

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's gospel is what we call in the Church the gospel of the parable of The Sower, the Sower being Jesus, God. God manifests Himself to every single human being. That is what St Justin calls "SEMINI VERBUM", that means there is a "Seed of God" in each human being. Every single person has in him or her something that comes directly from God. Saint Clement of Alexandria on the same subject says "God is our teacher"; just like a parent holds the hand of his or her child to walk, so does God in our life. Jesus Himself, who is The Sower, gives the explanation of the parable. Let us pause here and think about the mystery of the rejection of God and/or of His word. Some people just close their eyes and shut their ears in order not to listen to this word of God and put it into practice. At the same time, other people hear this word of God and put it into practice. God instructs every single person, and it is up to everyone to respond or not. At this moment, a clear example comes to mind. It is the gospel of St. John, chapter 6, about the Bread of Life, The Eucharist, The Communion. Some people rejected the Eucharistic teaching of Jesus, in front of Him, at His presence, but Jesus refused to force them to believe in Him and His teachings. Let's end by asking this question: What is our choice in this world? Do we choose what the world proposes or what The Gospel offers?

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.

OLA FALL FESTIVAL NEWS

The OLA Fall Festival Chairpersons met this week to continue planning for our Sept 19 and 20 event. Flyers and road signs are available in the hall. Sponsor letters are being distributed. Please contact Cathy Strauch if you would like to be a sponsor. Watch your mailboxes for Grand Prize tickets. Planning is going well but now we need your help. Please consider donating to the Basket of Cheer, Dining Out, Bountiful Baskets and the Soda stand. Sign ups for soda and Volunteers are in the hall. Thank you for all you do to support our parish. Contact Bruce and Nikki Weisenfluh @ (570) 335-8135 to volunteer

WELCOME IN OUR PARISHES

It's with great joy that we welcome this weekend at our churches Fr. Emmanuel Owusu-Ansah a missionary for Sunyani Diocese, Ghana and celebrant for all our Masses.

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. PADRE PIO PRAYER CHALLENGE

Join our parish community for our next prayer challenge on our page in the Hallow app (accessible through NEPACatholic.com): Saint in Seven Days: Saint Padre Pio, beginning Monday July 13th. Through this inspiring seven-day journey, you'll discover the life, spirituality, and enduring wisdom of Saint Padre Pio, whose deep love for prayer, the Eucharist, and God's mercy continues to inspire millions around the world. Each day offers practical reflections to help you grow in holiness and draw closer to Christ. Whether you're already devoted to Saint Padre Pio or just getting to know him, everyone is invited to join us as we seek to grow in faith together as a parish family.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

July 18 & 19

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Carmel Williams
9:00am (SML) Brandon Pieretti
11 am (SP) Pat Carpenter

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) Bob Andrews
11 am (SP) Liz Dempsey

Altar Servers

4 pm (OLA) – Margaret Jones, Kevn Jones
11am (SP) – Maci Harvatine
Shadow – Conor McHugh

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 15 – Clothes Closet at SP, 4 to 7pm
July 16 - Clothes Closet at SP, 4 to 6pm
July 16- Bingo at SP doors open 5pm, bingo 6pm
July 16 – Prayer Shawl Ministry at SML, 5:30pm

BINGO NEWS

Thursday night St. Patrick's bingo, 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.

CLASSES FOR OCIA CANDIDATES

New OCIA classes will be starting at the beginning of September 2026. Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, anyone interested in returning to the Catholic faith or anyone who knows of someone who may be interested in becoming a Catholic, please contact Lucy Ziman at the parish office 570-563 1622 or Greg Solfanelli at 570-281-8083 for further information. WELCOME!

ST. ANN'S NOVENA

This year we will pray the St. Ann Novena after the final blessing at all Masses from Saturday July 18 until St. Anne & Joachim's Feast Day on Sunday July 26.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (July 14) St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

8:00am (OLA) Trudy Stroney

By Liz Dempsey

Wednesday (July 15) St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00am (SP) Jerry Stawawy

By Pat Moots

Thursday (July 16) Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:00 am (SML) Danielle McColligan

By Mark & Mary Cooper

Saturday (July 18) The Vigil of The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (OLA) Joseph Woytas

By Nick & Kathy Tumavitch

Sunday (July 19) The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) William Kenia

By Bob & Karen Andrews

11:00 am (SP) Deceased Members of the Dalton & McGonigal Families

By Mary Ann Mulfino

The Sanctuary Candle at SML

Burning this week for Jennifer Trauger Murley

By Parents

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly \$ 2,835.00 Loose \$ 146.28

OLA Weekly \$ 1,891.00 Loose \$ 106.00

SML Weekly \$ 2,525.00 Loose \$ 150.00

May the Lord reward your generosity

ST. JOSEPH'S CENTER SUMMER FESTIVAL

St. Joseph's summer Festival will be Marywood University on July 24, 25 & 26. St Joseph's Center Auxiliary 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.

OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

Rosalie Put: Although she was bedridden for 25 years, and therefore unable to attend Holy Mass, she received the Holy Eucharist every night by an Archangel."