

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

As we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, let us not forget that the word “eucharist” means “thanksgiving.” The Greek word *eukharistia* is used to describe what Jesus did before sharing his body and blood at the Last Supper. Today, as always, we give thanks to God for all the blessings we have received and continue to receive, especially for Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, whom we receive in a special way today in the Eucharist.

Naaman, a foreigner, returns to Elisha and promises to worship God exclusively after he is cured of his leprosy. Another foreigner, a Samaritan, is the only one of ten lepers who return to thank Jesus after being cured. Physically and socially, their lives have been completely transformed and their immediate response is to return and give thanks. As we listen to today’s readings, let us consider how God has blessed us, so we can sincerely respond, “Thanks be to God.”

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ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCE

November is traditionally the month when we especially remember in our prayers our faithful departed. Please remember the offertory envelope for All Souls Day in your envelope pack. Kindly inscribe the names of your deceased loved ones on the envelope and return it in the collection basket. These envelopes will be placed on the altar and your intentions will be remembered in all the masses celebrated throughout the month of November. Mass will be celebrated on All Souls Day, Saturday, November 2 at 8 am in OLA and at 9:30 am in SP.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

During the Sunday Masses (8:30am & 11 am) offered in both our parishes on Sunday, November 3, the names of the deceased parishioners from the past year will be read at their respective parishes. All families and friends of the departed are invited to these Masses.

THE OCTOBER COUNT

During the month of October, our parishes along with parishes around the country conduct the “October count,” a measure of attendance at Sunday Mass. The measure has been taken for many centuries, and in some European dioceses it is possible to measure the level of engagement in worship by the population over the course of many centuries. The October count has proven especially critical in the life of our Church as bishops use the figures to measure the vitality of parish life, to sketch parish boundaries, and even to decide when to close, merge, or form new parishes.

HOLY DAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

All Saints Day

Thursday (October 31): 5 p.m. (OLA)

Friday (Nov. 1): 8 am (OLA) 9:30 am (SP), 7 pm (SP)

CCD NEWS

There is no CCD this weekend, Oct. 13. Classes resume on October 20. That day, the students will meet in their classrooms as usual, then proceed as a class to the church for Adoration. Parents are encouraged to participate in this quiet time with their children. Each class will have its own pew, with the parents sitting directly behind their child’s class. You may contact your child’s Catechist, Deacon Paul, Father Arbo, or the parish office with any questions.

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Augustine Charles Mulligan was baptized this past weekend at SP. Please pray for him and his family as he grows in God’s wisdom and grace.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

My Brothers’ Keeper Quilt Group is sponsoring Make a Difference Day on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 9 am until 3 pm in SP hall. No sewing skills are needed! A great way to get service hours for our Confirmation students! Or, a great service project for NexGen Youth Ministry members! Donations of toiletries, purses, feminine hygiene products, deodorant, socks, tissues, razors, and the usual sheets, towels, blankets, thread, needles, ties, and sweats are needed. Purses will be filled and taken to Catherine McAuley Center in Scranton for survivors of abuse. The blue barrel will be outside of SP hall this week for donations. You may call Joan Kupetsky 570-942-4481 for more information.

WORD CONVOCATION

Registration is now open for the WORD Convocation, also known as the Catechist Convocation. The Diocesan Office for Parish Life invites DRE’s, catechists, RCIA teams, youth ministers, or anyone engaged in ministry of the Word to share in the WORD. This Convocation will be held on Saturday, Oct. 19 9 am – 3 pm at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. For information or to register www.dioceseofscranton.org or the parish office. Information can be e-mailed upon request.

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“...And if my people, upon whom my name has been pronounced, humble themselves and pray, and seek my presence and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and revive their land. Now, my eyes shall be open and my ears attentive to the prayers of this place.”

2 Chronicles 7:14-15

“I asked you to dare greet with respect those who are outside the Church, but don’t respect you.”

St. Eusebius in Letter to St. Hilary

OLA APPRECIATION DINNER

The OLA Festival Appreciation Dinner will take place on Sunday, Oct. 20 beginning at 1 pm at OLA Hall. This is open to those who volunteered this year, and those who volunteered in the past who are unable to volunteer anymore. You are appreciated too. Please call Rita or Tony Sandy 570-945-3655 to make a reservation. There is no charge, but we need to know how many to prepare for.

ST. PIO CHAPEL POT LUCK DINNER

The chapel adorers are sponsoring a pot luck dinner in OLA hall on Sunday, Oct. 27 beginning at 1 pm. Fr. Leo McKernan will be the speaker. If you are not an adorer, please contact Liz Dempsey 570-351-2302 to make a reservation. Chapel adorers will be contacted.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Oct. 19/20

Lectors

4 pm Mary Ann Mulfino
6 pm Jane Shedlauskas
8:30 am Diane Fitzpatrick
11 am Val Zajac

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm Deacon Paul, Lucy Ziman, Pat Webster
6 pm Deacon Paul
8:30 am Deacon Paul, Ned Clarke, Arlene McHale
11 am Deacon Paul, Stacie Owens, Kevin Sabia

Altar Servers

4 pm Carissa & Corinne Flynn
6 pm Katie & Emelia Jones
8:30 am Frankie & Richie Cocchini
11 am Colin Owens, Mason Zajac, Luke Harvatine

Musicians

4 pm Eugene Jerauld/Maria Perez
6 pm Irene Damiano/Matt Damiano
8:30 am Eugene Jerauld/Cathy Strauch
11 am Eugene Jerauld/

FLAME OF LOVE PRAYER GROUP

Katie Veety, a parishioner of OLA Church, has started a "Flame of Love" prayer group that is held on Wednesdays beginning at 5:15pm in OLA church. The prayers are generally less than an hour. All are invited to participate in this group. For more information, contact Katie 570-954-5860.

KNITTING/CROCHETING GROUP(S) FORMING

Do you knit or crochet? Would you like to learn? Do you enjoy being around others? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, Genevieve Evans would like to hear from you. She is interested in forming a knitting/crocheting group (or two) to gather occasionally at OLA hall to knit, crochet, and socialize. She is gathering input now to see what day(s) and time(s) work for others. For more information or to give input, contact Genevieve at 570-945-9520, or use the sheets in OLA hall.

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Holy Cross High School cordially invites all to their open house to be held on Sunday, Oct. 27 from 12 noon - 3 pm at 501 East Drinker Street, Dunmore, PA. Holy Cross High School continues the rich heritage of Catholic secondary education within the Diocese of Scranton. For more information, call 570-346-7541 or www.hchspa.org.

E. M. OF COMMUNION TRAINING SESSION

There will be an Extraordinary Minister of Communion Training Session on Saturday, November 9, 2019 from 9 am until 2:30 pm at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton. There is no fee for this training, and lunch will be provided. If you may be interested in participating in this training, whether you may want to serve at Mass or just be able to take Communion to the homebound, please let Father Arbo know you are interested, then contact the Office for Parish Life 570-207-2213 to register.

OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed Monday, Oct. 14. The office will reopen on Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 8 am, at Nicholson.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday (Oct. 14) St. Callistus I

8:00 am (OLA) Helen Parana
By Ann Marie Hricko

Tuesday (Oct. 15) St. Teresa of Jesus

9:00 am (SP) Angelo Padula, Robert Padula, Jr. & Sr.
By Padula family

Wednesday (Oct. 16) St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

8:00 am (OLA) Father Arbo's Intentions
By Len & Mary Jane

Thursday (Oct. 17) St. Ignatius of Antioch

7:00 pm (SP) Ann Yanchak
By family

Friday (Oct. 18) St. Luke

8:00 am (OLA) Walter & Irene Woloszyn
By Bob & Andrea Walsh

Saturday (Oct. 19) Vigil: Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ord. Time

4:00 pm (SP) Brianna & Audrey Smarkusky Matt & Eleanor Belcher
By Smarkusky family

6:00 pm (OLA) Bryan Pudelka

By the Williamson family

Sunday (Oct. 20) The Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 am (OLA) James Ruggiero

By the Ned Clarke & Mary Ann Yesu families

11 am (SP) Joan Peters

By Barbara Kelly

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 16, 5:15 pm, Flame of Love Prayer Group, OLA Church
Oct. 20, 1 pm, OLA Fall Festival Appreciation, OLA Hall
Oct. 23, 5:15 pm, Flame of Love Prayer Group, OLA Church
Oct. 26, 9 am, Sleeping Bag Project, SP Hall
Oct. 27, 9:50 am, Confirmation Parent Meeting
Oct. 27, 1 pm, Chapel Pot Luck Dinner, OLA Hall

WEEKLY OFFERING

Last Sunday: (SP) \$1,322.00 (OLA) \$2,114.05
May the Lord reward your generosity.

WE WELCOME ALL

To our faithful parishioners who join us regularly: Please know that we cherish you.

To home-comers, travelers, strangers, and guests: May you find hospitality here.

To the bereaved and those missing a loved one: May you find peace, rest and comfort in our midst.

To all who come here occasionally: May you find a prayerful atmosphere and inspiration to come back again and again.

To all: If you are not already a member of our parish, please join one of our parishes.

NEW RUBRIC

To learn facts about our Church, Bible, practices, etc...

Protection Prayer

To be said individually or as a family (You are the only one who knows the protection you are asking for)

In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bind, silence and separate Satan and all his evil spirits that are coming against (mention the Name) or myself, any of our loved ones, spiritual children, communities, relatives, those who pray for us and their family members. In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I command you and all your companion spirits to depart from us and to go directly to the foot of the Cross of the Lord Jesus Christ, never to return to us again. Amen.