

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Beatitudes in today's gospel show that we are in the center, in the heart of the Gospel. As a matter of fact, The Beatitudes summarize the entire teaching of Christ. They are like seven doors which we can use to get into heaven. May everyone make a choice of one, any of them, one of your choice, the one that you think can help you enter into Paradise, any of The Beatitudes will lead us into heaven. They hold together. Isn't it true for instance that those who are clean of hearts are also merciful or are meek.....? There is no hierarchy in The Beatitudes, nor boundaries, they all communicate among themselves, just like oceans. The Beatitudes are not a set of laws, not a list of things forbidden, not a catalogue for reward. Commandments on the mountain. On another mountain, Jesus gives us the secret to happiness. To live according to The Beatitudes is to lead a life in such a way that the kingdom of God comes among us, in our hearts. The Beatitudes are not only a message, a beautiful message to mankind, but they are Someone, they are a Person, Jesus. Jesus Himself is The Beatitudes: He is Merciful, His is Patience, He is Purity, He is Poor of heart... Happiness to you, Happiness to me, Happiness to all of us, with Jesus' help.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOAGIE SALE

Knights of Columbus Council 6611 will be taking orders for Superbowl hoagies after all Masses this weekend January 31 & February 1 for delivery after the Masses on February 7 & 8. The price is \$9/ea. (4 for \$35) for your choice of Italian, roast beef or turkey. The proceeds directly benefit council activities supporting our parishes and local charities. Contact: Matt Schofield at schofieldmjs@outlook.com

LENTEN SLEEPING BAG PROJECT

All are welcome to come help make sleeping bags for the homeless in the St. Pat's Hall on Saturday February 21st from 10am to 4pm. No sewing skills required. Donations of blankets, fabric, thread, yarn, toiletries, and men's ties can be placed in the blue barrel at the Hall entrance. For information, please call Joan at 570-942-4481.

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK SWING DANCE

In celebration of the vocation of marriage, and National Marriage Week (Feb 7th-14th), the Diocese of Scranton is hosting a Swing Dance on Saturday, February 7th at the Diocesan Pastoral Center Auditorium, 330 Wyoming Ave, Scranton. The Swing Dance will feature Swing Fever Dance Band from Limekiln, PA, a 17-piece traditional Big Band. Join us from 4-5pm for the dance instruction followed by open dance from 5-8pm. Tickets to attend will be \$20/ticket in advance, and \$25/ticket at the door. Tickets and table reservations can be purchased online by visiting <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/family-life/national-marriage-week-swing-dance-2026/>. If you have any questions, you may call or email Bridget Maille at (570) 207-2213 ext 1133 or familylife@dioceseofscranton.org.

SML ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Next Sunday February 8 at the 9am Mass we will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the beginning of the Altar & Rosary Society at St. Mary of the Lake Church. All are welcome to come to Mass and the reception after Mass. May God Bless all those who have been a part of the Society for the past 75 years.

SML EASTER CANDY SALE

SML parishioners are busy making handmade Easter Candy to be sold during Lent and Easter seasons. There are order forms available at all our churches. Any questions call Dorothy at 570-378-2530 or Loretta at 570-378-2256.

PRAY40 HALLOW CHALLENGE

This Lent, our community invites you to join Hallow's Lent Pray40 prayer challenge, beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 18. Available on our page in the Hallow app — with or without a subscription. More details to come.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER MEETING

Let us pray for a RENEWAL in the Holy Spirit
On Monday February 2, there will be a Diocesan Prayer Meeting at 7:30pm at Divine Mercy Parish Hall 312 Davis St. Scranton, Pa. After the meeting there will be time for fellowship. If you can, bring a dessert or finger food.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

February 7 & 8

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Nikki Weisenfluh
9:00am (SML) Sean Pieretti
11 am (SP) Chris Stutzman

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) Jim Soltis
11 am (SP) Mary Ann Mulfinno

Altar Servers

4 pm (OLA) – Margaret Jones, Kevin Jones
11am (SP) – Corinne Flynn
Shadow – Emma Evans

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Feb 5 – Bingo at SP, Doors open at 5pm, Bingo at 6pm
Feb 8-First Communion Parents Mtg St Pat Hall,10am
Feb 22 – All Faith Formation Students combined
Valentine Breakfast at SML after 9am Mass

COMBINED VALENTINE BREAKFAST

On Sunday February 22, Faith Formation students from St. Mary's, St Patrick's and Our Lady of the Abingtons will wear red or pink and attend 9am Mass at SML. After Mass there will be breakfast in the hall with a lesson about St. Valentine, a game and a craft till 11:45am.

SP/OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Julie Harvatine - jwharv03@gmail.com.
2/8/2026 - SP/OLA Class and First Holy Communion Parents Meeting
2/15/2026 - SP/OLA No Class

On 2/22 we all meet at SML for mass and a joint lesson after morning mass at SML. We will enjoy breakfast and snacks during our lesson. We need a final headcount for this event. An email was sent on 1/19, and I need the final number no later than 2/8/2026. Please respond to jwharv03@gmail.com

SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Kerry Pieretti - redlightgreen343@gmail.com
Feb 8 - Class
Feb. 15 - Off President's Day weekend
Feb. 22 - FFF Valentine breakfast at SML

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (February 3) St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, St. Ansgar, Bishop

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

Wednesday (February 4) Weekday

8:00am (SP) Veronica Hay
By Lucy Ziman

Thursday (February 5) St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

8:00 am (SML) Kasimer & Hedwig Jablonski
By Theresa Zdaniewicz

Saturday (February 7) The Vigil of The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (OLA) John & Deanna Beggin
By Monica Wilga

Sunday February 8) The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) 75th Anniversary of St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society
By St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society

11:00 am (SP) Frank Dalton
By Mary Ann Mulfinno

The Sanctuary Candle at SML

Burning this week for the Deceased and Living Members of St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society

By St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society

WEEKLY OFFERING (COLLECTION)

SP Weekly	OLA Weekly	SML Weekly
Unavailable this week		

ST. PAT BINGO NEWS

Bingo on Thursday doors open at 5pm. Bingo starts at 6pm. There will be new special kitchen offerings and lots of fun. For more info call Rita at 570-575-9874. See you then.

2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements for 2025 are available for all registered parishioners. These statements may be used for tax purposes. Contact the office at 570-563-1622 if you need a statement.

OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

Blessed Elizabeth Canori Mora: out of humility, she dreaded to be present herself at Mass, but our Lord will always bring her, with His own hands, the Divine Communion.