

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said in today's gospel: "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" We are familiar with today's gospel. It's the one we read on Thanksgiving Day. But today, let's meditate on it not on the thanksgiving point of view, but on a liturgical note. The ten lepers in today's gospel say, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!..... And he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked Him." Our entire existence is encompassed, that means held within these two facts: the cry or shout of pity, and the shout of thanksgiving. Our Celebration or Mass starts with "have mercy" and ends with "thanks be to God". The ten lepers in today's gospel represent us. When everything goes well in our lives: business, health, etc... we think that we owe these successes to our strength, to our ingenuity or to our wisdom. In this case, we don't say "Lord, have mercy". But in the other hand, when we are in trouble, in danger or sick, we say even without thinking, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us". One thing is sure, God is always faithful to His promises, and He responds. And then, like the tenth leper, we say "yes, it's truly right and just to say thanks to God". One leper out of ten came back to say, "thank you". On Sunday, one person out of ten goes to church to say, "thank you". Whenever we gather on Sunday in church, we are the foreigner to the world, the Samaritan who thanks God on behalf of the world. The nine others, where are they?

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 19, 2025**

On Sunday October 19 the entire Catholic Church, every parish, every diocese in every country comes together in prayer and sacrificial giving for the sake of the missions. There is an envelope for World Missions in the package of envelopes for each parishioner.

**MENTAL HEALTH SUNDAY
OCTOBER 12, 2025**

The mental health crisis is a profound challenge to the Church and to society. Catholics can respond with generosity, hope, and compassion to everyone who needs help. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) invites all people of good will to pray for mental health and wellness, particularly during the month of October. See usccb.org/mentalhealth for more info and contact Jen Housel to learn about our parish's Catholic Mental Health Ministry, 570-434-2339.

MARIAN MINISTRY ROSARY

To celebrate the Month dedicated to the Holy Rosary, we invite all our parishioners to join us for the final Fatima Rosary of this year led by Ernie Pappa on Monday October 13 at 6pm at OLA Church.

MINISTRY REQUEST

We are currently looking for friendly volunteers to serve as greeters before Mass. Greeters help welcome parishioners and visitors, share a warm smile, and set the tone for our worship together. If you enjoy meeting people and would like to serve in this simple but meaningful ministry, please contact the Community and Service Coordinating Team at we4fluhs@aol.com or call the parish office at 570-563-1622.

**PRAYER CHALLENGE INVITATION
HOW TO PRAY CHALLENGE**

Prayer is more than something we do — it's how God engages us in conversation. And just as there are many ways we speak to God, there are many ways He wants to reach us. Our parish community invites you to join the **How to Pray Challenge** on the **Hallow app**, starting Monday, October 27th. Together as a parish community, we'll explore a variety of prayer styles — through Sacred Scripture, music, reflection, the Rosary, contemplation and more. This challenge is an opportunity to discover how God might be inviting you into a deeper relationship with Him — and how prayer can transform your heart, your habits and your daily life. You can join the waitlist today on the home page of [NEPACatholic.com](https://hallow.app.link/qDrlemfA4Wb) or by visiting <https://hallow.app.link/qDrlemfA4Wb> and receive a reminder before the challenge begins. Wherever you are, come pray with us — and let God meet you there.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

There was a Funeral Mass at OLA this past week for Theresa Bede. Please pray for the repose of her soul and the consolation of her loved ones.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

To all Parishioners of St. Patrick who worked so hard under the leadership of Joanne Schofield, we say thank you. And a special thank you to Everyone who donated items & came to support St. Patrick in their fundraising. It's too early to give a dollar amount.

ST. PATRICK BINGO NEWS

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

October 18 & 19

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Michele Zajac
9:00am (SML) Pat Wall
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) Becky Mozeleski
9:00am (SML) Chase Newhart
11 am (SP) Barry Singer

Altar Servers

4 pm (OLA) Jace Biglin
11am (SP) Corinne Flynn
Shadow – Conor McHugh

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Oct 13 – Church office closed for Columbus Day
Oct 13 – Fatima Rosary with Ernie Pappa OLA, 6pm
Oct 16 – Prayer Shawl Ministry at SML, 5:30pm
Oct 16 – Bingo at SP, doors open, 5pm, bingo, 6pm
Oct 18 & 19 – World Mission Sunday at all churches

SP/OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Calling all Parents and Parishioners:

We are looking for any donations to have a little fun party for the children to celebrate Halloween! Any donations can be dropped off in either church or the parish office or sent with a student to class! Thank you for your kindness and generosity! Julie Harvatine - jwharv03@gmail.com.
October 19 - confirmation parents mtg 10am & class for all
October 26 - Class - Halloween classroom fun
November 9 - Class

SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Sunday Mass at 9am followed by religious education until 11:15am. Kerry Pieretti - redlightgreen343@gmail.com
Oct 19 - Class.
Oct 26 – Class

PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE UPDATED DATE

The Pennsylvanians for Human Life will now host its Annual Prayer Breakfast on Saturday November 1 at 9am - 11am at Fiorelli's, 1501 Main St. Peckville. Adult- \$25, Student-Free. Doors open at 8am. Engaging speakers, including Bobby Schindler, who advocates for the medically vulnerable in honor of his sister Terri Schiavo. Tickets/Information can be found on the website: humanlifepa.org.

ST. JOSEPH BABY ITEMS COLLECTION

Our three Parishes continue the collection of baby items for the whole month of October, for St Joseph Center Baby & Children's Pantry. Your generosity is most appreciated.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (October 14) St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

8:00 am (OLA) Walter & Irene Woloszyn
By Robert & Andrea Walsh

Wednesday (October 15) St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

8:00 am (SP) Charlotte Adams
By Chris & Stephanie Adams

Thursday (October 16) St. Hedwig, Religious, St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

8.00 am (SML) John Irish
By Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Barni

Saturday (October 18) The Vigil of The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (OLA) Richard Ruckowski
By Estate of Pat Webster

Sunday (October 19) The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) Ellie Dougherty
By Carl, Marie & Katie Packer
11:00 am (SP) Joan Peters
By Barbara Kelly

The Sanctuary Candle at OLA

Burning this week for Prayers Answered
By A Parishioner

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly \$ 1,437.00 Loose \$ 102.00
OLA Weekly \$ 1,583.00 Loose \$ 58.00
SML Weekly \$ 1,400.00 Loose \$ 95.00

May the Lord reward your generosity. .

OCTOBER IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Traditionally in the Catholic Church, the month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. This devotion is Christ's life seen through Mary. If you are a Parishioner who doesn't say the Rosary daily, please start during this month. If you are among those who say at least ONE Rosary daily, Congratulations. And maybe go for a second. To Jesus, through Mary.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

This year's Respect Life Month theme is "Life: Our Sign of Hope", reflecting the ongoing Jubilee Year of Hope. During this month, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. Pope Leo XIV encourages us, "How important it is that each and every baptized person feels himself or herself called by God to be a sign of hope in the world today."

**CHURCH OFFICE AT OLA
WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY OCTOBER 13
FOR COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY**

OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

St Veronica Giuliani: Jesus told her that she looks for Him in heaven, but he is here with her in the Eucharist.