

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The parable of Lazarus and the rich man. A well-known gospel. What Jesus is describing in this gospel is two worlds shut off, two universes completely separated by an abyss. All bridges are closed. Jesus uses three different paintings: one, our daily life showing the rich man eating. Then a portal. On the other side the poor man Lazarus, a beggar. Finally, the curtain falls (death), one is “buried”, the other is “carried away”. Two different verbs to describe what happens after death: to be buried or to be carried away. The other painting describes the world of the dead, the deceased. Heaven and hell. A chasm between the two worlds. No passage, no way to pass, not even for those who “might wish” to go from one side to the other. The last painting is still of the world of the deceased: in the background, where the five siblings of the rich man are. But still, the passage is not possible because of the closed heart. As a conclusion, this drama ends with a phrase that could haunt us: “If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead”.

MINISTRY REQUEST

We are currently looking for friendly volunteers to serve as greeters before Mass. Greeters help welcome parishioners and visitors, share a warm smile, and set the tone for our worship together. If you enjoy meeting people and would like to serve in this simple but meaningful ministry, please contact the Community and Service Coordinating Team at we4fluhs@aol.com or call the parish office at 570-563-1622.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

The blessing of animals on St Francis Day, October 4th is a commemoration of the Patron Saint of animals, St. Francis. At 11:30 am, at OLA parking lot, our Parish Community will come together for the blessing of our pets, our friends (please make an appointment if you need to have your snake blessed).

PRO LIFE SUNDAY OCTOBER 5

Our three Parishes will celebrate the SML tradition of Pro-Life Sunday (October 5) by having a baby crib or container in each church for the whole month of October, to collect baby items for St Joseph Center Baby & Children’s Pantry.

ST. PATRICK BINGO NEWS

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

ONE MORE FESTIVAL TO ENJOY

SP FALL FESTIVAL OCT 5 NOON TO 4PM

PLEASE SIGN UP! or call Joanne 443-528-8713 and she will take your info!

1. Bring SOUP HOT on Sunday morning. 2. DESSERTS that **do not need refrigeration** that can be cut up into servings, like Pies. Bring Sun OCT 5th starting at 9am BEFORE CHURCH to the hall. 3. Baked Goods- bring SUNDAY BEFORE CHURCH to the hall or SAT MORNING to the hall. 4. Build a Bountiful Basket - valued between \$25-\$50 Or a Specialty Basket-\$100-\$120 BRING WRAPPED WITH NAME or anonymous. Bring to the OLA OFFICE Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri between 9am and 2pm or ST PAT’S HALL before BINGO 4-6 on Thursdays, or at the HALL Friday morning OCT 3rd or Sat morning OCT 4th. 5. Assorted variety pack Chips (1oz), 12 or 24 packs of soda or water. Bring COLD (if possible) to the KofC stand in the garage on Sunday morning or times like the Baskets. 6. FESTIVAL set-up SAT OCT 4th at 9am or contact Ron! Clean up on Sunday 7. Dinner PREP: 9am SAT OCT 4th at the Hall. 8. Raffle Tickets: DO NOT MAIL. Bring to the OLA office OR like the times listed for the baskets OR WITH YOU TO THE FESTIVAL! Please check on FB the **NEPA Catholic** site for postings and info details and info details presented beautifully by our silent committee member E.F. Thank you so much! Please call Joanne-443-528-8713 (PLEASE NOTE I HAVE A 443 AREA CODE) for information or questions or to make OTHER ARRANGEMENTS!!!! Thank you for all your support for our annual fundraiser!

PUBLICATION OF BANNS

It’s our pleasure to publish the banns (second of three) for the intended wedding of Rina Lylah Rionda & Brian Joseph Williamson. This wedding is to take place at OLA church at 1 pm on Saturday October 11, 2025. Please pray for this couple, the future Mrs. & Mr. Williamson.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

October 4 & 5

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Barbara Williamson
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) 5th Grade Class
9:00am (SML) Stephen Zdaniewicz
11 am (SP) Mary Ann Mulfino

Altar Servers

4 pm (OLA) Jace Biglin
11am (SP) Corinne Flynn
Shadow – Nolan Matulevich

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Oct 2 – Prayer Shawl Ministry SML, 5:30pm
Oct 2 – Bingo at SP, doors open, 5pm, bingo, 6pm
Oct 4 – Blessing of Animals at OLA parking lot, 11:30am
Oct 4 – 5th FFF class Mass at OLA, 4pm
Oct 5 – SP Fall Festival, Noon to 4pm
Oct 6 – Disciples of Mary Meeting at SML, 6:45pm

SP/OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Julie Harvatine - jwharv03@gmail.com.
September 28 – Class
October 4 - 5th grade mass at OLA 4pm
October 5 – Class
October 12 - no class - Columbus Day Weekend
October 19 - Class and SPOLA Confirmation Parents meeting 10 AM

SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Sunday Mass at 9am followed by religious education until 11:15am

Oct. 5 -Off- Fall Break

Oct 12 - Class

Kerry Pieretti - redlightgreen343@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 4, 2025

All men are invited for the ninth annual Catholic Men's Conference. This year's theme is CHRIST IS KING. The event will be held at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Ave. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Saturday, October 4th, 2025, from 8 am to 3 pm. Nationally known speakers will be Mike Aquilina, David Bereit, Fr. Charles Connors and concluding with Mass Offered by our own Bishop Joseph Bambera. Cost: \$40. Register online at www.BeACatholicMan.com. For more information, call 570-721-0872.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (September 30) St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:00 am (OLA) Mary Ann Ketchur

By PARSE

Wednesday (October 1) St Theresa of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

8:00 am (SP) Stephen Stawowy

By Pat Moots

Thursday (October 2) The Holy Guardian Angels

8.00 am (SML) Frances Mollusky

By Mary Lou & Julia Franko

Saturday (October 4) The Vigil of The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (OLA) Mary Leiber

By Tom & Debbie Lowrie

Sunday (October 5) The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) Margaret Nauroth

By Carl, Marie, & Katie Packer

11:00 am (SP) Mr. & Mrs Joseph Mulhern & Son Joseph Jr.

By Michael & Leslie Mulhern

The Sanctuary candle at OLA

Burning this week for Health and Blessings for Pat Mould

By Bob & Andrea Walsh

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly \$ 1,604.00 Loose \$ 73.00

OLA Weekly \$ 1,208.00 Loose \$ 18.00

SML Weekly \$ 1,402.00 Loose \$ 156.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who participated in the in pew commitment weekend last week and thank you to all who mailed their appeal commitment to the Diocese.

SML PARISH BREAKFAST THANK YOU

A hug and thank you to Marie, Bernie, Kerri and her Faith Formation class for helping to make the SML parish breakfast such an enjoyable experience! God bless! Love, Mary Lou

OCTOBER IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Traditionally in the Catholic Church, the month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. This devotion honors the Blessed Virgin Mary, but in reality, it is Christ's life seen through Mary. If you are a Parishioner who doesn't say the Rosary daily, please start during this month. If you are among those who say at least ONE Rosary daily, Congratulations. And maybe go for a second. To Jesus, through Mary.

OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

St Joseph Cupertino (the flying Saint): This Saint told people that the day he will fail to receive Communion, he will die. It happened.