

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." For Jesus' original audience, this reference was meant for those Jews who presumed their salvation while judging others as being unworthy of entering the kingdom of God. Jesus was always quick to teach that believing in him was what mattered, not membership in a certain class or a particular religious circle. Therefore, some of the (last) Gentiles who professed faith in Jesus were ready to enter the kingdom before some of the (first) Jews who rejected the Messiah.

But we should not assume that this Gospel was only for those people in that time and place. Today, there is perhaps a different stratum of first and last. In our Christian era, we can be tempted to have the same presumptuous attitude that afflicted too many of the Jewish contemporaries of Christ. We can think that our salvation is assured just because we bear the title Christian. Likewise, we can fall prey to the idea that we are somehow better or more deserving of Christ's mercy than those who do not "belong" to our Church. This simply isn't true. God's mercy is available to everyone who humbly recognizes one's need for it. The minute we become complacent or overconfident, we close ourselves off to the gift of mercy God offers to the repentant sinner.

Jesus tells us today that we must "strive to enter through the narrow gate." This means that we must not take the easy road of presumption, assuming that we are in good shape because we look like most of the people around us. On the contrary, Jesus calls us to take the more challenging road of real repentance in order to "recline at table in the kingdom of God."



## MASSES OF THE WEEK

### MON. (Aug. 22) The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

### TUE. (Aug. 23) Saint Rose of Lima

7:00 am Kelly Lalli (Mary Donahue)

### WED. (Aug. 24) Saint Bartholomew

7:00 am The Deceased Members of the Peter Swift Family (Family)

### THU. (Aug. 25) SS Louis and Joseph Calasanz

7:00 am Al Sibio (Joan and Mara Gavin)

### FRI: (Aug. 26) Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Dan Loftus (Robert Kreis Family)

### SAT: (Aug. 27) Saint Monica

4:00 pm Joanne Moran (Husband, Tom)  
5:30 pm Robert Shertza (Family)

### SUN: (Aug. 28) Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Patrick Devaney (Joyce Welby)  
9:30 am (Anniv.) Helen and Joseph Marrasso (Family)  
11:30 am Jack and Genet Boland (Bienick Family)  
5:00 pm Peter LaPergola (Patty and Rob McKeon)



Please pray for the elderly, the seriously ill, the dying and recently deceased members of our parish community, especially *Harold Hufford, Faith Virginia Frazier, John M. Glaser*. May God grant them and all the faithful departed, eternal rest.

### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank  
*Brian's Auto Sales & Service/ 333 Chestnut St., Dunmore*  
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish  
 Collection for the Weekend of **Aug 13/14, 2016**  
\$9,456.13  
 Collection for the Weekend of **Aug. 15/16, 2015**  
\$8,841.43

The second collection next weekend, August 27/28 will be for the Church in Eastern Europe including Collection for the church in Lithuania, Poland and Slovakia.

**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 LINK:**

*Signing up is easy— you can use a computer, tablet, or smartphone. Just go to our church website [www.olmcdunmore.org](http://www.olmcdunmore.org) and click the Online Giving logo at the bottom right of the page to get started.*

**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 3/4 bulletin. Our goal once again this year is \$30,000.00.*

*Our church operations require more monies than the Sunday offering which do not cover our normal operating expenses nor provide for major repairs and improvements to our facilities.*

*As of Week 8 we have received \$28,030. Last year as of Week 8 we received \$27,863. Keep up the good work!*

**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>\$500-999</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)*

**Capital Campaign**

We are now in the third year of our Capital Campaign and as I have stated on numerous occasions we have surpassed our goal in so far as pledges made to the campaign. However, we still have approximately \$190,000 in outstanding pledges. I ask those that are keeping their pledges current to continue to do so. I am also requesting those that have fallen behind on their pledge payment to make every effort to bring their payments up to date. Again, I am truly overwhelmed by the generosity of our parish community. Thank you and may God continue to bless you.

~Fr. Doris

**Parish Cemeteries**

I feel it's the proper time to request your assistance in maintaining our two parish cemeteries. Because both of our cemeteries no longer have lots available for sale the cemeteries have become a financial burden to our parish. We include a monthly envelope for the maintenance of the cemeteries in your envelope package; I am requesting that everyone please consider a \$10 monthly donation in support of the cemeteries. At the present time this envelope is used by a very small number of parishioners. The maintenance of the cemeteries is costing the parish approximately \$85,000 annually. Thank you for all the support you provide to our parish. ~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.

**Ministers of the Liturgy Schedule—Weekend of August 27/28, 2016**

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
4:00 P.M.	Andy Fazio	Bill & Cathy Harrington, N.Dolan	Kieran Hinton & Hannah Albano
5:30 P.M.	Kevin McDonnell	T.Carlucci, A.Lopatka, C.Nocilla	Sam and Louis Hanni
7:00 A.M.	Marjorie George	Sr. Miriam Joseph Reinhardt	Patrick Conway
9:30 A.M.	Gerald Healey	M.A.Healey, M.Worozbyt, S.Schiavo	Jacob Gatto & Laurel Cortazar
11:30 A.M.	Ken Smith	M.A.McDonald, M.Roche, M.R. Malia	Kaidyn Biko & Mariah Mancuso
5:00 P.M.	Joe Michalczyk	Connie DeSando	James Angerson

The Catholic Tour, a Roman Catholic Pilgrimage Apostolate is offering our "Special" 7 Day Pilgrimage to Eternal Rome operating from two Airline Gateways of New York JFK and Boston, Mass. The all inclusive price of \$1999 includes airfare, 3 star hotel, most meals, tour guide, deluxe bus, and more. Travel dates from both airports will be November 4-10, 2016. Brochures and reservation forms are available by calling 1-877-627-4268 toll free or by emailing jimadair@thecatholictour.com


SS Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant will hold its 6th Annual Rummage Sale at St. Cyril's Grade School, 133 River Street, Olyphant, PA from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, August 23 and 24 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, August 25 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For details, please call Lauren Telep at 570-383-0319.

**Know a Marriage That Needs Help?** Throw them a lifeline and tell them about **Retrouvaille**, an international program that helps couples who are experiencing marital difficulties. This program is for all couples, at any stage of marriage that needs help to communicate with each other in a more attentive and loving manner. The next program in the Scranton Diocese begins August 26-28, 2016 at The Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit. Please call 800-470-2230 for more information or to register, or visit the website at [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

The Mary Mother of God Parish in North Scranton, presents **Go for the Gold. Fun, Food, and Fitness.** a children's activity fair, August 27 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm. At the Holy Rosary Center, West Market Street and Wayne Avenue. The fair will be Olympic themed. The program is geared for children from kindergarten through 5th grade. Various stations include Police department (finger printing, stranger danger, bike safety, and K9 officer), fire department (fire safety and smoke house), dental health, healthy bones, healthy snacks, hand washing tips, and fitness activities. Special guest speaker is dietician Carol Jones. Fun, games, and healthy eating for children and their parents will be featured. Parents must accompany their children to this event.

**GIVE BLOOD— Celebrate life and make a difference by giving blood. Blood is needed for many different kinds of patients. It could be a young child with a rare blood disorder, a family member fighting cancer or a friend involved in a car accident. Lackawanna Health and Rehab Center, 108 Terrace Drive, Olyphant** will be holding a Blood Drive in memory of Helen Cordelli, a former administrator at the center, on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. All participating donors receive a Red Cross duffel bag while supplies last and are eligible for other prizes. Please schedule an appointment to donate at this special blood drive. You'll feel good knowing you've changed the lives of patients in need. To schedule an appointment, contact Lackawanna Health and Rehab Center at [570-489-8611](tel:570-489-8611), visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

**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  
SPC ERIC SLOSS  
CPT MICHAEL TODARO  
SGT MICHAEL P. WENTLINE, USMC  
LT CMDR JOHN W. GILLIGAN, US NAVY  
LT 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  
AIC MARK MICCICHE, USAF  
PFC AARON BISTRAN, USMC

*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.

Saint Paul of the Cross Parish will conduct a Chicken Bar-B-Que dinner (Chicken by Kundla's) Sunday, September 18 in the Parish Center Hall, 1215 Prospect Avenue, Scranton. Tickets are \$10 per dinner. Reservations only. Deadline for reservations is September 13. Take-out or sit-down noon to 4:00 p.m. Please call the rectory at 570-343-6420 for tickets. (office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. daily.) A basket raffle will be drawn at 4:00 p.m. **The church will also host a Rummage and Bake Sale on Friday, September 30 and Saturday, October 1 in the Parish Center, 1215 Prospect Avenue, Scranton, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day.**

Visitation of the BVM Church, Dickson City invites you to join us on our **Seneca Lake Wine Trip - Saturday, September 24th.** Join us for an enjoyable day of wine tasting at 5 of Seneca Lakes finest wineries, plus dinner at the incredible **Belhurst Castle!** \$135.00 per person includes bus, lunch, dinner and wine tasting at: **Castle Grisch, Glenora Wine Cellars, Fulkerson Winery, Torrey Ridge Winery, & White Springs Winery.** Lunch your choice of a Turkey or Italian Hoagie, chips or pretzels, water or soda. **Dinner at Belhurst Castle:** A \$70.00 deposit is due with reservation. Balance due by September 2nd. Bus departs St. Mary's Visitation Church at 8:00 a.m. and returns approximately 10:30 p.m. Call 570-489-2091 or stop in the parish office at 1090 Carmalt St., Dickson City to make your reservation.



**CCD BEGINS SOON!**

Grades 1 through 5	Tuesday, September 13	Saint Mary's School	3:00- 4:15	p.m.
Grades 6,7,8	Sunday, September 18	Saint Mary's School	10:15-11:15	a.m.

Registration forms can be found in all parish bulletins for the month of August, on our website [www.olmcdunmore.org](http://www.olmcdunmore.org) and in the rear of the church.

**Congratulations and Best Wishes to the**  
following who recently received the  
Sacrament of Baptism:



*Stella Romaine Jones*  
*Rhys David Jones*  
*Stefano Burgette*  
*Riley Joan Spencer*  
*Alphonzo Vincent Fazio*

May God continue to be a part of their lives.

**Congratulations and  
Best Wishes to**

**Mr. & Mrs. Brian and Casey Butler Roerden**  
who were united in marriage recently. May God  
continue to be a source of happiness in their  
married life together.

**VIRTUS TRAINING SESSIONS:**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2016 6:30 P.M**

Saint John Vianney Parish, Montdale

\*\*Session will take place in the Church Hall  
(lower church)

To register, please call the parish at: 570.254.9502

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016 6-9 P.M.**

Saint Robert Bellarmine Parish, Wilkes-Barre

\*Session will take place  
in the cafeteria of Saint Aloysius School.\*

Register your attendance online at:  
<http://virtusonline.org/virtus/>

Please call the parish at: 570.254.9502

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016 6:00 P.M.**

All Saints Academy, Scranton

To register, please call the school at: 570.343.8114

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2016, 6:30 PM**

Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Clarks Summit

\*Session will take place in the Gathering Room\*

To register and for further details, please call the  
parish at: 570.586.1741

**YOUTH GROUP INVITATION—Students in  
grades 9 through 12 are invited to join our youth  
group which begins Sunday, September 11.** The  
group meets each Sunday after the 5:00 Mass,  
September through May to socialize, offer service,  
build community, share faith, and witness the gospel  
on many levels. Each year they prepare a Haunted  
House in October and go caroling in December.  
They also present a very moving portrayal of The  
Living Stations on Palm Sunday. For more  
information, please call Maria Kocsis at 570-489-  
1951.

**“Annual Ryan Mason Michalczyk Golf  
Tournament” will be held on Saturday,  
September 17th at the Scranton Municipal Golf  
Course.** Everyone is invited to golf! In addition, we  
are asking for donations, gift cards or other prizes.  
All profits will be used to improve the Ryan Mason  
Play Area at St. Anthony's field, to continue to help  
with the Splash Park at Sherwood and to assist local  
families in need. Please call Joe Michalczyk for  
more information at 570-961-3691.

**Holy Name Society 90th Annual Family  
Communion Breakfast**—Sunday, September 11

after the 9:30 a.m. Mass at La Buona Vita (The  
Parish Center). Tickets (adults \$12, children \$9) are  
available from Sam Valenza, Holy  
Name members or in the rectory. All  
are welcome.

