THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" This is the question that a Scholar of the law asked Jesus. One and only one question. Jesus gives two answers. Action and contemplation. God and man. Not God alone. Not man alone. Love of God above everything else. Love of the neighbor for God's sake, for God's honor, for God's glory (Let's remind ourselves here of St. Irenaeus's theology: "The glory of God is a human being alive"). Can mankind today rediscover this GREAT truth? When we look at God we see a human being, and when we look at a human being, we see God. In the book of Genesis, book about creation, it is said that when God created everything, He saw that IT WAS GOOD, but when He created man and woman, He saw that IT WAS VERY GOOD. God was in admiration, in awe, after the creation of man and woman. God "suffered" terribly when men sinned. We know it because of the question to Adam "Where are you?"
Just as a mother loves her baby, God loves mankind without end, without limit, He even lowered Himself to the point of becoming man, suffered false accusations, betrayal, unjust trial, condemnation and died shamefully on a cross. On the cross, there was a call, a call to love God and a call to love our fellow men. Before that, He asked us to call God Our Father, which means we are brothers and sisters. Love of God and love of man are one: The greatest commandment.

SP FALL FESTIVAL NEWS

Karen & Joanne thank all of you who gave; remembering that all we have is from the Lord. He has provided excellently for our Festival, a total of $11,358.28.

ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCE

November is traditionally the month when we especially remember in our prayers our faithful departed. Please remember the offertory envelope for All Souls Day in your envelope pack. Kindly inscribe the names of your deceased loved ones on the envelope and return it in the collection basket. These envelopes will be placed on the altar, and your intentions will be remembered at all the masses celebrated throughout the month of November.

CEMETERY VISIT IN NOVEMBER

On November 2, visiting a cemetery and having fulfilled the usual conditions (having gone to Confession, to Communion, having recited the Creed and prayed for the intentions of the Holy Father), it is possible to obtain a Plenary Indulgence, applicable to a deceased faithful.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 7 & 8, 2026

On the weekend of November 7th & 8th, OLA, SML & St Patrick parishes will each have the Mass of Remembrance for parishioners who died and had a funeral Mass at one of our parishes between November 2025 and October 2026.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

Parish Pastoral Council and Coordinating Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 10 @6pm in the OLA Hall.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Our three Parishes continue to celebrate the SML tradition of Pro-Life Sunday (October 4) by having a container in each church for the whole month of October, to collect baby items for St Joseph Center Baby & Children's Pantry

MEET OUR SPEAKER HALLOW PARISH MISSION MONDAY NOV. 9

Join us for a special evening of faith, fellowship, and inspiration with Mitchell Narvasa, Hallow Parish Lead and Mission Speaker, husband, and father of five. With a master's degree in Catechetics and Evangelization from Franciscan University of Steubenville and more than a decade of parish ministry, Mitchell brings a deep love for the Gospel and the beauty of the Catholic faith. Come be encouraged, renewed, and drawn closer to Christ! Bring a friend! Any parishioner who brings a guest to the talk will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a complimentary Hallow subscription for themselves and their guest. We'll select 10 winners, so invite a friend and join us for this special evening! Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details about this special Parish mission!

SLEEPING BAGS FOR HOMELESS VETS

On Saturday, November 14, we will be making Sleeping Bags at St Patrick's Parish Hall from 10 to 3 in honor of Veterans Day. Please join us for this day of service with fellow parishioners! No sewing skills required. We are collecting **new** shower curtains, bath towels, twin sheet sets, men's boxer shorts, women's underwear, sugar and creamer. These items will be distributed to the Community Intervention Center and St Francis Commons. Contact Joan @ 570-468-6903 with questions.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

October 31 & November 1

Eucharistic Ministers
4 pm (OLA) Andrea Walsh
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) Don Ames
11 am (SP) Mary Ann Mulfino

Altar Servers
4 pm (OLA) – Jace Biglin
11am (SP) – Maci Harvatine
Shadow: Nolan Matulevich

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 29 - Bingo SP doors open at 5pm, bingo 6pm
Oct 29 – Prayer Shawl Ministry, SML, 5:30pm
Nov 2 – All Souls Day, Holy Day of Obligation Masses
8:00am OLA, 9:30am SML, 11:00am SP
Nov 2 – Altar & Rosary meeting, SML, 6:15pm
Nov 10 – Parish Pastoral Council Mtg, OLA hall, 6pm
Nov 14 – Sleeping Bag Project SP Hall, 10am to 3pm

3 PARISH FAMILY FAITH FORMATION EVENT

There will be a Halloween/All Saints Family Event for our Family Faith Formation students and their families from all 3 parishes (SP, OLA, SML) held on Sunday, November 1st during FFF class from 9:45-10:45am at the St. Patrick Hall in Nicholson. There will be snacks, games, and a family-centered craft. Feel free to wear your Halloween costume, or dress as a Saint if you'd like! For more information contact Kerry Pieretti at Redlightgreen343@gmail.com or contact Jill D'Antoni at dantonijill@gmail.com.

REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any of those mentioned above has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, the matter is to be reported to law enforcement at 1-800-932-0313 or www.compass.state.pa.us./cwis.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (October 27) Weekday
8:00am (OLA)
By

Wednesday (October 28) Saints Simon & Jude
8:00am (SP)
By

Thursday (October 29) Weekday
8:00 am (SML)
By

Saturday (October 31) The Vigil of All Saints
4:00 pm (OLA) James Tschopp
By Nick & Kathy Tumavitch

Sunday (November 1) All Saints
9:00 am (SML) Parker Wall
By Pat Wall
11:00 am (SP) Matt Damiano
By The Damiano Family

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)
SP Weekly $ 1,118.00 Loose $ 103.00
OLA Weekly $ 1,606.00 Loose $ 87.00
SML Weekly $ 940.00 Loose $ 105.00
May the Lord reward your generosity.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. The purpose of the Rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Every time we pray the Our Father we are reminded that Jesus' Father is the initiator of salvation. Praying the Hail Mary reminds us that we are joining with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. In addition, they help to make us aware that Mary was and is still intimately joined with her Son, Jesus, in all the mysteries of earthly and heavenly existence. The constant repetition of prayer creates an atmosphere of contemplation.

SCRANTON PREP GALLARIA

Scranton Prep's Galleria featuring over 80 vendors will take place at Prep Xavier Center, 1000 Wyoming Ave, Scranton on Saturday November 7 from 10 to 4pm and Sunday November 8 from 11 to 3pm. Admission is $5, Children under 12 are free.

SAINTS WITH UNUSUAL LIVES

Today's Saint is Vladimir of Kiev, also called Volodymyr the great, was what is known today as Russia. He was known for his barbarism and immorality. He vehemently opposed Christianity in his life. Vladimir was a polygamist and used to make human sacrifices. This Saint Patron of the Ukrainian people had a conversion and became a great leader who helped to bring Christianity to his people and the neighboring nations. If a murderer and an evil person like Vladimir of Kiev became a Saint, so can we.