop & Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

8.00 am (SML) Leona Fernino
By James Billings

Saturday (October 11) The Vigil of The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (OLA) Edward & Dolores Rysz
By Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Kruczek

Sunday (October 12) The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) Lori Pierce
By Timothy Pierce
11:00 am (SP) Jack & Angelo Stefanelli
By Carol Stefanelli

The Sanctuary Candle at OLA

Burning this week for Eleanor Kempa
By Bob & Andrea Walsh

The Sanctuary Candle at SML

Burning this week for Elinor Grandinetti
By Dorothy & Russ Trauger

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly \$ 1,775.00 Loose \$ 123.00
OLA Weekly \$ 1,431.00 Loose \$ 111.00
SML Weekly \$ 1,460.00 Loose \$ 71.00

May the Lord reward your generosity. .

OCTOBER IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Traditionally in the Catholic Church, the month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. This devotion is Christ's life seen through Mary. If you are a Parishioner who doesn't say the Rosary daily, please start during this month. If you are among those who say at least ONE Rosary daily, Congratulations. And maybe go for a second. To Jesus, through Mary.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

This year's Respect Life Month theme is "Life: Our Sign of Hope", reflecting the ongoing Jubilee Year of Hope. During this month, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. Pope Leo XIV encourages us, "How important it is that each and every baptized person feels himself or herself called by God to be a sign of hope in the world today."

OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

St Margaret Mary Alacoque (the saint of the Sacred Heart, the saint of the devotions of First Friday of the month): Jesus told her: "I ardently thirst for men to honor me in the Blessed Sacrament".