

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Today we are gathered at Eucharist to celebrate the meaning of the Eucharist. Today's solemnity is called the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Let us pay particular attention to the words and gestures at today's Mass, and when it comes time for Communion, let's approach the altar with joy in our hearts and gratitude for this gift of the Eucharist.

All of our readings today give us rich images to help us grasp the meaning of the Eucharist: manna, cup of blessing, one loaf, living bread. As we listen to the holy word of God today, let's allow ourselves to rest in these and the other words and phrases that we will hear, and give them a chance to feed our soul so that we can come to the table truly ready to celebrate and receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

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FATHERS' DAY BLESSING

All fathers present at the Masses this weekend will receive a special Fathers' Day blessing. Also, the 6 pm and 11 am Masses will be offered for the Fathers' Day intentions submitted by our parishioners. These intention envelopes will be placed upon the altar and the fathers, living and deceased, will be remembered at Masses celebrated during June.

PARISH PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY

Lord our God,
All fatherhood comes from you. Show your love and goodness to ALL fathers, grandfathers, Godfathers, spiritual fathers, future fathers and ALL men. Help each in his infirmity and sufferings, in his joy and hopes, in his deepest needs and aspirations. In order to be a father, help each one to be a son. Show to all your goodness. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

MISSIONARY TO SPEAK AT MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Fr. Sebastian Mpango, a priest from the Diocese of Kigoma, (located in western Tanzania) will be here next weekend for our annual mission appeal. Ordained in 1993, he has served as a parish priest, a hospital chaplain, a mental health counselor, a high school principal and a vicar general in his home diocese. Since April, Fr. Sebastian is a loan priest in the Diocese of Orlando waiting to be assigned. Please make him feel welcome.

CCD EARLY REGISTRATION

As a convenience to all CCD parents, an early registration option for registering your child early for next Fall's CCD was implemented. A few parents have taken advantage of this option. This option is still available to those who may want to take advantage of it prior to getting into the full swing of summer. Extra forms are available in the back of our churches, and are available on our website for those who may not have gotten one, or if you may be registering your child for the first time. Please call the parish office with any questions.

ST. PIO CHAPEL HANDICAPPED RAMP PROJECT

So far, \$2,780.00 has been donated toward the handicapped ramp project which has an estimate of \$5,000.00. Anyone who is interested in contributing to this campaign is asked to write a check to OLA, and in the memo or an enclosed note put "chapel ramp project donation". Contributions may be mailed in, dropped in the collection basket, or put in the white mailbox in the hallway between the chapel and offices. Our goal is to have the chapel and office area at OLA handicapped accessible by winter.

OLA 50TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS

OLA FALL FESTIVAL

The OLA Fall Festival committee met and began planning the 2017 Fall Festival. It will be two days this year, September 9-10. Help is needed to set up and take charge of the hamburger stand. You can either work the stand yourself or get some volunteers to help run it. Anyone interested may contact Dane Bower or the parish office. If there is anyone who may wish to try a different idea for a picnic stand, please let Dane or the office know that also.

OUR LADY OF GRACE STATUE

As a part of the anniversary festivities, orders will be taken for those wishing to purchase a statue of Our Lady of Grace. Duane Valence has had a sample statue at various functions. Letters will be sent out this week with an order form for these statues. They are \$20.00 each. If you would like a picture e-mailed to you of the statue, contact the parish office. Any other questions can be directed to Duane at 570-563-3014.

CAMPAIGN 50

Also to be mailed out with the statue letter, is a Campaign 50 letter to all active parishioners. This is your opportunity to make an anniversary gift to our parish in honor of its 50th anniversary. For more information, contact Cathy Strauch 570-871-1440

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

This fall marks the 50th Anniversary of OLA Parish. There will be an anniversary Mass with Bishop Bambara at 3 pm on August, 27, 2017. Please join us for dinner after the Mass at Montdale Country Club beginning at 5 pm. Any questions, contact Nikki Weisenfluh 570-945-7950.

50TH ANNIVERSARY HISTORY BOOK

Any parishioner who has any pictures or written historical documents concerning our parish (OLA), who would like to share with the History Committee for possible use in our history book, please call Jerry or Alice Aschenbrenner 570-945-5511. We will copy and return the original to you. Thanks for your help.

COMBINED PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a combined Pastoral Council meeting on Tuesday, June 20 at 6:30 pm in SP Hall. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting. Please let the parish office know if you are unable to be there.

BREAD AND WINE FOR THE EUCHARIST

The bread and wine used for the Eucharist for this weekend Masses is offered for our parishioners.

SP CLOTHES CLOSET

The Clothes Closet is now in full swing. It is opened Monday 1-3 pm and Wednesday 5-7 pm in SP hall, lower level. Lots of nice clothing and shoes available for a quarter a piece.

SP BINGO

Bingo is back! Bingo is played every Wednesday night at SP hall in Nicholson. Doors open at 5 pm, early bird begins at 6 pm. Refreshments are available for purchase. If you would like to volunteer to help any Wednesday evening, or provide refreshments to be sold throughout the evening, or have any questions regarding SP Bingo, please call Joyce at 570-942-6210.

ONLINE GIVING

Some have taken advantage of online giving as a way to simplify their weekly (bi-weekly, monthly, etc.) contributions. To join those using online giving, it's easy. To set up your account, go into our parish website www.spolachurch.weebly.com, then to the "online giving" tab. Choose either the OLA or SP button which will bring you to the online giving site. By following the easy online instructions, you can have your account set up in no time. If you have any questions regarding online giving and setting up your account, please contact the parish office.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

June 24/25, 2017

Lectors

4 pm Barry Singer
6 pm Paul Shedlauskas
8:30 am Ned Clarke
11 am Matt Merolla

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm Cynthia Singer, Mary Ann Mulfino, Lucy Ziman
6 pm Jane Shedlauskas
8:30 am Lucy Ziman, Arlene McHale, Len Peters
11 am Deacon Paul, Jenny Kuzara, Barb Nichols

Altar Servers

4 pm Carissa & Corinne Flynn
6 pm Emilia Jones
8:30 am Cocchini
11 am Mason Zajac, Ethan Palaskas

Musicians

4 pm Eugene Jerauld/Jenny Kuzara
6 pm Eugene Jerauld/Emma Tully
8:30 am Irene Damiano/Matt Damiano
11 am Eugene Jerauld/Cathy Strauch

BULLETIN ADVERTISING AVAILABLE

As we had mentioned earlier, we will be having a nice, colored bulletin beginning in August. We are now taking advertisements for this. S. Victor Verbiest from Liturgical Publications will be in our office the week of June 19, 2017; working on securing new ads for the advertisement section of our bulletin. We need your help! Please consider purchasing an ad. Your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers. Advertisements can be purchased for a business, a family, a charity, or In Memory of a Loved One. If you would like to run an ad or would like more information, please call Victor before his visit. Victor can be reached directly at 1-973-634-0586, or via e-mail to sverbiest@lpi.com. He will be handling all the ads, whether it's a new ad or a renewal ad.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday (June 19) St. Romuald

8:00 am (OLA) Richard David Pencek
By James & Niki Pilosi

Tuesday (June 20) Weekday

9:00 am (SP) Health & Blessings on Father Bernie Evanofski
By the Legion of Mary

Wednesday (June 21) St. Aloysius Gonzaga

8:00 am (OLA) Our Parishiners

Thursday (June 22) St. Paulinus of Nola

7:00 pm (SP) health & Blessings on Paul Wardach
By the Whitehead family

Friday (June 23) The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:00 am (OLA) Eric Matylewicz
By Liz Dempsey

Saturday (June 24) Vigil: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (SP) Thomas Drake
By Drake family

6:00 pm (OLA) Albert Augustyn
By John & Joan Matlosz

Sunday (June 25) Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am (OLA) Carmen Smith
By Clyde & Jo Annj Ellsworth
11:00 am (SP) Angelo, Robert Padula, Jr. & Sr., Brianna Smarkusky
Padula family

WEEKLY OFFERING

Last Sunday: (SP) \$1,868.00 (OLA) \$2,403.00
May the Lord reward your generosity.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 19, 1 pm, Clothes Closet, SP Hall, Lower Level
June 20, 6:30 pm, Combined Pastoral Council, SP Hall
June 21, 5 pm, Clothes Closet, SP Hall, Lower Level
June 21, 6 pm, Bingo, SP Hall

NEW ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Are you a young person who attends Mass every Sunday and Holy Day in our parishes? Are you interested in growing in the Church's spiritual and liturgical life? Why not become an acolyte (altar server)? Fr. Arbo and Deacon Brojack are in need of new acolytes to serve Mass. Please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Arbo if you are interested in learning how to serve. We would like to have a training session before the end of the school year.

LIGHT THE FIRE YOUTH RALLY

Light the Fire youth rally will be held at Misericordia University in Dallas, PA on Wednesday, June 28, 2017. Early registration is going on now until June 20 (\$30) and late registration (\$35) closes at 5:30 pm on June 27. The rally begins at 9 am and finishes with a closing Mass with Bishop Bambera at 7 pm. Keynote speaker is Noelle Garcia. For more information or to register, go to www.light-the-fire.org.

\ QUO VADIS?

Quo Vadis (Where are you going?) Days 2017 to be held at College Misericordia in Dallas from Sunday, June 25 through Wednesday, June 28, is a camp for young Catholic men in High School to deepen their faith, learn more about all vocations, better discern God's call in their lives. Dynamic talks, prayer, games, sports activities, and music. Meet priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Scranton. Online registrations will open Sunday, May 7 at www.scrantonvocations.com

