Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 1, 2021

Masses for the Week

Sunday, August 1, 9:00 AM

- + Al Lagerman (2nd Anniversary)
- + Theresa & +Teofil Lasitzkie

Sunday, August 8, 9:00 AM

- + Al Lagerman (Birthday Memorial)
- + John Simko (1st Anniversary)

Weekend Mass Schedule Saturday

4 PM Mass at OLOH (Church opens at 3:45)

Sunday

7 AM Mass at OLOH (Church opens at 6:45)
9 AM Mass at St. Patrick (Church opens at 8:45)
11 AM Mass at OLOH (Church opens at 10:45)
All Masses from OLOH are livestreamed.

The Parish Office is open

Monday – Thursday from 10 AM to 5 PM.

TITHING REPORT

Collection: 7/25/2021: \$1787.00 Food Pantry Donation: \$50.00 FAR Collection, \$25.00

Sunday, August 8
Lector: Jaden Myers
Extraordinary Minister: Deacon Bob
Altar Server: Ray Bednar

The **Blessed Mother Candle** burns in loving memory of **Al Lagerman (2nd Anniversary)** from wife, Bert & Family.

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Reinstatement of Obligation

On Sunday, August 15, the Solemnity of the BVM, Bishop Gainer will reinstate the obligation of attending Mass in person and Holy Days in the Diocese of Harrisburg. Now with the impact of the pandemic considerably reduced, it is possible for the faithful to assemble again for the Eucharist and fitting to restore the obligation.

Religious Education Program 2021/2022

Letters to parents of PREP students will be emailed and also sent by regular mail next week. Registration for current and new children will take place on August 29th.

Registration forms may also be picked up at any parish office and returned with the registration fee of \$30.00 per child (made payable to OLOH Church) via the collection basket or mailed to OLOH Church.

This coming year's program will see a return to in-person sessions held on Sundays from 9:45 AM to 10:45 AM at Our Lady of Hope Parish Center.

Announcements

Custodian Wanted

Our Lady of Hope is looking for a responsible part-time custodian to clean and care for the OLOH buildings and grounds.

Please call OLOH parish office at 570-648-4432 for more details.

Trevorton Summer Loncert Series

Thursday, August 5 7 to 9 PM RAT'L (Rock/Pop)

Holy Angels Parish Picnic

Friday & Saturday, August 6 and 7 4:00 – 10:00 PM

Baskets, Bake Sale, Yard Sale, 50/50 Raffle Live Entertainment, Fireworks Saturday 9:45 PM

Our Lady of Mercy Parish Picnic

Friday, August 6 and Saturday, August 7 3:00 – 7:00 PM Catawissa, PA Take-out Only....Limited outdoor seating Theme Baskets and 50/50 Raffle

St. Patrick Fabulous Food Festival

August 13 & 14 4 to 7 PM On the church grounds

ALL FOOD FOR TAKE OUT ONLY!!!!

Please return your Cash Raffle Tickets via collection basket or bring to the Parish Office. Donations of baskets are needed for the Basket Raffle. You may bring all (food) donations to the parish office during office hours.

Patrick Clothing Closet

We are in the process of clearing out the clothing closet so that a thorough cleaning of the room can take place.

If you have a pick-up truck and would be willing to take bags of clothing to Community Aid across from the Susquehanna Mall please call the parish office.

We need your help desperately so we can re-open in September with a new inventory of clothes.

Deacon's Lorner

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

On Friday, August 6, we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. The word transfiguration means "a change of form or appearance." The Gospels of Saints Mark, Matthew and Luke explain that the Transfiguration of the Lord occurs after St. Peter proclaims that Jesus is the Messiah; and Jesus first predicts His passion and death. Christ takes Peter, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, to a high mountain. It is said that this mountain is Mount Tabor in Israel. As Jesus prayed, "He was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus." Then, Peter said, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." (Mark 9:2-10)

"While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over then, then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.' When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and do not be afraid.' And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone." (Matthew 17:4-8)

Both Peter and John describe the Transfiguration of the Lord in their scriptural writings, confirming Jesus' divinity and His role as the Messiah (2 Peter 1:17, John 1:14). Pope Benedict XVI explains that the feast of the Transfiguration "is an important opportunity for believers to look to Christ as the light of the world, and to experience the kind of conversion which the Bible frequently describes as an emergence from darkness to light. In our time too, we urgently need...to experience this joy as the children of light!"

On this feast day, may we pray, "Lord, it is good to be with you at Mass, in the Holy Sacraments, in prayer and reading Sacred Scripture. Help us always to be open to your light in our lives."