

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“At that time, the Lord appointed Seventy-Two others whom He sent ahead of Him in pairs, to every town and place He intended to visit”. So, at some point, there were seventy-two disciples. Our question then is what happened that from seventy-two, we have only 12 disciples who are always mentioned until the end? From the point of view of the Scriptures, we will never understand or know why nor what happened. From our imagination, we think that what happened is the discourse about the Bread of Life, about the Eucharist, because in John chapter 6, verse 54 and verse 66, it is said: “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day..... As a result of this, many of His disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied Him”. It means that after the speech about the Eucharist, many of His disciples abandoned Him, because they couldn’t accept that Communion is the Body of Christ. Just like many people still cannot accept that Communion is Jesus. Anyway, in today’s gospel, Jesus is sending all of us into mission, not far away to Africa, to South America, to Asia, to Australia or Oceania, no. He sent us to be missionary where we live. Our goal is to let people say about us: look at that man, look at that woman, he or she is another Christ. That is to be a missionary.

**HALLOW PARISH PARTNERSHIP
FOR OUR THREE PARISHES**

Be part of our prayer community. We have teamed up with Hallow (the #1 prayer app in the world) in 2025-2026 to pray together as a parish community. We'll be announcing our kick-off event in a few weeks, but in the meantime, we'd love for you to download the app and sign up, enjoy some of the free content and get ready for our prayer challenges over the next year, which will hopefully enhance your prayer life and sense of community. To download, go to your smart device or phone's app store and search for Hallow. Once you've logged into Hallow, tap Community on the bottom right, from the drop-down menu in the upper left select "Join a Church" and enter our parish office's zip code 18414. From there select Our Lady of the Abingtons and tap Join. Please consider praying with us and we hope to lift each other up in prayer!

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.

FATIMA ROSARY

Please consider joining us for the next Fatima rosary with Ernie Pappa on Monday July 14 at OLA at 6pm.

**COMMUNITY & SERVICE
COORDINATING TEAM**

Are you interested in supporting our Community and Service Ministries? Do you have ideas that will help our parishes become more welcoming? Are you willing to support Outreach activities? Are you a Young Adult looking for service opportunities? We invite you to share your ideas and learn more about our Pastoral Plan Goals by joining us for a brief meeting at each church after mass on July 19 and 20, 2025.

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 till the end of August. There are clothes as well as miscellaneous household items and linens. Please consider being a volunteer. To volunteer call Jane Decker 570-942-6078.

ST. PATRICK BINGO NEWS

Bingo resumes this Thursday July 10th. If you can help in any way or have any questions, please call Rita at 570-575-9874.

OLA FALL FESTIVAL UPDATE

For our Fall Festival we need large dinner-size, hinge Styrofoam takeout boxes and smaller sandwich-size takeout boxes. The takeout boxes can be dropped off in the OLA hall on the Donation Request table. Thank you in advance to all who can help.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

July 12 & 13

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Carmel Williams

9:00am (SML) Bob Andrews

11 am (SP) Michele Zajac

Musicians

4 pm (OLA) Maria Fay

9:00am (SML) Danny Williams

11 am (SP) Maria Fay

Lectors

4 pm (OLA) Kathy Tumavitch

9:00am (SML) Nick Miglorie

11 am (SP) Maria Perez

Altar Servers

4 pm (OLA) Jace Biglin

11am (SP) Corinne Flynn

Shadow - Emma Evans

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

July 9 – SP Clothes Closet, open 5 to 7pm

July 10 – Prayer Shawl Ministry SML, 5:30pm

July 10 – Bingo at SP, doors open, 5pm, bingo, 6pm

July 14 – Fatima Rosary at OLA, 6pm

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.

CLASSES FOR OCIA CANDIDATES

New OCIA classes will be starting at the beginning of September 2025. 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 (July 8) Weekday

8:00 am (OLA) Thomas & Rita Walsh

By Robert & Andrea Walsh

Wednesday (July 9) St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest & Companions, Martyrs

8:00 am (SP) Pat & Bill Webster

By Liz Dempsey

Thursday (July 10) Weekday

8:00 am (SML) Bootsie Gaffney

By Maureen Gaffney

Saturday (July 12) The Vigil of The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (OLA) Leo & Mary Kruczek

By Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Kruczek

Sunday (July 13) The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) Gertrude Billings

By James Billings

11:00 am (SP) Carolyn Desautel

By Rich Kramny

OFFERINGS

SP Weekly \$ 2,360.00 Loose \$ 295.00

OLA Weekly \$ 2,624.00 Loose \$ 30.00

SML Weekly \$ 2,430.00 Loose \$ 303.00

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. "When there are two roads which will bring me where I am going, I take the one with more churches so as to be nearer the Blessed Sacrament. When I see a place where my Jesus is, I could not be happier, and I say, 'You are here, my God and my All'. Venerable J.J. Olier

OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

Saint Bridget of Sweden: she used to attend Mass in a chapel, a not-well attended Mass. Jesus said to her one day, although only few people assist at this Mass, nevertheless all heaven rejoices with it, and souls in purgatory find some relief because of that Mass.