

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN....

In the Muslim religion, God has 99 names according to their book. He is everything EXCEPT Father. In our religion, God is FATHER, known and taught by Jesus as Father. Jesus was constantly in communion with SOMEONE that He called Father. Jesus is asking us to call God Father. What audacity! The One that the Old Testament doesn't dare mention the name - the name Yahweh, Adonai, Lord -, etc.... were created just so to avoid to say, write or pronounce the name of God- And here we have Jesus, asking us to call God Father (or even Daddy). Unfortunately for us, the idea of human father has made it hard and even harder to see and call God Father. What a privilege to call God Father. Those who have had the chance to have a good father or to see one acting, they just have to multiply by BILLION of times to have a little idea of God as Father, and how good Our Father in heaven really is. An earthly father, no matter how good he is, is a pale image of who God really is: Good, Mercy, Love, Compassion, Kindness, Forgiveness itself....

WELCOME IN OUR PARISHES

It's with great joy that we welcome this weekend at OLA Fr. Joseph Arul Raj Missionary of St. Francis De Sales (Tanzania) and at SML Fr. Weislaw Bajor Missionary for the Prelature of Esquel in Argentina.

**PROVIDENCE PREGNANCY CENTER
BABY BOTTLE DRIVE**

This weekend we conclude our baby bottle drive for PPC. If you haven't already brought back your bottle, please do so, even if it's empty. PPC reuses the bottles for their baby bottle drives. Thank you for your very generous support of mothers and babies in crisis. You can learn more about PPC at ppcscranton.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNER

Next Sunday August 3rd after the 11am Mass at St Patrick's, the Knights of Columbus Council 6611 will treat us to a free pasta and sausage dinner that includes salad, bread & beverages. Free will offerings will be accepted.

**ANGEL STATUE
AT**

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE

The angel statue in the flower garden at SML was recently donated by Russ and Dorothy Trauger and Paul and Luann Van Auken in memory of their daughters Jennifer Trauger Murley and Anna Van Auken. May they never be forgotten. Thank you for the beautiful addition to the flower garden. Let us pray for Jennifer & Anna and their families.

OLA FALL FESTIVAL UPDATE

Thank you to all who donated take-out boxes for our festival. We are now ready to accept donations of bottles of water and cans of soda that can be dropped off in the OLA hall on the Donation Request table. Thank you.

SML BASKET RAFFLE NEWS

Due to the remodeling of the hall and limited space we are mainly looking for donations of monetary gifts in a frame, lottery tickets or gift cards. We will also take baskets that are wrapped or in original boxes. Please give your donation to Pat Wall or Dee Pasco. All donations need to be received by August 17. This year the Wyoming County Fair runs from August 27 to September 1. Any questions please call Pat at 570-575-6266 or Dee at 570-378-2834.

CLOTHES CLOSET NEWS

Thank you to everyone who donated to the clothes closet. We are very well stocked. Please tell your family & friends all about it. It is open on Wednesdays from 5 to 7pm and Thursdays from 4 to 6pm till the end of August. Please consider being a volunteer. To volunteer call Jane Decker 570-942-6078.

ST. PATRICK BINGO NEWS

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

August 2 & 3

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Nikki Weisenfluh
9:00am (SML) Brandon Pieretti
11 am (SP) Jill D'Antoni

Musicians

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

Lectors

4 pm (OLA) Mary Jo Danoski
9:00am (SML) Seb Naro
11 am (SP) Liz Dempsey

Altar Servers

4 pm (OLA) Kevin Jones & Margaret Jones
11am (SP) Kali Harvatine & Maci Harvatine
Shadow – Nolan Phillips & Wyatt Phillips

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

July 30 – SP Clothes Closet, open 5 to 7pm
July 31 – Prayer Shawl Ministry SML, 5:30pm
July 31 – Bingo at SP, doors open, 5pm, bingo, 6pm

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

REPENT! RENEW! REVIVE! Join us August 1,2,3 at the University of Scranton Campus for the annual Catholic Charismatic Conference! Contemporary music, daily Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Procession, gifted international speakers, amazing fellowship! Let God bring new life to your faith this summer! Go to ccrscranton.org for more information and weekend registration or call our office at 570-344-2214. Session by session registration available all weekend onsite. Cash purchase of meals available onsite. Come and see the difference a weekend spent with God can make!

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

On Wednesday, October 1, 2025, The Most Reverend Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L. Bishop of Scranton will lead the Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC. The day will include opportunities for public as well as private prayer, confession, touring the National Shrine as well as the Campus of The Catholic University of America concluding with Mass. There are two ways to register either on the Diocese of Scranton Webpage or by contacting the Parish office. Bus fare: \$80.00 per person made payable to (enter name of parish) with buses leaving from either our parish or our deanery. To ensure bus transportation it is requested by the bus company to hold strictly to a dead deadline of AUGUST 18, 2025, for reservations.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (July 29) Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

8:00 am (OLA) Roberta Sandy
By Rita & Tony Sandy

Wednesday (July 30) St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 am (SP) Health & Blessings for Fr. Arbo
By Anonymous

Thursday (July 31) St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

8:00 am (SML) Raymond Franko
By Rick & Mary Lou Franko

Saturday (August 2) The Vigil of The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (OLA) Mary Ann Ketchur
By Lucy Ziman

Sunday (August 3) The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) Rick Peters
By Joanne Carouth
11:00 am (SP) Brian Diaz
By Tiger Paolucci

Sanctuary Candle at OLA

Burning this week: Clarence Evans
By OLA Wednesday Social Group

OFFERINGS

SP Weekly \$ 1363.00 Loose \$ 127.00

OLA Weekly \$ 1,647.00 Loose \$ 47.00

SML Weekly \$ 1,365.00 Loose \$ 119.00

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. If you have no time after the weekend Mass, Our Lady of the Abingtons Saint Pio chapel at 700 West Main St Dalton is open every day from 8am to 8pm. "There is no doubt that a flood of graces will descend upon your family and the world if more souls will become docile pupils of adoration" St Pope John Paul II.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

There was a Funeral Mass at OLA last Saturday for Mary Cole. Please pray for the repose of her soul and consolation of her loved ones.

OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

Saint Colette: During a Mass one day, Jesus explained to her all the meanings of each suffering, each wound and each drop of blood of His Passion.