

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus says in today's gospel: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing..... Do you think that I have come to establish peace on earth? No. I tell you but rather division". What a statement! Is there a contradiction when we talk of peace during the Christmas season, and call Jesus "Prince Of Peace"? And we also say with His Coming: "peace on earth for those who love Him". But honestly, Jesus is giving credit to a certain form of conflict. Not war that destroys, demolishes and kills, but confrontation which obliges us to think to be committed or involved in good causes. Whenever we stand for truth, for what is right, good, and pure, we don't create peace, but rather division, thus the saying: "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on earth"? After all the fights that He went through during His life on earth, the ultimate goal was the final reconciliation with God and the salvation of ALL, even the salvation of those who killed Him.

SML WYOMING COUNTY FAIR BASKET

RAFFLE AUG. 27 TO SEPT 1

Thank you to all who donated baskets for the Wyoming County fair booth. Baskets will be displayed in the SML Hall on Saturday Aug. 23 from 11am to 2pm and Sunday Aug 24 after 9am Mass. Tickets for the baskets will be available for purchase on those days at \$1.00 a ticket with 6 chances on each ticket. We also need volunteers to man the booth. Any questions please call Pat at 570-575-6266 or Dee at 570-378-2834,

CHURCH MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry gather weekly to knit and crochet while making shawls for those who are celebrating an occasion, such as a birthday, baptism or anniversary, or for those who are facing a crisis, illness or mourning a loved one. These prayer shawls are shared as a reminder that we are a faith community that celebrates and brings comfort to each other in times of need. The SML Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on Thursdays at 5:30. Please consider joining this ministry or duplicating it in your parish. For more information contact the Community and Service Coordinating Team by emailing we4fluhs@aol.com or calling the office.

SP FALL FESTIVAL OCT 5

The Fall Festival at St. Patrick's will be on Sunday October 5th from noon to 4pm. Questions? Contact Joanne at 443-528-8713. Stay tuned for more info after our first meeting on Sunday August 24th after 11am Mass at St. Pat's Hall.

CLOTHES CLOSET NEWS

On August 20, come, fill a bag full of clothes for \$5.00. August 27th is the last day for this year's clothes closet. Call Lyn at 570-942-6552 to get a truck load from the clothes closet for \$20.

OLA FALL FESTIVAL NEEDS

The OLA Fall Festival on Sept.13(5 to 10pm) & 14(12 to 6pm) is drawing closer.

Please consider donating to our booths.

Bountiful Baskets: \$25 (or more) NEW items or gift cards. Please wrap in clear cellophane.

Dining Out: gift certificate to your favorite restaurant

Basket of Cheer: please share your favorite wine, beer or liquor

Bake Stand: time to gather your favorite recipes.

White Elephant & Silent Auction: donations can be brought to the hall beginning **August 23**.

Donations for the food stands will also be accepted.

We are still accepting donations of bottles of water and cans of soda that can be dropped off in the church hall. Volunteers are also needed. Please share some of your time. Contact Tony Sandy at 570-945-3655 if you would like to donate or volunteer.

HALLOW APP PARTNERSHIP FOR OUR THREE PARISHES

Be part of our prayer community. We have teamed up with Hallow in 2025-2026 to pray together as a parish community. We'd love for you to download the app and sign up to 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.

ST. PATRICK BINGO NEWS

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

August 23 & 24

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Diane Fitzpatrick
9:00am (SML) Carmel Williams
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) Mary Lou Franko
11 am (SP) Liz Dempsey

Altar Servers

4 pm (OLA) Jace Biglin
11am (SP) Maci Harvatine
Shadow – Emma Evans

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Aug 20 – SP Clothes Closet, open 5 to 7pm
Aug 21 – Prayer Shawl Ministry SML, 5:30pm
Aug 21 – Bingo at SP, doors open, 5pm, bingo, 6pm

SML SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY REQUEST

Dear friends, the Lower Wyoming County Food Pantry is currently serving about one hundred clients monthly, we are in need of your help, canned soups are at a low on our shelf and we ask you to help members of our community to supply their kitchen shelf. Food pantry donations can be left at SML entrance and monetary donations can be placed in an envelope labeled “food pantry” and placed in the collection basket. Thank you! God bless ❤️

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT FOR OLA

For his Eagle Scout Project, boy scout Raymond Mozdian asked if we would want to put a bench in memory of Ned Clarke on the OLA church grounds. Of course, we said yes. His project has been approved. The bench will be made by NexTrex using recycled plastics. He needs our help in collecting the plastic to be recycled. Here are some of the types of clear plastic needed: produce, store, ice, Ziploc, bread or drycleaning bags, cereal box liners, bubble wrap, newspaper sleeves, and case overwrap. You can put the plastic in the container in the hall.

NICHOLSON BOROUGH 150TH BIRTHDAY PARTY DANCE

The Dance will be held at St. Patrick Church Hall on Friday August 22 from 8 to 10pm. Light refreshments will be served. Come enjoy the festivities. Any questions call Jane at 570-942-6078.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (August 19) St. John Eudes, Priest

8:00 am (OLA) Michael Perri
By Patrick Ratchford

Wednesday (August 20) St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

8:00 am (SP) Emiliano Guterrez
By Pat Moots

Thursday (August 21) St. Pius X, Pope

8.00 am (SML) Fran Mollusky
By Mary & Donna Smith

Saturday (August 23) The Vigil of The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (OLA) Albert Kruczek
By Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Kruczek

Sunday (August 24) The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) Anna Van Auken
By Parents

11:00 am (SP) Marcella Ramzinski
By Barbara Kelly

Sanctuary candle burning at SML
For Jennifer Trauger Murley
By Parents

OFFERINGS

SP Weekly \$ 1,678.00 Loose \$ 65.00
OLA Weekly \$ 1,442.00 Loose \$ 61.00
SML Weekly \$1,085.00 Loose \$ 194.00
May the Lord reward your generosity.

SP/OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

NEWS The 2025-2026 enrollment for Sunday School Classes was sent by email on August 7. Please register online or pick up a form in any parish. We look forward to seeing you for class at St. Patrick's' at 9:45 on 9/7/2025.

SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION NEWS Welcome back Families!

Our first class will be on Sunday Sept. 7th following the 9am Mass. If you were in the program last year you should have already received an email or text. If you are new to our program or have any questions, please reach out to Kerry Pieretti by email
redlightgreen343@gmail.com

PA MARCH FOR LIFE

Pennsylvanians March for Life will be in Harrisburg on Monday September 22nd. The rally will be at 11am. The March will start at 12 noon. Please call the office if you want to attend the March.

OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

St. Columba of Rieti: this Saint was always extremely weak if she didn't receive Communion.