

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus says in today's gospel: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me, is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me". What a "harsh" statement! How is it that Jesus says these words, creating a "rivalry" with parents, siblings, children, and Him with His message of peace? How can CCD teachers (I mean teachers in Family Faith Formation) explain this gospel to children knowing that we ask them to live in peace at home? Here we go with an explanation. It is in a family's context that Jesus is talking. A fight that involves truth, because He is "The Way, The Truth, and The Life". Whenever and wherever we choose truth and life, we are choosing Jesus even without knowing it. Whenever there is a conflict, no matter where and how, God always has to win, to be The Winner. This could bring friction, tension, hurt, persecution, anger, and misunderstanding. To choose God most of the time is to "lose one's life", but truly, it means, in Jesus's name, is to save it. Don't forget, God writes straight on a curve.

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

SML WYOMING COUNTY FAIR NEWS

It's Wyoming County Fair time again. This year we need your help in donating a gift card or a basket wrapped in cellophane for our booth. Gift cards are preferred due to limited transportation back and forth to fair. Baskets are also welcome. We will be accepting donations beginning July 1. All donations need to be in by Aug 1. Any questions call Pat Wall 570-575-6266 or Dee Pasko 570-378- 2834.

OLA FALL FESTIVAL NEWS

Planning for the OLA Fall Festival continues. Live music is booked and our stands are getting ready. You can help by considering what you can donate. We will begin collecting water, cans of soda and basket of cheer donations. If you are out shopping, consider buying 2, one for home and one for OLA! You can also begin planning your Bountiful Basket and Dining Out gift certificates. And we can always use more volunteers. Contact Bruce and Nikki Weisenfluh at 570-335-8135 if you want to add your name to our list.

**LOWER WYOMING COUNTY FOOD PANTRY
SML**

Baskets are placed in the front entrance of the church and at the entrance to the hall. Please bring non-perishable food items to help our neighbors who are in need. Thank you.

**DALTON FOOD PANTRY
OLA & SP**

Bins are placed in the front entrance of SP and in the hall at OLA. Please bring non-perishable food items to help our neighbors who are in need. Thank you.

**WYOMING COUNTY FOOD VOUCHER
DISTRIBUTION**

The Area Agency on Aging for Wyoming county are distributing food vouchers to be used at area Farmers Markets for residents of Wyoming County age 60 and older. The distribution will take place at the Wyoming County Active Adult Center located on Dymond Terrace in Tunkhannock from 9am to 2pm on July 14. Proof of residency and age is required so bring your driver's license.

ST. JOSEPH'S CENTER SUMMER FESTIVAL

St. Joseph's summer Festival will be Marywood University on July 24, 25 & 26. St Joseph's Center Auxillary is looking for some help for the festival. Here is their wish list for the Afghan Booth: New handmade items including: Afghans, quilts, baby items, cards, dolls & doll's clothes etc. New & unopened donations can be dropped off Monday – Friday 8am-4pm at the DeNaples Community Services Building in Dunmore- 320 S. Blakely St by July 16th. For more information call: 570-207-6656.

SML AMERICA 250 FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar for this weekend's Mass were donated by the Altar & Rosary society in celebration of our country's 250th Anniversary. Thank you, Ladies.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

July 4 & 5

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Michele Zajac
9:00am (SML) Ann Marie Gorko
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) Judy Zipay
9:00am (SML) Jim Soltis
11 am (SP) Mary Jo Danoski

Altar Servers

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 1 – Clothes Closet at SP, 4 to 7pm
July 2 - Clothes Closet at SP, 4 to 6pm
July 2 – Prayer Shawl Ministry at SML, 5:30pm
July 3 – Church Office closed for the July 4th Holiday

BINGO NEWS

Good News: Thursday night St. Patrick's bingo will resume on July 9. Doors will open at 5pm. Bingo starts at 6pm. Come join us for food and fun!

CLOTHES CLOSET NEWS

Thank you to all who donated to the clothes closet and all those who make purchases at the clothes closet. Right now, we are so full that we have no room for any more donations. There are clothes as well as miscellaneous household items. Please come and tell your family & friends to come check out the great selections we have.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY

On Saturday July 4th after the 4pm Mass at Our Lady of the Abingtons we will pray the Patriotic Rosary for every state in our country on this 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Please come and pray with us. Weather permitting, we will pray the rosary at the grotto.

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY

We wish all our Parishioners a Joyful Fourth of July. May Our Lady, Patroness of The Americas keep our Nation safely in Her care. Let's see our Nation with the eyes of those visiting us for the soccer World Cup. They are in awe of our Nation.

Also, on the Fourth, please have a fifth. But please remember: He who drinks a fifth on the Fourth, may not be able to go forth on the fifth. Once again,

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (June 30) The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

8:00am (OLA) Health & Blessings for Msgr. John Esseff
By A Friend

Wednesday (July 1) St. Junipero Serra, Priest

8:00am (SP) Ben Janssen
By Lucy Ziman

Thursday (July 2) Weekday

8:00 am (SML) Brandon Gardner
By Social Concerns Ministry

Saturday (July 4) The Vigil of The Fourteenth

Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 pm (OLA) Stephen Marhevka
By Tony & Rita Sandy

Sunday (July 5) The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) Theresa Wall
By Pat Wall
11:00 am (SP) John Krizauskas
By Anonymous

The Sanctuary Candle at SP, OLA AND SML

Burning this week for The Celebration of 250 Years of America

By Parishioners

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly	\$ 1,733.00	Loose	\$ 241.00
OLA Weekly	\$ 1,583.00	Loose	\$ 92.00
SML Weekly	\$ 1,464.00	Loose	\$ 96.00

May the Lord reward your generosity

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Natalie Cocchini and Kurtlen Weidner Celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony on Saturday June 20 at Our Lady of the Abingtons Church. Congratulations Mr. & Mrs. Weidner. May the Lord richly bless their marriage.

SP GRAB & GO BREAKFAST FUNDRAISERS

Thank you to Sue Fazio, Heather Clark, Melissa Margotta, Leslie & Michael Mulhern for organizing and running the Grab & Go Sandwich Fundraiser on June 6 and June 13. Your amazing efforts raised \$1,465.08 for our church.

OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

Sister Jeanne Benigne Gojos: Jesus told her: "At every Communion that you have received, for fifteen years, My merciful Grace has granted to your prayers the conversion of a heretic, especially of the most obstinate."