

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

We continue our meditation of the Sixth chapter of the Gospel of John, the chapter about the bread of life, the Eucharist, Jesus Himself. Today's gospel helps us also to start to understand another great mystery. Jesus says: "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day." Is Jesus telling us through this verse that those who follow God are God's choice? Is Jesus telling us that those who don't practice their faith or don't believe nor follow God are not chosen by God? Of course not. The next verse says this: "They shall all be taught by God," that means ALL are called and taught by Him (Jesus quotes Isaiah 54,13). But also, Paul says in First Timothy 2,4: "God wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of truth." So, it doesn't mean that God draws some people to Him and rejects others, no. God puts in EVERY single human being an interior instinct, inclination towards Him who created us all. But the problem is about an individual choice. It's something that comes from within every individual. The mystery of the personal encounter between Christ and every single human being is impenetrable (a spouse will turn to God, the other one, no. A twin will turn to God, the other one, no. A sibling will turn to God, the other one, no. But God reveals Himself to everyone, and everyone makes the choice of following God or not). Jesus continues: "Whoever eats the bread of life will live.....Whoever listens to the teaching of the Father, comes to me." Please, notice that the verb in these phrases is in the present tense, that means Jesus is not talking in the past, but in the present tense. It doesn't matter if someone listened to Jesus in the past; it is a matter of listening to Jesus now, today. Jesus' coming and manifestation into our lives is a current event, a continuous interior movement without end. And where to find the inner, the interior energy that will help our progress to God? In the bread of life, in the Eucharist.

ASSUMPTION FEAST DAY

Parishioners of OLA invite SML and St. Patrick parishioners to join us this Thursday August 15 as we celebrate the feast day of OLA church. After we celebrate the 5pm Mass at the OLA grotto, we will have our annual get together under the pavilion. The signup sheets are being removed after all Masses today. Thank you to Lucy Ziman & Sarah DeBree, our chairpersons for this year's event.

SML WYOMING COUNTY FAIR BASKET RAFFLE AUG. 28 TO SEPT 2

Thank you to all the people who have volunteered for shifts at the Wyoming County Fair Baskets Galore stand. I truly appreciate your willingness to help. There are still shifts that have no volunteers. Wednesday 1-4 and Sunday 5-8. There are other shifts that need more volunteers because they are usually very busy times at the fair: Wednesday 4-6, Thursday 4-6, Friday 10-1, Friday 4-7 & 5-8, Saturday 1-4, 4-7, & 5-8, and Sunday 1-4, 4-7. Please give us some time. If we are not selling tickets, we are not making money. Some people are taking multiple shifts, and I am asking for the rest of us to do just one shift. Call Lisa at 570-587-1924 to schedule your shift at the Fair. If you can donate a basket, please have it brought to the hall by August 18. All baskets should be wrapped. If the item is already in a box, just put the name of the donor on it. SML hall will be open on Saturday August 17 from 12 to 3pm for basket drop-offs. If you have any questions, please call Dee Pasko at 570-378-2834. Thank you in advance to all who will help this fundraiser.

WELCOME IN OUR PARISHES

It's with joy that we welcome this weekend in our midst Sister Lilia of the Congregation of the Little Sisters of Saint Francis of Assisi. Welcome Sr. Lilia. Also, a note of gratitude to Pat Webster, Parishioner of St Pat who is accommodating Sister Lilia during her stay among us. Thank you, Pat.

OLA FALL FESTIVAL NEEDS SEPT 14 & 15

The OLA Fall Festival is just 5 weeks away. Please consider donating to one of our booths.

Bountiful Baskets: \$25 dollar (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 24.

Contact is Tony Sandy at 570-945-3655. There are signup sheets at OLA for donations of food, drinks etc.. Volunteers are also needed. Please share some of your time. The next festival meeting will be held on August 29th at 6:30pm.

SP FALL FESTIVAL OCT 6

The Fall Festival at St. Patrick's will be on Sunday October 6th from noon to 4pm. Questions? Contact Joanne at 443-528-8713. Stay tuned for more info after our first meeting today after the 11am Mass.

PROVIDENCE PREGNANCY CENTER ITEMS

Please bring your baby items for PPC by next Sunday, August 18.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

August 17 & 18

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Len Peters
9:00am (SML) Bob Andrews
11 am (SP) Michele Zajac

Musicians

4 pm (OLA) Steve Guza
9:00am (SML) Danny Williams
11 am (SP) Maria Fay

Lectors

4 pm (OLA) Judy Zipay
9 am (SML) Don Ames
11 am (SP) Nicole & Greg

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Aug 12 – PPC Community & service mts at OLA, 6:30
Aug 12 – Fatima Rosary at OLA, 6pm
Aug 13 – PPC word & worship mts at OLA, 6:30pm
Aug 13 – Legion of Mary at OLA, 9:00am
Aug 14 - Choir Practice at SML, 6:30 pm
Aug 14 – SP Clothes Closet, open 5 to 7pm
Aug 14 – Assumption Vigil Mass at SML, 6pm
Aug 15 - Assumption Mass at SP, 8am
Aug 15 – Assumption Mass at OLA grotto, 5pm
Aug 15 – Prayer Shawl Ministry at SML, 5:30pm
Aug 15 – Bingo at SP doors open, 5pm, bingo, 6pm

SPOLA CCD NEWS

Registration is OPEN! Returning students check your email on file, new friends and returning students can also check the parish website or the parish Facebook page for the link and/or form. Any additional questions please email jwharv03@gmail.com.

SML CCD NEWS

Those who were previously enrolled please check your email for details on how to register for this year. If you are new to our religious education program, please contact Kerry Pieretti by email at redlightgreen343@gmail.com

MARIAN MINISTRY ROSARY

Our next recitation of the Fatima rosary with Ernie Pappa will be tomorrow, Monday August 12 at 6pm at Our Lady of the Abingtons Church. All are welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Brian & Natalie Peters on the baptism of their daughter Andie Jean and John & Samantha Peters on the baptism of their daughter Eleanor. Please pray for Andie, Eleanor & their families.

CLOTHES CLOSET NEWS

On August 21 come fill a bag full of clothes for one price to be announced next week.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (August 13) Saints Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

8:00 am (OLA) Health & Blessings for Elaine Stout
By Mary Ann Ketchur

Wednesday (August 14) St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

8:00 am (SP) Basil Moots
By Pat Moots

Wednesday (August 14) The Vigil of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:00 pm (SML) Grandma Mary Ganz
By Katie Packer & Family

Thursday (August 15) Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am (SP) Joseph & Maureen Mulhern & son Joseph Jr.
By Michael & Leslie Mulhern

5:00 pm (OLA) Mary Ellen Carpenetti
By The Carpenetti Family

Saturday (August 17) Vigil of The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary time

4:00 pm (OLA) Bill Webster
By Bernie & Judy Zipay

Sunday (August 18) The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) Jennifer Murley Trauger
By Dorothy Trauger

11:00 am (SP) The Deceased members of the Marrazzo & Riccardo Families
By John & Pat Abbiate Marrazzo

The Sanctuary Candle at SML

Burning this week for John Noreika Sr.
by Dorothy & Russell Trauger

The Sanctuary Candle at OLA

Burning this week for Health & Blessings for Fr. Arbo
by Camille DeAngelo

SP Weekly \$ 1,503.00 Loose \$ 155.00

OLA Weekly \$ 2,052.00 Loose \$ 24.00

SML Weekly \$ 1,905.00 Loose \$ 116.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

PLEASE REMEMBER

I AM HERE..... EVEN WHEN HIDDEN IN THE TABERNACLE. Visit, spend time with me. Bow, kneel (and if possible prostrate) and foster sacred silence in my Presence, **JESUS**

Please Come visit Jesus at Our Lady of the Abingtons' Saint Pio chapel at 700 W. Main St Dalton, open daily from 8am to 8pm.

“Since Christ Himself has said: This is my body, who shall dare to doubt that it is His body?” St Cyril of Jerusalem.