

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saint Peter in today's gospel asks Jesus, "how often must I forgive my neighbor". When we read the Bible, we notice that the Old Testament doesn't ignore the law of love, Dt 6,5: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your....". But with the New Testament, Jesus goes farther. It's a new reality that He brings. Jesus talks about an unconditional love and an unconditional forgiveness. Even those who are being killed for their faith (Martyrs), they **MUST** forgive. Jesus asks for forgiveness. In the Old Testament, unconditional love or unconditional forgiveness is no where to be found "Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, (Ex 21, 24) is rather the rule, the law of retaliation. But Jesus reveals that it is God Himself who is offended when we hurt someone: "I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, I was sick and you did not visit me..." (Mt 25,35-40). With Jesus, it is not a set of laws that we follow anymore, but a person Him, Jesus. His answer to Peter's question is humanly unacceptable, humanly unrealistic; forgiveness is not human, forgiveness is divine. Jesus says: "forgive seventy seven times seven", that means indefinitely.

WYOMING COUNTY FAIR

Fair is over. We had a banner year. We sold all 10,000 tickets! Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our basket raffle. ALSO, would like to thank Luann and Paul VanAuken for their generous donation of \$1000 from the ANNA VAN AUKEN MEMORIAL FUND. We are so grateful to them & ALL who donated baskets. We would like to thank ALL of our fair teams, from getting booth cleaned, getting workers, calling for baskets, setting up baskets in hall and again at the fair, and so grateful to those who transported baskets to fair and back and those who worked the booth. With everyone coming together, it ran very smoothly. Thanks to anyone who helped in any way.
Pat Wall & Dee Pasko

OLA FALL FESTIVAL NEEDS

The OLA Fall Festival is in one week! Sept.19(5 to 10pm) & 20(12 to 6pm) **Stand set up will begin on Monday 9/14 at 5pm.** Many hands make light work so please come out and help us get ready! Our booths are still taking donations. **Bountiful Baskets:** \$25 (or more) NEW items or gift cards. Please wrap in clear cellophane. Call Karen Rolka at 570-563-2084.

Dining Out: gift certificate to your favorite restaurant.

Basket of Cheer: please share your favorite wine, beer or liquor. **Bake Stand:** time to make your favorite recipes.

Can be dropped off Festival weekend

White Elephant & Silent Auction: you can drop off your donations at the OLA church hall Items for the Silent Auction should be gently used. White elephant items should be in working condition.

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 to work the serving lines and parking. Please share some of your time.

Contact Bruce & Nikki Weisenfluh at 570 335-8135 if you would like to donate or volunteer.

ST. PATRICK FALL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY OCT. 4 FROM NOON TO 4PM

Thanks to a generous Parishioner, we have a table to sell Raffle tickets at BRIDGE DAY!

REMEMBER NEW THIS YEAR: MUSIC BY JOHN BOWER, SILENT AUCTION, KIDS GAMES!

Please pick up your letter with or without Raffle tickets on Sundays. The sign-up sheets are ready for your signature! OR call Joanne 443-528-8713 (note the 443 area code!!) and she will take your info!

1. Bring SOUP HOT in a CROCK on Sunday morning. 2. DESSERTS that do not need refrigeration to be cut up into servings, like Pies. 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 or FRAMED WITH NAME or anonymous. Bring On Sundays OR to the

OLA OFFICE Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri or ST PAT'S HALL before BINGO 4-6 on Thursdays or

Sat morning OCT 3rd. 5. Assorted variety pack (1oz) CHIPS or WATER 2 cases (cold if possible) to the KofC stand in the garage on Sunday morning or times like the

Baskets. 6. FESTIVAL set-up SAT OCT 3rd ??? or contact RON! Clean up on Sunday.

7. Dinner PREP: 9am SAT OCT 3rd at the Hall

8. Raffle Tickets: DO NOT MAIL. Bring on Sundays OR to the OLA office OR like the times

listed for the baskets OR WITH YOU TO THE FESTIVAL!

Thank you for all your support for our annual fundraiser!

SP & OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Next Sunday September 20 during the 11am Mass at St.

Pat's Fr. Arbo will bless the Family Faith Formation

teachers and bless the students backpacks for the beginning of the school year.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

September 19 & 20

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Danny Williams Jr.

9:00am (SML) Pat Wall

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) Judy Zipay

9:00am (SML) Mary Lou Franko

11 am (SP) Greg & Nicole

Altar Servers

4 pm (OLA) – Jace Biglin

11am (SP) – Maci Harvatine

Shadow – Calla McHugh

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 14 – Altar & Rosary Mtg. SML, 6:45pm

Sept 17 - Bingo SP doors open at 5pm, bingo 6pm

Sept 17– Prayer Shawl Ministry, SML, 5:30pm

Sept 19 & 20 - OLA Fall Festival

SML ANNUAL BREAKFAST NEWS

The Social Concerns Ministry of St Mary of the Lake will host their annual breakfast on September 27th for parishioners and friends following the 9 am mass in the parish hall. We appreciate the help of our Faith Formation Class with this event. See you there!

SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith Formation at SML Sundays following 9am Mass until 11:15am

Grades Pre-K through 8th grade

It's back to school season!

Classes begin October 4

Contact Kerry Pieretti for more information

Redlightgreen343@gmail.com

SP & OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith Formation at SP begins this Sunday, 9/13 from 9:45-10:45am for grades K-8. If you haven't already registered, but are still interested, please contact Jill D'Antoni for more information at dantonijill@gmail.com.

CLASSES FOR OCIA CANDIDATES

New OCIA classes started this weekend at St. Pat's Hall. We have 2 candidates so far. 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 (September 15) Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00am (OLA) Florence Hoch

By Janet Motyka

Wednesday (September 16) Saint Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:00am (SP) John Lynch Family

By Bernice Lynch

Thursday (September 17) Weekday

8:00 am (SML) Deceased Members of the Lamonica Family

By Sister Gina

Saturday (September 19) The Vigil of The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (OLA) Thomas August Nunes Jr.

By Michael & Barbara Williamson

Sunday (September 20) The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) Susie Migliori

By Ida Lupini, Lorraine Lupini, & Doreen Coccetti

11:00 am (SP) Deceased Members of the Marrazzo & Riccardo families

By John & Pat Marrazzo

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly \$ 1,618.00 Loose \$ 125.85

OLA Weekly \$ 2,350.00 Loose \$ 60.00

SML Weekly \$ 1,175.00 Loose \$ 104.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

GROW IN PRAYER & LOVE FOR THE MASS

Join our parish community on the Hallow app for TWO prayer challenges beginning September 21st: How to Pray, featuring inspiring Catholic leaders, and A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, led by Dr. Edward Sri. Join through our parish Community page on Hallow or visit NEPACatholic.com.

PRAYING THE MASS

Nothing we do at Mass is random. Our words, gestures, postures, objects, and movements are all meant to help us enter more deeply into the worship of God and the sacrifice of Christ. When we enter the church, we do not enter it as we would any other building -- we are entering a sacred place where Christ is truly present. We enter quietly, bless ourselves with holy water, genuflect toward the tabernacle, and take our seat. Why do we do this? Holy water reminds us of our baptism and that we belong to Christ.

Genuflection is a physical act of reverence toward Jesus, who is truly present in the Eucharist. Our silence helps us move from ordinary life into sacred worship.

SAINTS WITH UNUSUAL LIVES

This week's Saint is Saint Moses the Black, or Moses the Strong, or Moses the Ethiopian. He was a bandit, the leader of a violent gang, but he turned his life around, became a monk, and died as a martyr. If Moses the Black, did it, so can we.