

THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Jesus told His disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary”, so begins today’s gospel. What a subject! What an important subject! Is praying necessary? Is prayer effective? These are questions that come more often than not. Whether in a personal life or the community life, we have many “unanswered” prayers. Jesus’s answer is an unquestioned YES. How and why would our Father who loves us say no to our prayers or leave our prayers unanswered? A judge in today’s Gospel who “neither feared God nor respected any human being”, but in order to be at peace, renders justice that one requires from him. How much more a God of love and mercy! We have a God who, as we say on Holy Saturday Night, during the Easter Proclamation (EXSULTET), “to ransom a slave You gave away Your Son”. Sure, in our world we have injustice, war, violence, hatred, etc.... and these make us suffer and doubt that our prayers are answered. St Luke however concludes today’s gospel with a question that Jesus asks: “When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?” Everyone should give an answer to this question. There is no prayer or there should be no prayer without faith.

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

During the month of November, every Catholic is asked by law to visit a cemetery. If followed properly, Indulgence is attached to this ancient pious practice.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 1 & 2, 2025

On the weekend of November 1st & 2nd, 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 2024 and October 2025.

MINISTRY REQUEST

We are still looking for friendly volunteers to serve as greeters before Mass. Greeters help welcome parishioners and visitors, share a warm smile, and set the tone for our worship together. If you enjoy meeting people and would like to serve in this simple but meaningful ministry, please contact the Community and Service Coordinating Team at we4fluhs@aol.com or call the parish office at 570-563-1622. Thank you to the 8 people who volunteered so far.

SLEEPING BAGS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

Join us to make sleeping bags for homeless veterans at St Patrick Parish Hall on Saturday, November 8 from 10am to 4pm. Donations for the veterans of Men's Boxer shorts (new) sizes small to XXL, women's briefs sizes 7-9, Hand warmers, waterproof gloves, toothpaste, and paper plates.

Donations to make the sleeping bags: Men’s ties, blankets, comforters, sheets, and fabric. Donations may be placed in the blue barrel in front of the Parish Hall or brought to the event on November 8th. For more information, call Joan at 570-468-6903

**PRAYER CHALLENGE INVITATION
HOW TO PRAY CHALLENGE**

Prayer is more than something we do — it’s how God engages us in conversation. And just as there are many ways we speak to God, there are many ways He wants to reach us. Our parish community invites you to join the **How to Pray Challenge** on the **Hallow app**, starting Monday, October 27th. **Please bring your phones/smart devices next weekend as we’ll help you sign up and join our parish community on Hallow after Mass.** You can join the waitlist today on the home page of NEPACatholic.com or by visiting <https://hallow.app.link/qDrlemfA4Wb> and receive a reminder before the challenge begins.

Wherever you are, come pray with us!

ST. PATRICK BINGO NEWS

Bingo continues every Thursday. Please volunteer. Call Rita 570-575-9874. Make a homemade dessert or entrée. Call Bernice at 570-947-1677. See our weekly chef specials on Facebook. Thanks for your support.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

October 25 & 26

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Nikki Weisenfluh
9:00am (SML) Carmel Williams
11 am (SP) Jill D'Antoni

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) Bob Andrews
11 am (SP) Faith Formation Students

Altar Servers

4 pm (OLA) Kevin Jones & Margaret Jones
11am (SP) Kali Harvatine
Shadow – Emma Evans

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Oct 23 – Prayer Shawl Ministry at SML, 5:30pm
Oct 23 – Bingo at SP, doors open, 5pm, bingo, 6pm
Oct 26 – All Faith Formation Students combined fun
at St. Patrick's in Nicholson, 9:45am

COMBINED HALLOWEEN FUN

OCTOBER 26, 2025

St. Mary's, St Patrick's, and Our Lady of the Abingtons
Faith Formation Students will join together for a festive
party and lesson at St. Patrick's Hall at 9:45am followed by
attending 11am Mass at St. Patrick's Church. Wear your
costume!

SP/OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Julie Harvatine - jwharv03@gmail.com.

11/2/2025 – Class

SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

. Kerry Pieretti - redlightgreen343@gmail.com

Nov. 2 Class

CLARK SUMMIT DEANERY MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY POTLUCK DINNER

Our inter-parish mental health ministry (MHM) team will
have a potluck dinner at the Church of St. Gregory on
Thursday, October 23rd at 6pm. If you're interested in
learning about, or joining the MHM team, please plan to
attend. Call or email Ellen Deak to learn more (570-563-
2462 OR MOMELLTO3A@GMAIL.COM).

PUBLICATION OF BANNS

It's our pleasure to publish the banns (first of three) for the
intended wedding of Sarah Weisenhfluh and Joshua
Bauman. This wedding is to take place at OLA church at
1 pm on Saturday November 8. Please, pray for this
couple, the future Mr. and Mrs. Bauman.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Brian Williamson and Rina Rionda celebrated the
Sacrament of Matrimony at Our Lady of the Abingtons on
Saturday October 11. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs.
Williamson. We wish them the best in their married life.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (October 21) Weekday

8:00 am (OLA) Eugene Hoch

By Janet Motyka

Wednesday (October 22) St. John Paul II, Pope

8:00 am (SP) Deceased Members of the Marrazzo &
Riccardo Families

By John & Pat Marrazzo

Thursday (October 23) St. John of Capistrano, Priest

8.00 am (SML) Brandon James Gardner

By Altar & Rosary Society

Saturday (October 25) The Vigil of The Thirtieth

Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (OLA) Chester, Ann & Wesley Frank Brozstek

By Family

Sunday (October 26) The Thirtieth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) Thomas & Ann Janoski

By Lisa Janoski

11:00 am (SP) Dan Spencer

By Liz Dempsey

The Sanctuary Candle at OLA

Burning this week for Health & Blessings for Charles
Gibbs

By Bob & Andrea Walsh

The Sanctuary Candle at SP

Burning for Health & Blessings for the Teachers &
Students in the Faith Formation classes.

By A Friend

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly \$ 1,137.00 Loose \$ 78.00

OLA Weekly \$ 2,110.00 Loose \$ 16.00

SML Weekly \$ 1,560.00 Loose \$ 160.00

May the Lord reward your generosity. .

OCTOBER IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

This devotion is Christ's life seen through Mary. If you are
a Parishioner who doesn't say the Rosary daily, please start
during this month. If you are among those who say at least
ONE Rosary daily, Congratulations. And maybe go for a
second. To Jesus, through Mary.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

This year's Respect Life Month theme is "Life: Our Sign
of Hope". Pope Leo XIV encourages us, "How important it
is that each and every baptized person feels himself or
herself called by God to be a sign of hope in the world
today."

ST. JOSEPH BABY ITEMS COLLECTION

Our three Parishes continue the collection of baby
items for the whole month of October, for St Joseph
Center Baby & Children's Pantry. Your generosity is
most appreciated.

OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

St Thomas of Cori: many times, during Mass, he
would see the child Jesus appear to him.