

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light”.

In today’s gospel, Jesus tells a villainous story that means a crime motivated by financial gain. He tells the story in order to make us think. This is familiar to us because we are fans of movies, TV, and novels where we see or read stories of cheating, fraud, and deceit. All these stories have no morals nor spiritual values or insight. In order to avoid acts of villainy or dishonesty, all mankind must recognize and acknowledge the presence of God in each human being, in each person. It’s only when we see or recognize the presence of God in each creature that we can create a just society, a society with rules for the respect of the dignity of each person. The gospel is a life and a way of life for everyone. Neglecting or ignoring a person is destroying the whole creation. Whether we accept it or not, whether we like it or not, useful as it is, money is one of the causes of belittling man and God, that means making the person feel or appear less important. Because of money, we even kill. The gospel’s distrust or mistrust is really not about money itself as such, but about the degradation that it brings or can bring if not taken or used properly: “You cannot serve both God and mammon”.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

To all who worked so hard under the leadership of Tony Sandy, we say thank you. And also, a special thank you to all Parishioners of our three churches who came to support OLA in their fundraising. It’s too early to give a dollar amount since some bills are still coming in.

MARIAN MINISTRY ROSARY CANCELLED

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Rosary at St. Patricks, scheduled for Monday September 22 is cancelled.

**MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT
STEWARDSHIP & FELLOWSHIP**

Stewardship and fellowship are vital to keeping our parish vibrant. By sharing our time, talents, and resources, and by building strong bonds with one another, we strengthen our parish family and live out our Catholic values. Current activities include the OLA Grotto Mass, St. Patrick’s Ham and Cabbage Dinner, SML Parish Meeting and Breakfast, various fundraisers, and the Parish Christmas Party. These events help us serve God and grow closer as a parish family. 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.

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

ONE MORE FESTIVAL TO ENJOY

SP FALL FESTIVAL OCT 5 NOON TO 4PM

PLEASE SIGN UP!

1. Bring SOUP HOT! Again, I say: HOT! HOT! In a CROCK! Bring Sunday morning. 2. DESSERTS that do not need refrigeration that can be cut up into servings! Pies are great! Bring Sun OCT 5th starting at 9am BEFORE CHURCH to the hall. 3. Baked Goods- bring SUNDAY BEFORE CHURCH to the hall or SAT MORNING to the hall. 4. Build a Bountiful Basket - valued between \$25-\$50 Or a Specialty Basket-\$100-\$120 BRING WRAPPED WITH NAME or anonymous (We Have a Few Frames for Gift Cards/Money) Bring Sun. SEPT 28 or OLA OFFICE Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri or ST PAT’S HALL before BINGO 4-6 on Thursdays, or at the HALL Friday morning OCT 3rd or Sat morning OCT 4th. 5. Assorted variety pack Chips (1oz), 12 or 24 packs of soda or water. Bring COLD (if possible) to the KofC stand in the garage on Sunday morning or times like the Baskets. HOT DOGS BRING BEFORE SUNDAY - SEE TIMES JUST LIKE FOR THE BASKETS 6. FESTIVAL set-up SAT OCT 4th at 9am!!!! Clean up after the drawings on Sunday 7. Dinner PREP: 9am SAT OCT 4th at the Hall 8. Raffle Tickets: Return by mail THIS WEEK, OR bring to church next week, OR like the times listed for the baskets OR WITH YOU TO THE FESTIVAL! Please check on FB the NEPA Catholic site for postings and info details. Thank you so much! Please call Joanne-443-528-8713 for information or questions or to make OTHER ARRANGEMENTS!!!! Thank you for all your support for our annual fundraiser!

PUBLICATION OF BANNS

It’s our pleasure to publish the banns (first 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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

September 27 & 28

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Danny Williams Jr.

9:00am (SML) Len Nash

11 am (SP) Chris Stutzman

Musicians

4 pm (OLA)

9:00am (SML) Danny Williams

11 am (SP) Maria Fay

Lectors

4 pm (OLA) Liz Dempsey

9:00am (SML) Seb Naro

11 am (SP) Mary Jo Danoski

Altar Servers

4 pm (OLA) Kevin Jones, Margaret Jones

11am (SP) Corinne Flynn

Shadow – Nolan Matulevich

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sept 25 – Prayer Shawl Ministry SML, 5:30pm

Sept 25 – Bingo at SP, doors open, 5pm, bingo, 6pm

Oct 4 – 5th FFF class Mass at OLA, 4pm

Oct 5 – SP Fall Festival, Noon to 4pm

Oct 6 – Disciples of Mary Meeting at SML, 6:45pm

SP/OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Great first day of Family Faith Formation Classes last week! However, there is still time to register your kiddos for Kindergarten to Confirmation! Contact jwharv03@gmail.com.

September 28 – Class

October 4 - 5th grade mass at OLA 4pm

October 5 – Class

SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Sunday Mass at 9am followed by religious education until 11:15am

Sept. 28 – Class

Oct. 5 -Off- Fall Break

Kerry Pieretti redlightgreen343@gmail.com.

WYOMING COUNTY SENIOR EXPO

The Wyoming county Senior Expo sponsored by our state representative Tina Pickett will be held on Friday, September 26 at the Triton Hose Company in Tunkhannock from 10 am to 1 pm. This is a drive through event where you will receive information regarding health care, safety, tax rebate and much more.

SML PARISH BREAKFAST

This is the Sunday, September 21, to come enjoy great food and fellowship in the hall after 9am Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (September 23) St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:00 am (OLA) Mass of Thanksgiving

By Angela Columbo

Wednesday (September 24) Weekday

8:00 am (SP) Raymond J Adams

By Mary & Moses Fontenot

Thursday (September 25) Weekday

8.00 am (SML) John Irish

By Jewel Stover

Saturday (September 27) The Vigil of The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (OLA) Jeff Fleming

By Nancy Fleming

Sunday (September 28) The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) Mary Roland

By Lisa Janoski

11:00 am (SP) Michael Mulfino

By Mary Ann Mulfino

Sanctuary Candle at OLA

Burning for Health & Blessings for the Wednesday Group

By Sarah Debree

Sanctuary Candle at SP

Burning for Mary & Frank Dalton

By Mary Ann Mulfino

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly \$ 4,022.00 Loose \$ 69.00

OLA Weekly \$ 1,879.00 Loose \$ 177.00

SML Weekly \$ 1,660.00 Loose \$ 69.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

2025-2026 REPORT

As of 9-13-25 Our churches raised these amounts:

St. Pat. Goal: \$13,543.00

Received: \$ 2,585.00

OLA Goal: \$12,599.00

Received: \$2,480.00

SML Goal: \$12,667.00

Received: \$570.00.00

CELEBRATION WEEKEND

The Diocesan Annual Appeal was rebranded and is now called Catholic Ministries Appeal. This weekend September 20 & 21 is the official date of the kickoff of this year's campaign. All Parishes in the Diocese will participate in this fundraiser which will also include the In-Pew commitment weekend and the Appeal Video.

OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

St Felix of Cantalice: Angels took his place working in the fields when he attended Mass.