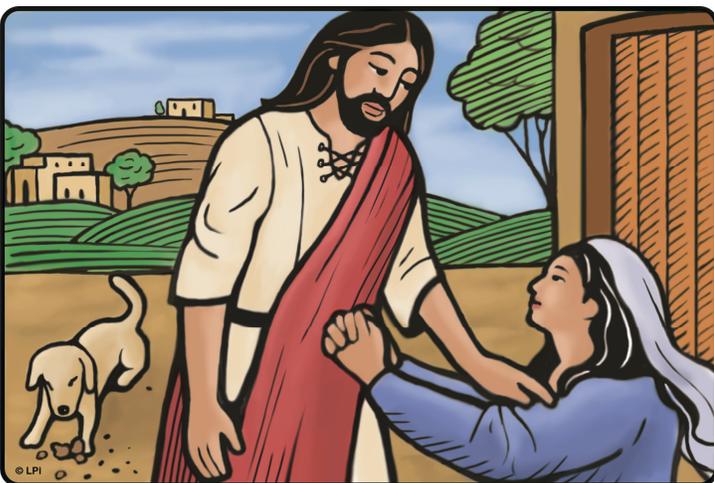


20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." Today's reading ends well. Jesus praises the Canaanite woman's faith and heals her daughter. But before this pleasant conclusion, we have the difficult scene between the woman and the Lord. First, he ignores her request, then he responds by talking about not throwing the food of children to dogs. Was this really as cruel as it sounds to our modern ears?

No. This is one of those passages where it is essential to understand the historical context. Jesus was not leveling a terrible insult at this particular woman. He was referring to a cultural reality of the day. Jesus was ministering outside of Jewish territory. This woman was a gentile of the region, not a member of the Jewish people. Thus, she belonged to the culture that worshipped idols and did not follow the Jewish rituals of cleanliness. Because of these practices, the Jews referred to Gentiles as "unclean dogs." This woman, however, proved herself as worthy as the Jewish "children" at the table of the Lord. The Jews received God's blessing because they believed in God. This woman proved that she did too. She was also a believer who recognized Jesus as the Messiah, calling him, "Lord, Son of David!" And Jesus responded in the end by treating her as one of his children, granting her request.

We too live in a culture that is more and more ignorant of the true God. We are surrounded by idols of all kinds, and by practices that are hardly clean. Like the Canaanite woman, we need the courage to be countercultural. Even when secular society might mock us,



MASSES OF THE WEEK

MON. (Aug. 18) Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Dolores Dietz (The Counters)

TUE. (Aug. 19) St. John Eudes

7:00 am Stella Dell'Amico (Mary Lou Hughes)

WED: (Aug. 20) St. Bernard

7:00 am Colin Barrett
(Mom, Dad, Shan, Tara, and Patrick)

THU: (Aug. 21) St. Pius X

7:00 am Chris C. Gardier, Jr. (Family)

FRI: (Aug. 22) The Queenship of the the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 am (Anniv.) Mary P. Sienkiewich
(Family)

SAT: (Aug. 23) St. Rose of Lima

4:00 pm Ann Rolands (James and Mary Mack)

5:30 pm (Anniv.) Nicholas D., Angelo, & Ann
Ross (Rose, Nicky, Patty and Andrea)

SUN: (Aug. 24) Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am (30th Day) Abigail Lynn Zappel
(Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Capman)

9:30 am Joseph M. Marrazzo, Sr. (Family)

11:30a (Anniv.) Michael Sanders, Jr.
m (Mom, Dad, Stephanie)

5:00 pm Ryan Carr (Family)

Please pray for the elderly, the seriously ill, the dying and recently deceased members of our parish community, especially *Jill Donovan, Arline Harrington and Carmel Ann Galella*. May God grant them and all the faithful departed eternal rest.



Family Communion Breakfast—Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Holy Name Society's 88th Annual Family Communion Breakfast will be held **Sunday, September 7** after the 9:30 a.m. Mass, with special guest **Jim Coles, Sports Director WNEP 16, at La Buona Vita, 200 Reilly Street, Dunmore**. Adults \$10; Children \$8. Tickets can be purchased after all masses or by calling Tom Stasko at 570-817-1821, Sam Valenza at 570-357-8258 or in the Rectory office.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

Collection for the Weekend of August 9/10, 2014
\$ 8,030.65

Collection for the Weekend of August 10/11, 2013
\$ 9,889.30

Financial Updates

- **Second collections**—All second collections not addressed to the Missions or to the Diocese, will go to help support our cemeteries and parish related needs not covered from interest from perpetual care.
- **A Friendly Reminder**—Please make every effort to keep your offertory pledges current.
- **Online Giving**—(see below for instructions)

Click on the following URL to visit our secure on-line giving site:

URL ADDRESS:

<http://www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=143>

1. Create a new account
2. Enter your payment type (bank information, if you would like your pledge automatically deducted from your account, or credit card, if you would like to use Master Card or Visa)
3. Enter your gift —You can give to offertory alone or any of the other collections.

ONLINE GIVING LINK ANNOUNCEMENT:

Online Giving just got an update! On Wednesday morning, July 23, 2014, our Online Giving account received an update with improvements for our donors including an easier-to-use interface, reminders about expired credit cards, and a quicker way to donate to specific funds. Online Giving is a great way to help your administrative staff while supporting our church. Signing up is easy— you can use a computer, tablet, or smartphone. Just go to our church website www.olmcdunmore.org and click the Online Giving logo at the bottom right of the page to get started.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

It has been brought to my attention that a number of parishioners are questioning as to why the parish project involves the renovation of the school building. Please know that although the Diocese is administrating all schools, the ownership of the building remains with the parish. Therefore, it is important that we continue to maintain all parish buildings. ~Father Doris

Our Campaign Prayer—Our most gracious heavenly Father, as You bless us continually with the knowledge of Your abundant gifts, grant us especially the gift of a grateful heart. Help us to respond sacrificially to the challenge before us so that our Church family may move forward in its ministry of worship, education and service. Give us the faith, courage, and the desire to support this step forward in our Church life as we grow for tomorrow. In Jesus' name Amen.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN— GOOD NEWS!

Improvements to our parish and our school have begun! Please make every effort to keep your pledge payments current. **PLEDGE ENVELOPES ARE THE GREEN ENVELOPES FOUND IN YOUR ENVELOPE SETS AND IN THE REAR OF THE CHURCH.**

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGE

*We are proud to announce that at this point in our Capital Campaign, 507 parishioners have pledged \$1,023,145.00 There are many pledges not yet in, however, and I would ask all those who have not yet turned in their pledge to please do so. Please know that I am so thankful for your response and I do pray our Lord bless you with his kindness and generosity!
God Bless, —Fr. Doris.*

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 our 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, that 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 Word, Worship and a Service that builds up our Community.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

**We would like to thank
Andy's Service Center
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.**

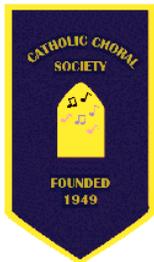
Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular Bus Trip—Visitation of the BVM Church, Dickson City, PA, invites you a bus trip to the Christmas Show at Radio City Music Hall, Thursday, December 4. show time is at 2:00. The bus will leave from St. Mary's Church, 619 Dundaff Street, Dickson City at 8:30 a.m. and will leave New York City at 6:30 p.m. Price of the bus and show with orchestra seats is \$95 per person. For more details, call St. Mary's Church, Dickson City at 570-489-2091.



Scranton Prep Blood Drive—will take place at the Prep Xavier Center, 1000 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, PA, **Saturday, August 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** To register, please call

Scranton Prep at 570-941-7743. Walk-ins are welcome!

The Catholic Choral Society will begin its 66th year on Tuesday, September 2nd, with rehearsals on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the IHM Center at Marywood University.



The group, composed of members from both Luzerne and Lackawanna counties, performs sacred, classical and other secular music at performances in both Luzerne and

Lackawanna counties. **New members are welcome and no auditions are required.** The group's first concert is the annual November Generations Concert when the Catholic Choral Society hosts and features regional choral groups from the elementary school through college at St. Peter's Cathedral. Additional musical programs are planned for the Advent, Christmas and Lenten and spring seasons. For further information, please see www.catholicchoralsociety.org and call 570-587-2753.

Grief Support Group will meet Sundays from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. beginning September 7 and ending October 12. Preregistration is required by September 2nd by calling Lolita Salmon at 570-961-1549. The facilitator will be Sr. Gloria Frank, IHM, who has earned a master's degree in counseling and who has experience in organizing and leading support groups. There is no fee to attend. The meetings are designed to meet the needs of those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY


CDR WILLIAM E. KELLY, MSC US NAVY
SGT. RYAN HARBAUGH, US ARMY
LT JONATHAN PUHALLA, 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
SPC ERIC SLOSS
CPT MICHAEL TODARO
SGT MICHAEL P. WENTLINE, USMC
LT JOHN W. GILLIGAN, US NAVY
ENS. KATHRYN M. GILLIGAN, US COAST GUARD
LT. ANTHONY CANTAFIO, US NAVY
CW2 JOHN T. REDMOND, US ARMY
COL. JAMES F. CUMMINGS, M.D., US ARMY
AIC DARREN HUSSEY, USAF
LT. JASON A. BUSELLI, US ARMY
HA CONOR J. RUANE, US NAVY
MAJOR ROBERT MCALLISTER, US ARMY
MAJOR ANDREW SCHLESSINGER, US ARMY

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.

To add names of active military duty personnel from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish to the prayer list, please call the parish rectory at 570-346-7429.

The 9/11 Memorial Committee of Lackawanna County, a non-profit, non-partisan group, will hold a ceremony at the 9/11 monument located at McDade Park on **September 11 from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.** The public is invited to attend. Bishop Bambera will give the invocation.



Murder Mystery Dinner Theater and Dance "Murder's in the Her" an audience interactive comedy in a mansion setting will take place **Saturday, October 5 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.** at St. Eulalia's Hall, 214 Blue Shutters Road, Roaring Brook Twp., PA (Doors open at 5:30). The cost is \$28 per person until September 22. After September 22, the cost is \$35 per person. This is an adults-only event. You must be 21 to attend. Costumes are encouraged. Dinner is catered by La Trattoria with BYOB. Information and reservations are available to the first 150 people by calling 570-842-7656. Cast is courtesy of the North Pocono Odyssey Players.



**Congratulations and
Best Wishes
to
Giovanni Angelo Gianzanti
Benjamin Patrick Hawk**
who received the sacrament of
Baptism recently. Congratulations to
**Giovanni Angelo & Benjamin Patrick
and to their parents.** May God
continue to be a part of their lives.



The R.C.I.A. – Do you know someone who wants to become a Catholic? Tell them about the R.C.I.A.

R.C.I.A. is the process through which adults are fully initiated into the Catholic faith community.

Is the R.C.I.A. for me?

If you answer yes to any of the following questions, it may be.

1. An unbaptized person?
2. Baptized as Catholic but were never Confirmed or received Holy Communion?
3. Baptized, made first Communion but never had any religious instruction beyond these sacraments?
4. Protestant interested in knowing Catholicism?
5. A person wishing to become a Catholic?

R.C.I.A. Open House: Thursday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory. Anyone wishing to become a part of this program please attend the Open House or call the parish office @ 570-346-7429.

Summer Drive

Our Summer Drive has started in our parish and will continue thru the end of August. A list of all contributors and their contribution category will be a featured highlight in all bulletins, starting this weekend and concluding with the September 6/7 bulletin. Our goal once again this year is \$30,000.

As of Week 7 we have received a total of \$25,905.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Summer Drive

<i>Diamond</i>	<i>Platinum</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>Patron</i>
<i>\$1000/over</i>	<i>\$500/over</i>	<i>\$200-499</i>	<i>\$100-199</i>	<i>\$50-99</i>	<i>Under \$50</i>

Name _____

Address _____

Envelope #: _____

(Please clip and return to rectory or place in collection basket)

Hospice of the Sacred Heart is looking for volunteers for a new inpatient unit located at 100 William Street in Dunmore. Opportunities range from visiting with patients, providing a caring presence by quietly sitting at bedside, meal preparation and clerical tasks. Anyone with previous healthcare experience is encouraged to request specialized training. For more information, please contact Ann Seechock, Volunteer coordinator at (800) 657-6405 or (570) 706-2400 or by email at asechock@hospicesacredheart.org.

RYAN MASON MICHALCZYK MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT—will be held on **Saturday, September 13th at the Scranton Municipal Golf Course.** Proceeds will benefit a joint project with Sherwood Park and St. Anthony's Playground. Plans are being made to build a sprinkle/splash park at Sherwood Park with an expected completion during the Summer of 2015. Golfers, sponsors and donors are needed. For more information, please contact Joe Michalczyk at 570-961-3691.

Ministers of the Liturgy Schedule—Weekend of August 23/24, 2014

TIME

LECTOR

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

SERVERS

4:00 P.M.	Frank Rainey	Ann Marie & Andy Fazio, N. Dolan	Laurel Cortazar, Sophia Pacewicz
5:30 P.M.	John Loughney	C.Hughes, C. Berry, N.Rinaldi	Sam & Louis Hanni
7:00 A.M.	Marjorie George	Steve Eboli	Hannah Ptasinski
9:30 A.M.	Dorothy Kelly	E. Murphy, D. Smith, K.A. Dougherty	Andrew Durkin, Maren Lindemuth
11:30 A.M.	Joe Michalczyk	M.R. Malia, L.Gatto, T.Devanny	Noah Cogliette, Alyssa Shonk
5:00 P.M.	Connie DeSando	Maria Kocsis	James Angerson