

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Letter of Paul to the Hebrews is certainly not a letter. It is certainly not to the Hebrews. It is certainly not from Paul. In today's Second Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews, we read this: "Brothers and Sisters, faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. . . . By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance: He went out not knowing where he was to go". This entire Second Reading is the beginning of a very long development on the topic of faith. Faith is really a paradox. Faith makes us "possess" what we don't yet have; faith makes us "know" what is impossible to know. Faith is God present into a human being; faith is heaven already started on earth; faith is eternal joy present in our daily struggle; faith is an extraordinary energy; faith is an adventure with The Invisible; faith is a new way of knowledge. Billions of people in the world throughout history have given a meaning to their life thanks to their faith; faith is believing in the future; faith is like seeing The Invisible; faith is trust in Someone's word; faith is to walk and to advance through the darkness towards light; faith as Saint Augustine said is to work or act as if we expect nothing from God, knowing that everything comes from God (go figure out). Lord, increase our faith.

WELCOME IN OUR PARISHES

It's with great joy that we welcome this weekend at St. Patrick church Fr. Shinu Vazhakootathil Missionary for the diocese of Kottapuram, India. We also welcome him at OLA & SML to celebrate Mass with us.

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

Please bring your Basket for the Fair by **August 17**. Baskets will be displayed in the SML Hall on Saturday Aug. 23 from 11am to 2pm and Sunday Aug 24 after 9am Mass. Tickets for the baskets will be available for purchase on those days at \$1.00 a ticket with 6 chances on each ticket. We also need volunteers to man the booth. Any questions please call Pat at 570-575-6266 or Dee at 570-378-2834.

CLOTHES CLOSET NEWS

This week there is a half-price sale at the Clothes Closet. It is open on Wednesday from 5 to 7pm and Thursday 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 this coming Friday August 15 to celebrate the 5pm Feast Day Mass at the OLA grotto. We will pray the Fatima Rosary at 4:20pm with Ernie Pappa before Mass. After Mass, we will have our annual get together under the pavilion. There is a sheet at all churches to sign up. We will be setting up the tables and chairs on Thursday 8/14 at 9am. Please come to help if you are able. 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 at 570-947-1677. See our weekly chef specials on Facebook. Thanks for your support.

OLA FALL FESTIVAL NEEDS

The OLA Fall Festival on Sept. 13 (5 to 10pm) & 14 (12 to 6pm) is drawing closer.

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. Volunteers are also needed. Please share some of your time. Contact Tony Sandy at 570-945-3655 if you would like to donate or volunteer.

HALLOW APP 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 16 & 17

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Andrea Walsh
9:00am (SML) Pat Wall
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) Becky Mozelesky
9:00am (SML) Len Nash
11 am (SP) Maria Perez

Altar Servers

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Aug 13 – SP Clothes Closet, open 5 to 7pm
Aug 14 – Prayer Shawl Ministry SML, 5:30pm
Aug 14 – Bingo at SP, doors open, 5pm, bingo, 6pm
Aug 14 – Assumption Vigil Mass at SML, 6pm
Aug 15 - Assumption Mass at SP, 8am
Aug 15 – Assumption Mass at OLA grotto, 5pm

SML SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY REQUEST

Dear friends, the Lower Wyoming County Food Pantry is currently serving about one hundred clients monthly, we are in need of your help, canned soups are at a low on our shelf and we ask you to help members of our community to supply their kitchen shelf. Food pantry donations can be left at SML entrance and monetary donations can be placed in an envelope labeled “food pantry” and placed in the collection basket. Thank you! God bless ❤️

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT FOR OLA

For his Eagle Scout Project, boy scout Raymond Mozdian asked if we would want to put a bench in memory of Ned Clarke on the OLA church grounds. Of course, we said yes. His project has been approved. The bench will be made by NexTrex using recycled plastics. He needs our help in collecting the plastic to be recycled. Here are some of the types of plastic needed: produce, store, ice, Ziploc, bread or drycleaning bags, cereal box liners, bubble wrap, newspaper sleeves, and case overwrap. You can put the plastic in the container in the hall.

PA MARCH FOR LIFE

Pennsylvanians March for Life will be in Harrisburg on Monday September 22nd. The rally will be at 11am. The March will start at 12 noon. Please call the office if you want to attend the March.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (August 12) St. Jane Frances de Chantal,

Religious

8:00 am (OLA) Clarence Evans

By Pat & Mike Mould

Wednesday (August 13) Sts. Pontian, Pope &

Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

8:00 am (SP) Raymond J. Adams

By Mary & Moses Fontenot

Thursday (August 14) Vigil of The Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

6:00 pm (SML) Grandma Mary Ganz

By Katie Packer & Family

Friday (August 15) The Assumption of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

8:00am (SP) Pat & Bill Webster

By Liz Dempsey

5:00pm (OLA) Mary Ellen Carpenetti

By Charlie Carpenetti

Saturday (August 16) The Vigil of The Twentieth

Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (OLA) Larry Simpson

By Carl & Pat Carpenter

Sunday (August 17) The Twentieth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) Jennifer Trauger Murley

By Parents

11:00 am (SP) Deceased Members of the Marrazzo & Riccardo families

By John & Pat Marrazzo

Sanctuary Candle at SP

Burning this week: The Deceased Members of the Marrazzo & Riccardo Families

By John & Pat Marrazzo

Sanctuary Candle at OLA

Burning for Mary Ellen Carpenetti

By: Charlie Carpenetti

Sanctuary Candle at SML

Burning for Health & Blessings for Yvonne Snyder

By Irene Stead

OFFERINGS

SP Weekly \$ 1,512.00 Loose \$ 71.00

OLA Weekly \$ 2,081.00 Loose \$ 7.00

SML Weekly \$ 1,560.00 Loose \$ 169.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

SP/OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Watch your email for the 2025-2026 enrollment for Sunday School Classes! Please register online or pick up a form in any parish. We look forward to seeing you for class at St. Patricks' 9:45 on 9/7/2025.

OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

St Nicholas of Flue: this Saint lived on the Eucharist alone for 20 years until his death.