

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Among the many reproaches that were made against Jesus during His physical stay on earth, was the accusation for Him loving sinners, for His being on the side of the margins, the poor, the weak, the sick, the vulnerable, little ones, the voiceless, etc,... So, in order to justify Himself, He told the story in today's gospel, the parable of the 11th-hour workers. What a beautiful gospel! What a rich gospel! A masterpiece. But it's also humanly speaking a shocking gospel. The Master is making sure that everyone participates in God's wealth. We can see in this gospel the history of salvation, from Adam, Noah, Abraham until the Apostles, then us. We can see in it all the calls that God addresses to us, all the times when He gives us a helping hand. We could see in the story of Israel who will then be replaced by the Gentiles, that means us. But ultimately, we should see in today's gospel a lesson on God. Workers in this gospel are not the main characters, God is. God is way beyond distributive justice; He is over and beyond human justice. The key to comprehend today's gospel is in the following verse: "... are you envious because I am generous?" For God, everyone receives what is just, good and fair, without cheating anyone else. Only God and God only can do that.

OLA FALL FESTIVAL WEEKEND

This is the weekend to have fun and enjoy great food with family and friends at the OLA Fall Festival!

ST. PATRICK FALL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY OCT. 4 FROM NOON TO 4PM

Thanks to a generous Parishioner for our BRIDGE DAY spot! We sold over 100 Raffle tickets!

REMEMBER NEW THIS YEAR: MUSIC BY JOHN BOWER, SILENT AUCTION, KIDS GAMES!

. The sign-up sheets are ready for your signature! OR call Joanne 443-528-8713 (note the 443 area code!!) she will take your info!

1. HALL SET UP FOR THE DINNER- FRIDAY MORNING! SEE CAROL!
2. Bring SOUP HOT in a CROCK on Sunday morning
3. DESSERTS that do not need refrigeration to be cut up into servings, like Pies. Bring Sun OCT 4th starting at 9am BEFORE CHURCH to the hall.
4. Baked Goods- bring SUNDAY BEFORE CHURCH to the hall or SAT MORNING to the hall
5. Build a Bountiful Basket - valued between \$25-\$50 Or a Specialty Basket-\$100-\$120
BRING WRAPPED or FRAMED WITH NAME or anonymous. Bring On Sundays OR to the OLA OFFICE Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri or ST PAT'S HALL before BINGO 4-6 on Thursdays or Sat morning OCT 3rd.
6. Assorted variety pack (1oz) CHIPS or WATER 2 cases (cold if possible) to the KofC stand in the garage on Sunday morning or times like the Baskets.
7. FESTIVAL set-up SAT OCT 3rd ??? or contact RON! Clean up on Sunday
8. Dinner PREP: 9am SAT OCT 3rd at the Hall
9. Raffle Tickets: DO NOT MAIL. Bring on Sundays OR to the OLA office OR like the times listed for the baskets OR WITH YOU TO THE FESTIVAL!

Thank you for all your support for our annual fundraiser!

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" 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, Student \$15, Morning coffee & box lunch included

GROW IN PRAYER & LOVE FOR THE MASS

Join our parish community on the Hallow app for TWO prayer challenges beginning this Monday September 21st: How to Pray, featuring inspiring Catholic leaders, and A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, led by Dr. Edward Sri. Join through our parish Community page on Hallow or visit NEPACatholic.com.

PRAYING THE MASS

Nothing we do at Mass is random. Our words, gestures, postures, objects, and movements are all meant to help us enter more deeply into the worship of God and the sacrifice of Christ. When we enter the church, we do not enter it as we would any other building -- we are entering a sacred place where Christ is truly present. We enter quietly, bless ourselves with holy water, genuflect toward the tabernacle, and take our seat. Why do we do this? Holy water reminds us of our baptism and that we belong to Christ. Genuflection is a physical act of reverence toward Jesus, who is truly present in the Eucharist. Our silence helps us move from ordinary life into sacred worship.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

September 26 & 27

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Carmel Williams
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) Kathy Tumavitch
9:00am (SML) Don Ames
11 am (SP) Barry Singer

Altar Servers

4 pm (OLA) – Kevin Jones, Margaret Jones
11am (SP) – Emma Evans, Conor McHugh

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 24 - Bingo SP doors open at 5pm, bingo 6pm
Sept 24– Prayer Shawl Ministry, SML, 5:30pm
Sept 27 – SML annual breakfast after 9am Mass

SML ANNUAL BREAKFAST NEWS

The Social Concerns Ministry of St Mary of the Lake will host their annual breakfast on September 27th for parishioners and friends following the 9 am mass in the parish hall. We appreciate the help of our Faith Formation Class with this event. See you there!

SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith Formation at SML Sundays following 9am Mass until 11:15am
Grades Pre-K through 8th grade
It's back to school season!
Classes begin October 4
Contact Kerry Pieretti for more information
Redlightgreen343@gmail.com

SP & OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith Formation at SP began this past Sunday, 9/13 from 9:45-10:45am for grades K-8. If you haven't already registered, but are still interested, please contact Jill D'Antoni for more information at dantonijill@gmail.com.

ST. PAT'S CLOTHES CLOSET

Huge thank you to everyone who donated, helped set up and run the clothes closet as well as all who bought the fabulous items that were sold. We had a record-breaking year, our best year ever. We made \$10,063.63.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (September 22) Weekday

8:00am (OLA) Thomas & Rita Walsh
By Robert & Andrea Walsh

Wednesday (September 23) St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:00am (SP) Trudy Stroney
By Maria Perez

Thursday (September 24) Weekday

8:00 am (SML) Mary Sabol
By Lisa Janoski

Saturday (September 26) The Vigil of The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (OLA) Pat & Marion Williams
By Patrick & Thomas Williams

Sunday (September 27) The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) Yvonne Snyder
By Jim & Mickey Snyder
11:00 am (SP) Mary & Anthony
By Joan Kupetsky

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly \$ 1,446.00 Loose \$ 124.00
OLA Weekly \$ 2,015.00 Loose \$ 43.00
SML Weekly \$ 1,810.00 Loose \$ 176.00
May the Lord reward your generosity.

DIVISION OF CHRISTIANITY

As Christians, we are really living a scandal. Christianity is divided into 3 major historical branches. The Roman Catholic Church, created by Jesus Himself at the end of His physical life on earth ("You are Peter, and upon this rock, I will build my Church...", says Jesus to Peter. Then, the Eastern Orthodox, which broke from the Roman Catholic Church in 1054. It was called the Great Schism. They rejected the papal supremacy and chose a Council to lead their church. Finally, the Protestantism, which broke from the Roman Catholic Church during the 16th Century, led by Martin Luther. Today some scholars said we have between 33 million to 47 million Protestant churches. Whether those numbers are true or not, it looks like they are still protesting. Truly, our Christianity is living a scandal, the one of division.

SAINTS WITH UNUSUAL LIVES

Today's Saint is Saint Pelagia of Antioch, or Pelagia the Penitent, or Pelagia the Harlot or the High Class. Also known as Margarita because of her beauty and because of her love of luxury that she requested from all her multiple lovers. One day, she met a group of bishops going to a pilgrimage, and the leader of that group, Saint Nonnus, gave a homily on Repentance. She converted, lead a very austere life, moved to Jerusalem as a hermit dressed as a man. It's only after her death that they found out that she was a woman. If Pelagia succeeded in becoming a Saint, there is a hope for us.