

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field....The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant, searching for fine pearl... The kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea....”. All these parables show that there’s a treasure, out there, that is hidden, and anyone must do anything possible to have that treasure, to acquire it. This wisdom is human. This wisdom is also divine. So, only one thing is left: What is that treasure? What treasure is it about? From these questions, everyone has an opinion, choices are different. Today’s first reading has a few answers, for instance, treasure could be like a long life, or wealth, or the death of our enemies. King Solomon chose wisdom. He asks God for wisdom, he asks for a gift of discernment. God gives him an intelligent heart. Today’s responsorial psalm has another answer, the Psalm 118, saying “....for your law is my delight... That is why I love your command more than finest gold”. And of course, Jesus tells us what a real and true treasure is: HE is The True Treasure. “Vanity of vanities, says Qohelet, vanity of vanities, all is vanity”, Eccl. 1,2. And Jesus says in Matthew: “But seek the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides” Mt 6,33. This is the heart of Christianity, which is not a religion of self-afflicted suffering, or love of suffering, not a cult of renouncement for no purpose. Every day, we are called to choose and to choose quickly; to sell in order to acquire, to abandon in order to possess, to renounce in order to be freer. What is really our treasure in this life?

**44TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC
RENEWAL CONFERENCE**

The Scranton Catholic Charismatic Conference will be held on July 31 and August 1 & 2, at the University of Scranton. National and International speakers will be sharing the Word of God. Contemporary music ministry from Baltimore will join us. Mass is celebrated daily; Adoration and a service of prayer will be held on Saturday night. More information and full weekend registrations are available at ccrscranton.org and day registrations are available all weekend at the John Long Center on campus. Meals are also available for purchase on campus. Bishop Bambera will be celebrating Mass on Sunday at 1:30 pm. Call the CCR office (570-344-2214) for additional information. All are welcome!

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 are now accepting donations. All donations need to be in by Aug 1. Any questions call Pat Wall 570-575-6266 or Dee Pasko 570-378- 2834.

WYOMING COUNTY FAIR SET UP NEWS

We need a few volunteers to clean the building before the Fair gets started. The plan is to go up to the building on Saturday, August 29 at 1:00 pm. We can meet at St. Mary of the Lake parking lot and go up together and go in fewer cars if you need a ride or do not know the way. We can meet at 12:30 pm then go to the Fair Grounds from there. I do not think it will take more than two (2) hours to clean if we have about ten (10) people. We have buckets, cloths, and cleaning solutions, we just need people! You could bring a broom. Please call Lisa Janoski (570) 587-1924 to get on the list or if you have questions! Thank you!

OLA FALL FESTIVAL NEWS

The OLA Fall Festival will be held on Saturday Sept 19 and Sunday Sept 20. Volunteers are needed for the serving lines, kitchen, table maintenance/garbage and parking. Sign-up sheets are in the parish hall. Sign-ups for donations of soda and water can also be found in the hall. Basket of Cheer, soda and water can be left in the parish hall. The Bountiful Baskets and Dining Out Booths are also seeking donations. Please share your gifts, time and talents to make this a successful fundraising event. Contact Bruce and Nikki Weisenfluh at (570) 335-8135. The next planning meeting will be held August 11@6pm.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Pastoral Council and Coordinating Committees will meet on August 4th at 6pm in the OLA Parish Hall.

BE A CATHOLIC MAN CONFERENCE

The 11th Annual be A Catholic Man Conference is on October 10th at Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes Barre. The theme is: “Just Be Catholic” Stand fast with the Church founded by Jesus Christ, Who "is the same yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). Through the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, God calls men, not to be lukewarm, but to become strong in order to contend with a hostile world. Christus Vincit! The Conference starts with rosary at 7:30 AM, the main speakers begin at 8:00AM. We have 3 great speakers lined up for you, with lunch, exhibitors, opportunity for confessions and concluding with Holy Mass said by Bishop Bambera. For information and registration, contact: Mike Kilmer 570-721-0872 • mkilmer@thekilmergroup.com \$40 (Early Bird \$30 until 9/15/26), Student \$15, Morning coffee & box lunch included

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

August 1 & 2

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Barbara Williamson

9:00am (SML) Brandon Pieretti

11 am (SP) Cynthia Singer

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) Seb Naro

11 am (SP) Barry Singer

Altar Servers

4 pm (OLA) – Kevin Jones, Margaret Jones

11am (SP) – Corinne Flynn

Shadow – Nolan Matulevich

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 29 – Clothes Closet at SP, 4 to 7pm

July 30 - Clothes Closet at SP, 4 to 6pm

July 30- Bingo at SP doors open 5pm, bingo 6pm

July 30– Prayer Shawl Ministry at SML, 5:30pm

August 4 – Parish Pastoral Council mtg at OLA, 6pm

BINGO NEWS

Thursday night St. Patrick's bingo, doors will open at 5pm.

Bingo starts at 6pm. Come join us for good food and fun!

CLOTHES CLOSET NEWS

Right now, we are so full that we have no room for any more donations. There are clothes as well as miscellaneous household items and decorations. Please come and tell your family & friends to come check out the great selections we have

HEARTFELT THANK YOU

To all the life-giving volunteers and ministry members of our parishes: our Clothes Closet volunteers, the Bingo Crew, the Altar and Rosary Society, the Prayer Shawl Group, the Social Concerns Ministry, the Legion of Mary, the Knights of Columbus, our Soup Kitchen volunteers in Tunkhannock, the Money Counters, Choir Members and Musicians, our Faith Formation and OCIA instructors, our Sacristan and those who help her, Greeters, Altar Servers, Ushers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, the organizers and workers of our fundraisers (the Wyoming County Fair, OLA Festival, and St. Patrick Fall Festival), the members of our three Finance Councils, the leaders and members of our Parish Pastoral Council, Coordinating Committee members, our Cleaning Crew, and the volunteers who lovingly care for our sacred spaces, especially the grotto and grounds—you are the greatest gifts our parishes could ever ask for. Thank you for the countless ways you give of yourselves to strengthen our parish communities. May Jesus look kindly upon you and give you peace. With heartfelt gratitude, thank you for all that you are and all that you do for our parishes.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (July 28) Weekday

8:00am (OLA) Health & Blessings for Mary Jane & Len Peters

By Tracey Singletary

Wednesday (July 29) St. Martha, Mary & Lazarus

8:00am (SP) Michael & Jersey Rodriguez

By Carol Stefanelli

Thursday (July 30) St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop &

Doctor of the Church

8:00 am (SML) Lori Pierce

By Timothy Pierce

Saturday (August 1) The Vigil of The Eighteenth

Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (OLA) Sr. Lorraine Wesolowski, OSF

By Mike & Barbara Williamson

Sunday (August 2) The Eighteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) Jean & Jerome Lamonica

By Sr. Gina Piazza

11:00 am (SP) Veronica Hay

By Mary Ann Mulfino

The Sanctuary Candle at SML

Burning this week for Margarite Peters

By Social Concerns

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly \$ 1,202.00 Loose \$ 118.00 Missionary \$ 1,708.00

OLA Weekly \$ 2,366.00 Loose \$ 40.00 Missionary \$ 501.10

SML Weekly \$ 1,745.00 Loose \$ 108.00 Missionary \$ 3,771.00

May the Lord reward your generosity

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Let's take a moment to talk about The Feast Of The Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary. In our Nation, the Conference of bishops decide year after year when or if the Feast will be of Obligation. This year 2026, The Feast of Assumption is not a holy day of Obligation. Because it's on Saturday, it will be very hard to have a Mass in each Parish, knowing that Dalton has Confession at 3 pm on Saturday followed by Mass. Please, don't forget that Our Lady Of The Assumption is the Saint Patron of Dalton. After the 4pm Mass there will be a potluck picnic. There are signup sheets at all our churches.

OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

Saint Tarcisus, Saint Nicholas Pieck, and Saint Peter Maldonado, "Martyrs of The Eucharist", pray for us that we might offer our lives to love and for love. Our Lady, Tabernacle of the Most High, pray for us that we might become living tabernacles of The Most Blessed Trinity.