



EASTER  
Sunday

April 12, 2020

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

When we awoke this morning, we found ourselves blessed with another day. It is Easter Sunday. As that thought crossed our minds, did we find ourselves saying “so what” or “alleluia”? For many, today is truly a day of alleluia. For others, it is just another day of “so what.” Faith makes a huge difference. It not only makes a difference in how we understand today and the significance of what we celebrate, it also makes a huge difference in terms of how we understand ourselves. Succeed, live well, be productive, find your niche, follow your dreams, make money, protect your social status, be politically correct, and keep your preferences to yourself are pretty good examples of the messages our secular life wants us to hear. In and of themselves, they don’t sound all that harmful. But when really examined, they are. The life of resurrection embodied in the Gospel tells us a much different story. Life keeps us busy. We are always connected, distracted, occupied, and working. For many of us, an agenda awaits us before we even start our day, and unfinished stuff is brought with us when we retire at night. Make the best of life and “find your own road to happiness are messages we all too easily believe. The “so what” response to the new life of resurrection is often the result of believing that life is only what I make it. What God has to say isn’t important to me securing my next raise. Sadly, we live as if the grave is the end. While we may give the wonder of heaven a blink now and then, its glory really doesn’t impress us or matter all that much. It’s all about the here and now and what I need to do today to get where I want to be tomorrow. We tend to put off considering the one significant “tomorrow” that will come the millisecond after we take our last breath. When that happens, will we want to be thinking “so what?” or “alleluia”? There is only one Jesus, one mission, and one resurrection. There is also only one of us. Have you ever pondered what one solitary, humble human life can do? Faith, not our world, tells us how special we are. We are not robots. We are not replaceable. We have one shot. There are no do-overs. Love is at our core and unites us together as one with the God of love who so desperately wants us to be with Him forever. This may not match our secular agenda, but it ought to make our true inner agenda leap for joy. There doesn’t need to be an end. I can live forever. Alleluia!



**MASSES OF THE WEEK**

**MON. (Apr.13) Monday within the Octave**

7:00 am (30th Day) Ann Lalley (Family)

**TUE. (Apr.14) Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**

7:00 am Alice B. Collican (Family)

**WED. (Apr.15) Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**

7:00 am Sr. Alene Perry, C. P. (Mary Kane)

**THU. (Apr.16) Thursday within the Octave of Easter**

7:00 am Pompeo DeMarco & Lucy Ann Roman (Verrastro & Ross Families)

**FRI. (Apr.17) Friday within the Octave Of Easter**

7:00 am (30th Day) Patsy Lacertoso (Joe & Carmella Lacertoso)

**SAT. (Apr.18) Saturday within the Octave of Easter**

4:00 pm Johanna Kocsis (George & Joan Kocsis)

**SUN. (Apr.19) Second Sunday of Easter (Or Sunday of Divine Mercy)**

7:00 am Bill & Rose Valenzo (Children)

9:30 am Jeremy Kelleher (Family)

11:30 am Mary Smith (Mary Rose & Ingrid Malia)

Please pray for the elderly, the seriously ill, the dying and recently deceased members of our parish community, especially, *Margaret M. (O’Connell) Carrick*. May God grant them and all the faithful departed, eternal rest.



**\*PLEASE NOTE\*** Even though the celebration of Masses open to the public are currently suspended, priests will celebrate non-public Masses on a daily basis for the good of the People of God, the Church and the intentions of the day.

Thank you to all who continue to support your parish through these very trying times! If anyone is unsure how to do so, you could visit our website at [www.olmcdunmore.org](http://www.olmcdunmore.org) and sign up for online giving, mail your envelopes to the rectory, 322 Chestnut St., Dunmore, PA 18512 or drop off your envelopes in the mailbox on the side of the rectory.

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL  
PARISH CASH RAFFLE**

Grand prize \$10,000! 2nd prize: \$3,000, 3rd prize: \$1,000, 4th & 5th prizes: \$500. Tickets are \$100 each. 350 will be sold before drawing. Purchase alone, or share price of a ticket with friends! Tickets can be purchased from Sam Valenza, or from the rectory.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR PARISH OFFICE WILL REMAIN IN OPERATION, HOWEVER IT IS NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. PARISH EMPLOYEES WILL BE WORKING REMOTELY. WE HAVE THE RESOURCES TO ASSIST YOU WITH ANY INQUIRIES OR EMERGENCIES THAT YOU MAY HAVE. AS ALWAYS, CALL THE RECTORY OFFICE @ 570.346.7429, EMAIL US AT [INFO@OLMCPARISH.US](mailto:INFO@OLMCPARISH.US), OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.OLMCDUNMORE.ORG](http://WWW.OLMCDUNMORE.ORG)**

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**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

CDR WILLIAM E. KELLY, MSC US NAVY  
SGT. RYAN HARBAUGH, US ARMY  
CPL CHRISTOPHER MECCA, USMC  
LT GEN CHRISTOPHER BURNE, USAF  
ENSIGN JONATHAN M. SMITH, US NAVY  
MM2 SHAWN SMITH, US NAVY  
1ST LT WILLIAM C. STUCKART USMC  
SPC SEAN FISNE, US ARMY  
CORP CHRISTOPHER DESANDO  
SPC KAILA LEWONCZYK  
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CPT MICHAEL TODARO  
SGT MICHAEL P. WENTLINE, USMC  
1ST LIEUTENANT BRIAN HAUGHWAUT,  
USAF  
LT COMMANDER JOHN W. GILLIGAN,  
US NAVY  
LT ANTHONY CANTAFIO, US NAVY  
CW2 JOHN T. REDMOND, US ARMY  
COL JAMES F. CUMMINGS, M.D., US AR-  
MY  
A1C DARREN HUSSEY, USAF  
LT JASON A. BUSELLI, US ARMY  
HA CONOR J. RUANE, US NAVY  
LTC ROBERT MCALLISTER, US ARMY  
MAJOR ANDREW SCHLESSINGER, US  
ARMY  
A1C MARK MICCICHE, USAF  
CPO AARON BISTRAN, USMC  
CPL CHRISTOPHER HARBAUGH, USMC  
A2C ANGELO MARTIN, USAF

*Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which face them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Confessing Sins

### Question:

If I go to the Sacrament of Penance and end up repeating the same sins, does that mean I do not have a strong enough intention to amend my life?

### Answer:

There is a popular expression that says, "Be patient. God isn't finished with me yet!" Growing in faith and holiness is an ongoing, life-long project, and our struggle with sin is at the heart of it. As St. Paul says, the good he intends to do, he does not do. The evil he does not intend, he does! It is not always a lack of intention, but more often the allure of evil that makes it difficult to change.

When we confess our sins, we are to come with a fully contrite heart. You need to reflect on your true feelings toward your actions before approaching the sacrament. After confession, there are strategies you can make to avoid falling into the same traps of sin. First, pray for and seek out strength and perseverance through multiple sacraments, charitable work, and personal sacrifice. Second, avoid occasions of sin when you might fail or be sorely tempted. In doing these things, remind yourself daily that it is a spiritual war we wage, and with God's grace, we will succeed.



## Mission Statement

**We, the eucharistic community of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Dunmore, are called to manifest the leadership, love and service of Jesus Christ. In union with the Holy Father, and under the leadership of Diocesan Bishop, we are called to proclaim the salvation of our loving Lord through our participation in His Word, Worship, Service and Community. With the Blessed Virgin Mary as our model, we seek to share our Baptismal gifts to build His Kingdom.**

## Our Value Statement

**We recognize that, as a Parish Faith Community of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, our purpose is to accept and develop our call through a servant style of leadership, to evangelize others with zeal and joy through the witness of our life in the Word, Worship and Service that builds up our Community.**

### **Mount Carmel & St. Mary's Cemeteries Notice:**

- Artificial flowers, wreaths and grave blankets are permitted from Thanksgiving through March 15.
- Fresh cut flowers are permitted at all times.
- Potted plants are permitted on Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day & Father's Day. They will be removed one week after the holiday.

## AN EASTER MESSAGE:

We live today in a pandemic of a coronavirus. A physical, emotional and perhaps a spiritual illness pervades us. The catastrophic horror of losing a loved one has become a reality for some. A healthy fear exists among us to warn us to be as cautious as possible. Medical professionals teach us to isolate, to wash, to clean, and to perhaps wear masks; hopefully we will find protection in doing such things. Such advice gives us some direction and hope. Although we approach this Easter with such mixed emotions, this Easter becomes a call for us, like never before, to find our strength and hope in Jesus' life, death and Resurrection.

Jesus has entered your life at your Baptism. He dwells in your very being, and He lives within you. You are sacred to Him and you are called to be in a love of the soul with Him. In your life, He has fed you with the love of His Son in the bread of life. He has called you to think as He thinks; to speak as He speaks; to love as He loves. He has confirmed you to manifest His love in the world in which you live. You are called to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and to penetrate those you will meet with the love of Christ. Jesus had also formed you and molded you to die to selfishness so that you could love even more. He has formed you to be His gift of love to others. He has also called you to see your life as a journey to be a gift offering so that we could be one with the Triune God. Jesus death on the cross, and thus our death, will accomplish this final oneness. Jesus also called us to be an Easter people; His people who know the Resurrection. If Jesus' love is so powerful that it defeats death for us, there is absolutely nothing that can defeat us. It is this Jesus who wants our love so much, that He reminds us that His light will shatter darkness; we, who have received Christ, can also shatter darkness by love. Our call is to take His light, His life, to the darkness of the world and to manifest His life and love. You are called to be Easter.

A Blessed Easter,  
~Fr. Doris



## AN EASTER PRAYER:

Hallelujah! Lord, Jesus, You have risen from the dead and are gloriously triumphant!

Lord, I offer You profound thanksgiving that I may join in the celebration of Your Resurrection! I thank You for loving me so much that I have been invited to participate in the new life won by You.

Dear Lord, the path to the Resurrection was one of exceptional pain and suffering. It required of You the total sacrifice of Your life. You held nothing back but poured out Your life to the last drop of blood.

Risen Lord, the joyful message is that suffering and death were not the end. You rose triumphantly in a new and glorified body, opening the door for all who believe in You to do the same. Draw me in, dear Lord, to Your suffering and death so that I may also be drawn into the glory of Your Resurrection. Give me the courage You had as You endured so much. Help me to face the crosses in my life with Your strength. As I do, fill me with hope as I anticipate the new life You will bring from all sufferings united to You.

Hallelujah! Lord, Jesus, You have risen from the dead and are gloriously triumphant!

Hallelujah! All glory and praise to You, dear Lord, for Your Resurrection!

Hallelujah! May the glory of Your Resurrection be loved, embraced and proclaimed until the end of time and forever more! Amen

