

## **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.**

“I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” From one viewpoint, today’s gospel helps answer the question why Catholics go to Mass, why Catholics must participate at Mass. Catholics meet to celebrate the Eucharist because it’s the fulfillment of the Church in a smaller scale. It is in the Mass that the work of renewing the world sealed with Jesus’ own blood begins. That is why we have Mass for everyone, for various occasions, and for every situation in life : Mass for a young person, Mass in a need, Mass for the dying, Mass for the grace of a happy death, Mass for the sick, Mass for the oppressed, Mass in time of joy, Mass for one who commit suicide, Mass for the forgiveness of sins, Mass in time of war, Mass for those in public office, Mass for the family, etc.... You name it, the Church has it, because whoever comes to Jesus hungry, thirsty will NEVER be rejected, whoever comes to Jesus, will live.

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### **PARISH MISSIONARY VISIT 2024**

Next Weekend August 10th & 11th all our churches will welcome **Sr. Lilia** of The Little Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi. The mission of these Sisters is to reach out with compassion to the poor and marginalized living in East Africa, following in the footsteps of St Francis and Mother Kevin their Foundress. The Sisters humbly request your prayers and financial support to enable them to continue their programs for the most vulnerable children entrusted to their care. As they minister to these vulnerable children, they bring hope and witness to God’s great love for all His children. Please know that no donation is too small to make a difference.

### **ASSUMPTION FEAST DAY**

The parishioners of OLA invite SML and St. Patrick parishioners to join us on Thursday August 15. After we celebrate the 5pm Mass at the OLA grotto, we will have our annual get together under the pavilion. There is a sheet at all churches to sign up. Thank you to Lucy Ziman & Sarah DeBree, our chairpersons for this year’s event.

### **SP FALL FESTIVAL NEWS**

The St. Pat’s Fall Festival Committee wishes to thank Marcine Carpenetti for the wonderful job she did as Co-Chair of the event for the past two years! We are glad you will be helping in other ways. Pat Webster has graciously accepted to Co-Chair with Joanne Schofield.

The Fall Festival at St. Patrick’s will be on Sunday October 6th from noon to 4pm. We will have a planning meeting after Sunday mass on August 11th in the hall. Please come to see how you can use your talents and fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ! Questions? Contact Joanne at 443-528-8713.

### **MARIAN MINISTRY ROSARY**

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

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

We are seeking volunteers to work at the stand during the Fair. It was decided to shorten the hours that the stand is open. No one will work more than 3 hours unless he/she wants to do so. The stand will close by 6pm on Wednesday and Thursday of the Fair and by 8pm on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. It is important to have parishioners volunteer at the stand. PLEASE give just ONE shift at the Fair. It is a way to get acquainted with your fellow parishioners. Please 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. If you have any questions, please call Dee Pasko at 570-378-2834. Thank you in advance to all who will help this fundraiser.

### **OLA FALL FESTIVAL NEEDS SEPT 14 & 15**

The OLA Fall Festival is just 6 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. Donations for the food stands will also be accepted. Contact Tony Sandy at 570-945-3655 if you would like to donate. Volunteers are also needed. Please share some of your time.  
The next festival meeting will be held on August 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

**August 10 & 11**

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

4 pm (OLA) Nikki Weisenfluh

9:00am (SML) Susan Gilpin

11 am (SP) Cynthia Singer

### **Musicians**

4 pm (OLA) Maria Fay

9:00am (SML) Danny Williams

11 am (SP) Maria Fay

### **Lectors**

4 pm (OLA) Diane Fitzpatrick

9 am (SML) Bob Andrews

11 am (SP) Barry Singer

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

Aug 6 – Legion of Mary at OLA, 9:00am

Aug 7 - Choir Practice at SML, 6:30 pm

Aug 7 – SP Clothes Closet, open 5 to 7pm

Aug 8 – Prayer Shawl Ministry at SML, 5:30pm

Aug 9 – Bingo at SP doors open, 5pm, bingo, 6pm

Aug 10 & 11 Sr. Lilia, Missionary at all Masses

Aug 11 – SP Festival mtg after 11am Mass in the hall

## **SPLA 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](mailto: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](mailto:redlightgreen343@gmail.com)

## **PROVIDENCE PREGNANCY CENTER**

### **BABY ITEM COLLECTION**

The bins are in place at all our churches to collect these baby items that are most needed: diapers, wipes, toiletries including baby shampoo, diaper cream etc., clothing – sizes newborn to 4t including socks and shoes, and baby bottles. Please bring them by Aug. 18.

## **GENESIS MISSION**

The Genesis Mission is a method of accompaniment that fosters a deeper sense of discipleship and a greater desire to connect and evangelize while confidently sharing the Gospel message. All parishioners are encouraged to come to the Genesis Mission Workshop on August 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Ave., Scranton Pa. from 9am to 3pm. Workshop fee is \$50. For more information and to register go to [dioceseofscranton.org/genesis-mission](http://dioceseofscranton.org/genesis-mission)

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Tuesday (August 6) The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**

8:00 am (OLA) Walter Sliwinski

*By Pat Moots*

### **Wednesday (August 7) St. Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs, St. Cajetan, Priest**

8:00 am (SP) Nancy Henry

*By Maria Fay*

### **Thursday (August 8) St. Dominic, Priest**

8:00 am (SML) Birthday Blessings for Yvonne Snyder

*By Pat Wall*

### **Saturday (August 10) Vigil of The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary time**

4:00 pm (OLA) Health & Blessings for Rita & Tony Sandy

*By Clarence & Genevieve Evans*

### **Sunday (August 11) The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am (SML) Raleigh Bloch

*By SML Choir*

11:00 am (SP) Florence Hoch

*By Janet Motyka*

### **The Sanctuary Candle at SML**

Burning this week for Jennifer Murley by Yvonne Snyder

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

Burning this week for Bill Webster by Pat Webster

**SP Weekly \$ 1,320.00 Loose \$ 178.25**

**OLA Weekly \$ 1,911.00 Loose \$ 53.00**

**SML Weekly \$ 1,905.00 Loose \$ 70.00**

*May the Lord reward your generosity.*

## **PLEASE REMEMBER**

I AM HERE..... EVEN WHEN HIDDEN IN THE TABERNACLE. Visit, spend time with me after Mass. 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. "Our Lord is hidden in the Blessed Sacrament, waiting for us to come and visit Him, and make our request to Him." Saint John Vianney.