

**THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Vanity of vanities”, says Qohelet, vanity of vanities! All things are vanities. Of all the Books of Wisdom in the Bible (these are the Wisdom Books: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Wisdom, Sirach (also called Ecclesiasticus), the book of Ecclesiastes is the most famous. It speaks in a language and style that is very familiar to our time, and about our human condition: disenchantment, feeling of weariness, the apparent absurdity of life, the heaviness or sadness of our condition. “Vanity of vanities” is the general theme of the whole book. Things seem to shine under the sun, but it is only fog. However, this human experience with its limitations is an experience that every single human being must have, whether we want it or not, whether we like it or not. Our lives have this aspect of vanity that can lead us hopefully to the mystery of God. “Vanity of vanities” means we must or should rid ourselves of what is negative in us. From here, from the First Reading, we jump into the Second Reading in which St Paul gives an excellent understanding of “vanity of vanities”. He invents a new word in Greek language, a new verb, the verb “raise with”. This verb didn’t exist before St Paul. He invents it (the verb “raise” existed before Paul, but not the verb “raised with”). And for him, the verb ‘raised’ (in Jesus’s Resurrection) is indissolubly (that means in a way that is impossible to take apart; in a way that cannot be broken or undone) linked, attached with the preposition ‘with’. St Paul is telling us that our fate, our being is united with Jesus’s being in such a way that we cannot see thing anymore as “vanity”. It means we are “caught up” in the mystery of a “New Man”, Jesus. So, there is ONLY one person, Christ, who “is all and in all”. In that sense, our life is no more “vanity of vanities”. There is no more need to “store up things” for ourselves, as today’s gospel puts it, but we “become rich in what matters to God”.

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**SML WYOMING COUNTY FAIR BASKET  
RAFFLE AUG. 27 TO SEPT 1**

Due to the remodeling of the hall and limited space we are mainly looking for donations of monetary gifts in a frame, lottery tickets or gift cards. We will also take baskets that are wrapped or in original boxes. Please give your donation to Pat Wall or Dee Pasco. All donations need to be received by **August 17**. This year the Wyoming County Fair runs from August 27 to September 1. Any questions please call Pat at 570-575-6266 or Dee at 570-378-2834.

**CLOTHES CLOSET NEWS**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the clothes closet. We are very well stocked. Please tell your family & friends all about it. It is open on Wednesdays from 5 to 7pm and Thursdays from 4 to 6pm till the end of August. To volunteer call Jane Decker 570-942-6078.

**ASSUMPTION FEAST DAY**

The parishioners of OLA invite SML and St. Patrick parishioners to join us on Friday August 15. After we celebrate the 5pm Mass at the OLA grotto, we will have our annual get together under the pavilion. There is a sheet at all churches to sign up. Thank you to Lucy Ziman, our chairperson.

**ST. PATRICK BINGO NEWS**

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

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**OLA FALL FESTIVAL NEEDS**

The OLA Fall Festival on Sept. 13 & 14 is just 6 weeks away. Please consider donating to our booths. **Bountiful Baskets:** \$25 (or more) NEW items or gift cards. Please wrap in clear cellophane.

**Dining Out:** gift certificate to your favorite restaurant **Basket of Cheer:** please share your favorite wine, beer or liquor

**Bake Stand:** time to gather your favorite recipes.

**White Elephant & Silent Auction:** donations can be brought to the hall beginning August 23.

Donations for the food stands will also be accepted.

We are still accepting donations of bottles of water and cans of soda that can be dropped off in the church hall. Contact Tony Sandy at 570-945-3655 if you would like to donate. Volunteers are also needed.

Please share some of your time. The next festival meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 6th at 6:30pm.

**HALLOW PARISH PARTNERSHIP FOR OUR  
THREE PARISHES**

Be part of our prayer community. We have teamed up with Hallow in 2025-2026 to pray together as a parish community. We'd love for you to download the app and sign up to enhance your prayer life and sense of community. To download, go to your smart device or phone's app store and search for Hallow. Once you've logged into Hallow, tap Community on the bottom right, from the drop-down menu in the upper left select "Join a Church" and enter our parish office's zip code 18414. From there select Our Lady of the Abingtons and tap Join.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

### August 9 & 10

#### Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Danny Williams Jr.  
9:00am (SML) Sean Pieretti  
11 am (SP) Sue 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) Stephen Zdaniewicz  
11 am (SP) Mary Ann Mulfino

#### Altar Servers

4 pm (OLA) Jace Biglin  
11am (SP) Corinne Flynn

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

Aug 6 – OLA Fall Festival Meeting, 6:30pm  
Aug 6 – SP Clothes Closet, open 5 to 7pm  
Aug 7 – Prayer Shawl Ministry SML, 5:30pm  
Aug 7 – Bingo at SP, doors open, 5pm, bingo, 6pm

### **CHURCH MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT**

#### **ST PATRICK CLOTHES CLOSET**

This ministry provides an opportunity to purchase donated clothing items at deeply discounted prices for all that may be in need. The Clothes Closet is open every Wednesday 5-7 PM throughout the summer. The Clothes Closet has 5 rooms of 50 cent clothing and 4 rooms of household misc. priced as marked. Help is needed to set up in May, and to bag up in August. Volunteers are asked for any Wednesday night from 5 to 7. Proceeds are used to support service projects in the parish. The contact for this ministry is Jane Decker 942-6078. Please consider joining this ministry or duplicating it in your parish. For more information contact the Community and Service Coordinating Team by emailing [we4fluhs@aol.com](mailto:we4fluhs@aol.com) or calling the office.

### **PARISH MISSIONARY APPEAL**

#### **ST. PATRICK'S AUGUST 10, 2025**

St Patrick's missionary will be Fr. Shinu Vazhakootathil for the Diocese of Kottapuram, India at the 11am Mass on August 10. The collected funds are used to support the Diocese which was established in 1987 and comprises 25,000 families. Your generous support in the second collection next Sunday will help the clergy and all the services that the Diocese of Kottapuram provides. Fr. Shinu will celebrate Mass at all churches next weekend. St. Patrick's is the only church for the missionary collection.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Tuesday (August 5) The Dedication of the Basilica of St.

#### Mary Major

8:00 am (OLA) Deceased Members of the Woloszyn Family  
*By Robert & Andrea Walsh*

### Wednesday (August 6) The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 am (SP) Walter Sliwinski  
*By Pat Moots*

### Thursday (August 7) St. Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs, St. Cajetan, Priest

8:00 am (SML) Anetta Billings Kinney  
*By James Billings*

### Saturday (August 9) The Vigil of The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (OLA) Jeff Fleming  
*By Genevieve Evans*

### Sunday (August 10) The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) Nancy Walsh  
*By Pat Wall*

11:00 am (SP) Kristin Hallisky  
*By Cindy Reynolds*

#### **Sanctuary Candle at SP**

Burning this week: Health & Blessings for Joyce Spencer  
*By Geneva Kuzara*

### **OFFERINGS**

**SP Weekly \$ 2,094.00 Loose \$ 127.00**

**OLA Weekly \$ 1,499.00 Loose \$ 105.00**

**SML Weekly \$ 1,094.00 Loose \$ 220.00**

*May the Lord reward your generosity.*

### **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. "There is no doubt that a flood of graces will descend upon your family and the world if more souls will become docile pupils of adoration" St Pope John Paul II.

### **OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST**

Saint Rita (our beloved Mystic), Saint of the impossible: During the last 4 years of her life, she lived and subsisted only on the Eucharist (many other Saints will be mentioned with this kind of experience).