

**THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“And who is my neighbor? “This is the question that a scholar of the law puts to Jesus. Instead of giving him a straight answer, Jesus told a parable, the well-known parable of the Good Samaritan. We all know and talk about “love your neighbor as yourself” (Both the New and the Old Testaments mention this principle: Lev.19,18 or Mark 12,31 or Matt 22,39). This principle puts emphasis on treating other people with the same kindness, compassion, and generosity as we would treat ourselves. At the end, Jesus asks him a question in order to answer his question. This parable is a lesson about practical compassion; a rejection of prejudice; a call to the universal neighborhood; a call to love those who may not be our friends or don’t look like us or don’t think like us. If all mankind understands the importance of a human being, who is created in the image of God, masterpiece of God’s works, this parable will be a no brainer. The Psalm 8, about the Greatness of God and dignity of man can help to understand this parable. Man is created as the Ps 8,5-6 says, “a little less than God, crowning him with glory”.

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**PROVIDENCE PREGNANCY CENTER  
BABY BOTTLE DRIVE**

Our parishes are hosting a baby bottle drive to benefit Providence Pregnancy Center of Scranton. PPC provides critical resources to pregnant mothers in crisis including education, counseling, material support and a maternity home for pregnant mothers. Please consider filling your baby bottle with coins, cash or checks (written to Providence Pregnancy Center) and return your bottle to church no later than July 20th. Thank you for helping moms and families in need.

**COMMUNITY & SERVICE MINISTRIES**

Are you interested in supporting our Community and Service Ministries? Do you have ideas that will help our parishes become more welcoming? Are you willing to support Outreach activities? Are you a Young Adult looking for service opportunities? We invite you to share your ideas and learn more about our Pastoral Plan Goals by joining us for a brief meeting at each church after mass on July 19 and 20, 2025.

**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, enjoy some of the free content and get ready for our prayer challenges over the next year, which will hopefully 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.

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**MARIAN MINISTRY ROSARY**

Come to Jesus through Mary in the beautiful prayer of the Fatima rosary lead by Ernie Pappa on Monday July 14 at OLA at 6pm.

**SML BASKET RAFFLE NEWS**

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 till the end of August. There are clothes as well as miscellaneous household items and linens. Please consider being a volunteer. To volunteer call Jane Decker 570-942-6078.

**ST. PATRICK BINGO NEWS**

The menu for this Thursday July 17<sup>th</sup> includes fish & chips, chicken sliders, pierogies and coleslaw. We are still in need of bingo helpers. If you can help in any way or have any questions, please call Rita at 570-575-9874.

**OLA FALL FESTIVAL UPDATE**

For our Fall Festival we need large dinner-size, hinge Styrofoam takeout boxes and smaller sandwich-size takeout boxes. The takeout boxes can be dropped off in the OLA hall on the Donation Request table. Thank you.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

**July 19 & 20**

### Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Diane Fitzpatrick  
9:00am (SML) Ann Marie Gorko  
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 Mozeleski  
9:00am (SML) Bob Andrews  
11 am (SP) Mary Ann Mulfino

### Altar Servers

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

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

July 14 – Fatima Rosary at OLA, 6pm  
July 16 – SP Clothes Closet, open 5 to 7pm  
July 17 – Prayer Shawl Ministry SML, 5:30pm  
July 17 – Bingo at SP, doors open, 5pm, bingo, 6pm

## PARISH MISSIONARY APPEAL

**OLA/SML 2025**

**Our Lady of the Abingtons'** missionary will be Fr. Joseph Arulraj for the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales (Tanzania) at the 4pm Mass **on July 26.**  
**St. Mary of the Lake's** missionary will be Fr. Wieslaw Bajor for the Prelature of Esquel, Argentina at the 9am Mass **on July 27.**

## CLASSES FOR OCIA CANDIDATES

New OCIA classes will be starting at the beginning of September 2025. 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 Thursday July 17 until St. Anne & Joachim's Feast Day on Friday July 25.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Wednesday (July 16) Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:00 am (SP) Ray Adams  
*By Chris Adams*

### Thursday (July 17) Weekday

8:00 am (SML) Nancy Walsh  
*By Disciples of Mary Altar & Rosary*

### Saturday (July 19) The Vigil of The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (OLA) Special Intention  
*By Angela Columbo*

### Sunday (July 20) The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) William Kenia  
*By Bob & Karen Andrews*  
11:00 am (SP) Deceased Members of the Marrazzo & Riccardo Families  
*By John & Pat Marrazzo*

### **Sanctuary Candle at SML**

Burning this week for Jennifer Trauger Murley  
*By Her Sisters Laurie & Nicole*

## OFFERINGS

**SP Weekly \$ 1,853.00 Loose \$ 157.00**

**OLA Weekly \$ 2,000.00 Loose \$ 80.00**

**SML Weekly \$ 1,685.00 Loose \$ 174.45**

*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. "When there are two roads which will bring me where I am going, I take the one with more churches so as to be nearer the Blessed Sacrament. When I see a place where my Jesus is, I could not be happier, and I say, 'You are here, my God and my All'. Venerable J.J. Olier

## OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

Saint Juliana Falconieri: before she died, she asked that the Blessed Sacrament be placed on her chest near her heart. The Sacred Host disappeared and left a violet- colored mark on that spot of her chest.