

**THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

In order to understand today's gospel, we need to comprehend one fact of history. Here it is: When Saint Matthew was writing this gospel, the Jewish people's revolt against the Roman empire failed, and people were turning against Jesus's disciples accusing them of not being in solidarity with them. So, Christians (Jesus's followers) were being chased out of all synagogues. This fact will help us to understand today's gospel. St Matthew's gospel then encourages them in their survival struggle, and he is reminding them about what happened to Jesus Himself, who was driven out of the community and was killed. But He was the One who was to come to save Israel. This means to all of us, Jesus's followers, that there is a cross to be carried when we become disciples. That is the reason why on the public arena today, or in politics, we Catholics, with our point of view of things, mostly in morals matters, we are always rejected and are persecuted for what we believe in. This is true for all ages, from generation to generation: "...Whoever wants to become my disciple, must pick up his cross and follow Me".

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**PRAYER FOR FATHERS**

Almighty Father, thank you for being Our Father and for giving us fathers in your image. We pray, bless all fathers, living and deceased; watch over them always with your heavenly care; protect them; comfort them and shower them with your Heavenly blessings forever and ever. Amen

**AMERICA 250**

As part of our America 250 celebration, we invite parishioners to help us honor the men and women who have faithfully served our country in the Armed Forces. Beginning this weekend, paper stars will be available in the vestibule of our churches. Parishioners are invited to write the names of family members, friends, or loved ones — living or deceased — who have served our nation in the military. These stars will be displayed in the churches during our special Masses on June 27/28 honoring service members as a visible reminder of their sacrifice, courage, and dedication to our country. Please return completed stars by June 20/21 so they may be included in the display. Let us keep all who have served, and those currently serving, in our prayers with gratitude and thanksgiving.

**AMERICA 250 AFTER MASS RECEPTION**

Following our special America 250 Mass in each church next weekend June 27 and 28, we will gather for a light reception in each parish hall. We invite parishioners to help make this celebration a welcoming and enjoyable occasion by donating refreshments. We are seeking donations of finger foods and light refreshments such as cookies, brownies, fruit, cheese and crackers, vegetable trays, bottled water, iced tea, lemonade, and similar items. If you will be attending at OLA, please contact Mary Jane Peters, at SML, please contact Suzanne Gilpin and at St. Pat, please contact Ron and Marcine Carpenetti. You can also sign up in the hall/vestibule. Thank you for your generosity and for helping our parish celebrate this historic milestone in our nation's history. We look forward to sharing this time of faith, fellowship, and gratitude with our parish families.

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**SML WYOMING COUNTY FAIR NEWS**

It's Wyoming County Fair time again. This year we need your help in donating a gift card or a basket wrapped in cellophane for our booth. Gift cards are preferred due to limited transportation back and forth to fair. Baskets are also welcome. We will be accepting donations beginning July 1. All donations need to be in by Aug 1. Any questions call Pat Wall 570-575-6266 or Dee Pasko 570-378- 2834.

**OLA FALL FESTIVAL NEWS**

Planning for the OLA Fall Festival continues. Live music is booked and our stands are getting ready. You can help by considering what you can donate. We will begin collecting water, cans of soda and basket of cheer donations. If you are out shopping, consider buying 2, one for home and one for OLA! You can also begin planning your Bountiful Basket and Dining Out gift certificates. And we can always use more volunteers. Contact Bruce and Nikki Weisenfluh at 570-335-8135 if you want to add your name to our list.

**ST. JOSEPH'S CENTER SUMMER FESTIVAL**

St. Joseph's summer Festival will be Marywood University on July 24, 25 & 26. St Joseph's Center Auxillary is looking for some help for the festival. Here is their wish list for the Afghan Booth: New handmade items including: Afghans, quilts, baby items, cards, dolls & doll's clothes etc. New & unopened donations can be dropped off Monday – Friday 8am-4pm at the DeNaples Community Services Building in Dunmore- 320 S. Blakely St by July 16<sup>th</sup>. For more information call: 570-207-6656.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

**June 27 & 28**

### Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Barbara Williamson

9:00am (SML) Bob Andrews

11 am (SP) Chris Stutzman

### Musicians

4 pm (OLA) Maria Fay

9:00am (SML) Danny Williams

11 am (SP) Maria Fay

### Lectors

4 pm (OLA) Greg & Nicole

9:00am (SML) Mary Lou Franko

11 am (SP) Mary Ann Mulfino

### Altar Servers

4 pm (OLA) – Jace Biglin

11am (SP) – Maci Harvatine

Shadow – Emma Evans

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

June 24 – Clothes Closet at SP, 4 to 7pm

June 25 - Clothes Closet at SP, 4 to 6pm

June 25 – Prayer Shawl Ministry at SML, 5:30pm

### **ORDINATION MASS**

The Ordination Mass of Jan Carlo Perez will be at the Cathedral of Saint Peter on Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

### **BINGO NEWS**

Thursday night St. Patrick's bingo remains suspended due to ongoing rectory demolition and site work. Please watch the bulletin and nepacatholic.com for updates.

### **CLOTHES CLOSET NEWS**

Thank you to all who donated to the clothes closet and all those who make purchases at the clothes closet. Right now, we are so full that we have no room for any more donations. Hopefully in the future there will be room. We will let you know.

### **PENNSYLVANIA VOTERS VOICE**

The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference has established a Vote Voice Petition in which any person can contact directly their Pennsylvania State Representative and Senate. Please ask your PA State Representative and Senate to oppose House Bill 2632 put forth in the Senate House which will destroy the Education Improvement Tax Credit Program and does have drastic consequences for our 19 Catholic schools of our Diocese of Scranton and beyond. You can contact Pennsylvania Catholic Conference at [www.pacatholic.org](http://www.pacatholic.org).

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Tuesday (June 23) Weekday

8:00am (OLA) Mark Scala

*By Anonymous*

### Wednesday (June 24) The Nativity of St John the Baptist

8:00am (SP) Health & Blessings for Ron & Marcine Carpenetti

*By Anonymous*

### Thursday (June 25) Weekday

8:00 am (SML) Bill Waters

*By Bill Waters Estate*

### Saturday (June 27) The Vigil of The Thirteenth

#### Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (OLA) Frank & Theresa Valence

*By Duane & Cathy Valence*

### Sunday (June 28) The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) Vince & Adele Sylvester

*By Family*

11:00 am (SP) Rutnik Family: William Sr, Mary, Robert & William Jr.

*By Carol Solfanelli*

### **The Sanctuary Candle at SP**

Burning this week for John Krizauskas

*By SML Social Concerns*

### **WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)**

SP Weekly \$ 1,665.00 Loose \$ 110.00

OLA Weekly \$ 1,679.00 Loose \$ 36.00

SML Weekly \$ 1,535.00 Loose \$ 86.00

*May the Lord reward your generosity*

### **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

We wish all fathers a Happy Father's Day, to those living and deceased.

One interesting fact is that Father's Day is not celebrated by all nations. And in some countries, Father's Day is celebrated on a different day and month. A rectory is the house of unwed fathers. So, please pray also for all our Priests.

### **DAY OF GIVING NEWS**

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to our day of giving fundraiser. Here are the results of your generosity:

OLA – \$5,943.00, SP - \$4,943.00, SML - \$4,370.00

### **OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST**

Mother Frances of the Mother of God : Jesus told her at Adoration: "Since I delivered Myself up to the Jews to be tormented, wonder not that I should choose to deliver Myself up to you to be loved."