

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

“Then Jesus said (to the woman) ‘Neither do I condemn you. Go and from now on do not sin anymore’.” While Jesus is teaching in the presence of His disciples and of a crowd, they threw in front of Him this woman caught in adultery. It is not a woman that they presented to Jesus it is a dossier. The woman is only an alibi. She has no say. Both, Jesus and the woman will be condemned: The woman for committing adultery, and Jesus for violating the law of Moses if He frees her. What a picture! Misery facing Mercy. The woman in and with her shame, and Jesus in His Power to forgive. Strangely, the accusers become their own judges in condemning themselves by running away, thus freeing their victims. Jesus’s silence here is greater than words. Please, let’s be clear, Jesus is not ignoring sins. His position is even or rather harder than the one of the accusers. Jesus sees in the accusers the same sin as the one on the accused. He is sending everyone to the source, our conscience. Everyone has only one thing to do: shut up. This silence invites all of us: “Go and sin no more”.

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**LENTEN THEME & DAILY PRAYER  
FOR THIS YEAR**

“Lord, If You Remember Our Sins, Who Will Be Saved”. (from Ps 130).

**DEANERY PENANCE SERVICES FOR LENT**

**Our Lady of Abingtons-Mon. 4/7 at 6pm**

Our Lady of Snows/St. Gregory-Wed. 4/9 at 6pm

St. John Vianney—Thurs. 4/10 at 6pm

Nativity BVM—Mon. 4/14 at 6pm

**LENTEN SERIES**

**“Falling in love with the book of Revelation”**

Every Friday of Lent, after the Stations Of The Cross (6 pm), we will gather in the church’s hall (6:30 pm), for Soup And Scriptures. This year, the famous book of Revelation will lead us to Easter on our journey to repent.

Friday April 11: SML - The last session

**SOUPS FOR FRIDAY APRIL 11 AT SML**

SML parishioners, we need 5 soups for Soup & Scripture. If you can bring hot soup in a crock pot this Friday, please call the office at OLA (570-563-6122) to let us know.

**LENT AND LENTEN REGULATIONS**

**ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY:** These are days of Fast and Abstinence from meat (or one full meal between the age of 18 and 59 inclusive).

**DAYS OF ABSTINENCE:** All Fridays of Lent(age 14)

**WEEKDAYS OF LENT:** There is no obligation to fast.

However, voluntary works or acts of charity and self-denial are highly recommended.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS**

The PPC and Coordinating Teams will meet on Tuesday April 8@ 6:30 in the OLA Hall. As the teams work to build action steps for the Pastoral Plan goals, they will also be identifying who can best help us achieve those goals. Please be ready with your ideas to help our faith community continue to grow.

**HOLY WEEK**

**HOLY THURSDAY:**

**Mass of the Last Supper**

**At St. Pat, 6pm**

**Washing of the feet**

**Repository**

**Night Prayer at 9pm**

**GOOD FRIDAY:**

**Celebration of the Passion**

**At SML, 1pm**

**Reading of the Passion**

**Veneration of the Cross**

**General Intercessions**

**HOLY SATURDAY**

**Blessing of Easter Baskets**

**At OLA, 9 am**

**At SML, 10 am**

**At St. Pat, 11 am**

**EASTER VIGIL**

**At OLA, 8pm**

**Easter Paschal Candle**

**Individual Candle**

**Exultet**

**Glory to God (finally)**

**Alleluia Song (finally)**

**Renewal of our baptismal promises**

**Ite Missa Est, Alleluia**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**Mass of Resurrection**

**At OLA, 8am**

**At SML, 9:30am**

**At St Pat, 11am**

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

**April 12 & 13**

### Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Barbara Williamson, Diane Fitzpatrick  
9:00am (SML) Pat Wall  
11 am (SP) Jill D'Antoni, Michele Zajac

### Musicians

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

### Lectors

4 pm (OLA) Bob Andrews, Seb Naro  
9:00am (SML) Kathy Tumavitch, Mary Ann Mulfino  
11 am (SP) Mary Jo Danoski, Becky Mozeleski

### Altar Servers

11am (SP) Corinne Flynn  
Shadow – Emma Evans

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

April 7 – Lenten Penance Service at OLA, 6pm  
April 7 – Disciples of Mary Mtg at SML, 6:45pm  
April 8 – Parish Pastoral Council mtg at OLA, 6:30pm  
April 11 – Stations, Soup & Scripture at SML, 6pm

### **SP/OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

We are making an effort to get more kids to experience the story that the stations of the cross unfolds for us. We would like SP/OLA and their families to make every effort to attend and potentially participate in at least 1 of the stations of the cross events. It is a wonderful family faith formation Lenten activity everyone in your family can enjoy! **ALL** students from grade 3 thru confirmation are expected to attend the Penance Service at OLA, 6pm in preparation for Easter. **Palm Sunday:** SP/OLA students and families please plan to attend mass. We will have the kids process with palms at the beginning of mass then return to sit with their families.

SP/OLA Family Faith Formation is collecting baby items (diapers, wipes, bath items, etc.) now thru May 4th in honor of our Holy Mother Mary. Our students will present them at Mass on 5/4 and donate the items to St. Joseph's Center. Items will be collected and stored in Mrs. Evan's Sunday school classroom until the presentation on May 4.

April 7 – Mandatory Penance Service at OLA, 6pm  
April 13 – Class – Palm Sunday Children's procession

### **SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

Please prayerfully consider giving something up or adding something as a family. Stations of the Cross is a great opportunity!

April 7 - Mandatory Penance Service at OLA, 6pm  
April 13 – Class

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Tuesday (April 8 ) Lenten Weekday**

8:00 am (OLA) Thomas & Rita Walsh  
*By Robert & Andrea Walsh*

### **Wednesday (April 9) Lenten Weekday**

8:00 am (SP) Thankful blessings for Fr.Arbo  
*By Anonymous*

### **Thursday (April 10) Lenten Weekday**

8:00 am (SML) William Hendershot  
*By Catherine Noreike*

### **Saturday (April 12) The Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

4:00 pm (OLA) Wassil Soblosky  
*By Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Kruczek*

### **Sunday (April 13) Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

9:00 am (SML) Joseph Cheskiewicz  
*By Mary Lou*  
11:00 am (SP) Thanksgiving for Magdaline Sliwinski  
*By Pat Moots*

### **Sanctuary Candle at OLA**

Burning this week for David Gruss  
*By Mom, Eleanor*

### **WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)**

<b>SP Weekly</b>	<b>\$ 2,311.00</b>	<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$ 54.05</b>
<b>OLA Weekly</b>	<b>\$ 1,691.00</b>	<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$ 58.00</b>
<b>SML Weekly</b>	<b>\$ 1,140.00</b>	<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$ 170.09</b>

*May the Lord reward your generosity.*

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS # 6611**

#### **EASTER FLOWER SALE**

Thanks to all who ordered Easter flowers. The flowers will be available for pickup after Mass on the weekend of April 12 & 13 at all churches.

### **NICHOLSON'S 150<sup>TH</sup> YEAR CELEBRATION**

#### **VINTAGE FASHION SHOW**

The Vintage Fashion Show will take place at St. Patrick's Hall on April 27 at 1pm. If you have any vintage clothes or would like to be a model, please call Jane Decker at 570-942-6078.

### **HOLY THURSDAY WASHING OF FEET**

We need 12 parishioners to volunteer to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday. If you are willing, please call the OLA office between April 6 & 15.

### **SAINTS LIFE WITH THE EUCHARIST**

Saint Egidio: During Mass, an angel appeared to him. The angel was holding a book in which was written the sin of a man who wished at that time to be absolved of his sins. His wish was fulfilled by virtue of the Eucharistic Sacrifice.