

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." In the days of Jesus, this issue was about performing empty external rituals of cleanliness instead of purifying the heart. For most of us, the issue is probably a bit different. Our fixation on externals is not so much with religious prescriptions and practices; instead, our daily obsession tends to be with appearances in general. In our media-saturated culture, we are extremely tuned in to how things look. We are trained to respond to current fashion trends in clothing, hair, makeup, and accessories. Even bodies, cars, houses, and landscaping all fall into the realm of highly marketed images. The risk for us is to be so concerned with having the right "look" on the outside that we fail to consider what's happening on the inside.

Life is about more than what we have or what we parade around for others to see. As human beings we are a unity of body and soul, and if we neglect our souls, then we are neglecting the fulfillment of our human nature. We need to make sure we are not like the Pharisees in today's reading who were too concerned with outside appearances. Jesus tells us in response to them that "from within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile." This list makes a good starting point for some personal meditation on our interior life. Let's ask ourselves, "Which of the behaviors on this list threaten to defile my soul?" Then, let's ask the Holy Spirit to help purify us of that spiritual ugliness so we can appear beautiful in the sight of God.



MASSES OF THE WEEK

MON. (Aug 31) Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Mary Bewick (Jovanna and John)

TUE. (Sept. 1) Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Robert Evans (Nealon Family)

WED. (Sept. 2) Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Thomas O'Donnell
(John and Suzanne Devine)

THU. (Sept. 3) Saint Gregory the Great

7:00 am Sam Fortese
(Joe and Dolly Michalczyk)

FRI. (Sept. 4) Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Thomas J. Fidiem
(Leo Woelkers Family)

SAT. (Sept. 5) Weekday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Bob Redmond (Wife, Elizabeth)
5:30 pm (Anniv.) Donna Kocis Schoo
(Mother, Theresa)

SUN. (Sept. 6) Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Nicolena Belisario (Antosh Family)
9:30 am Gerard Sensi (Wife and Family)
11:30am Andrew and Columba Malia
(Family)
5:00 pm Alphonsina Riggi (Daughter)

Please pray for the elderly, the seriously ill, the dying and recently deceased members of our parish community, especially **James J. Sleyo and Christian T. LaBelle**. May God grant them and all the faithful departed eternal rest.



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Holy Name Society will conduct it's 89th Annual Family Communion Breakfast, Sunday, September 13 after the 9:30 Mass at La Buona Vita, 200 Reilly Street, Dunmore. The speaker will be Catherine Butel, Diocesan Secretary for Parish Life. Tickets are available after all masses this weekend, are **\$10.50 for adults and \$8.50 for children**.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

Collection for the Weekend of Aug. 22/23, 2015
\$9,983.33

Collection for the Weekend of Aug. 23/24, 2014
\$9,293.40

The Second Collection this weekend, August 29/30 will be for the Collection for the Church in Eastern Europe Including Collection for the Church in Lithuania, Poland and Slovakia.

The Second Collection next weekend, September 5/6 will be for the Care and Education of Priests. Please prayerfully consider your donations.

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 and click the Online Giving logo at the bottom right of the page to get started.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN— GOOD NEWS!

Improvements to our parish and our school are complete. 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.**

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 concluding with the September 5/6 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 9 we have received \$28,395. Last year as of Week 9 we received \$28,600. We are \$1,605.00 away from reaching our goal.

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 PLEDGE

We are proud to announce that at this point in our Capital Campaign, 570 parishioners have pledged \$1,053,745.00 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.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
Keystone Container Service
 for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

Ministers of the Liturgy Schedule—Weekend of September 5/6, 2015

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
4:00 P.M.	John Loughney	Andy Ann Marie Fazio, Darlene Valenza	Daniel Otway, Kieran Hinton
5:30 P.M.	Andy Fazio	T.Carlucci, A.Lopatka, T.Kelley	Dean Sweeney
7:00 A.M.	Alice Foley	Joe Eboli	Pat Conway
9:30 A.M.	Gerald Healey	M.A. Healey, E.Murphy, L.Gatto	Andrew and Natalie Durkin
11:30 A.M.	Lisa Davis	M.R. Malia, T.Devanney, J.Michalczyk	Kaidyn Biko, Ava Dente
5:00 P.M.	Connie DeSando	Maria Kocsis	Alyssa Shonk

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN-VIRTUS

- **Saturday, September 12 and Wednesday, September 16** at Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Clarks Summit For more information, please visit the diocesan website at www.dioceseofscranton.org.
- **Tuesday, September 15** at St. Paul Parish Center (St. Clare Church Basement, North Washington Avenue. To register, please contact Margaret Adolfson at 570-575-7526 or 570-961-1568. For more information, please visit the diocesan website at www.dioceseofscranton.org.

Judi H Rock On 5— a Cancer Institute fundraising tribute to OLMC parishioner Judi Perry Hartridge, who passed away in 2007 from the disease, will take place September 27 from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Center in Scranton. The dance party and raffle will feature live music from *Paul LaBelle and the Exact Change, Old Friends and the Gene Dempsey Orchestra*. Tickets can be purchased prior to the event by calling the Cancer Institute at 1-800-424-6724 or by visiting www.judihrockon.com. Tickets can also be purchased at the door the day of the event. Proceeds will benefit the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute.

The 9/11 Committee of Lackawanna County will hold its annual commemoration of the heroes and innocents of the terror attacks on Friday, September 11 at 8:00 a.m. in McDade Park at the Memorial Site. Most Rev. James Timlin (ret.) will provide invocation and benediction. The public is invited to attend.

Catholic Social Services/Counseling Services Available—Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton offers compassionate counseling in a safe, comfortable environment where privacy is always respected. Counseling is about self-discovery and can be used for personal growth or when distressing condition exist. For more information, call 570-207-2283.

TRAVEL PLANS FOR 2016—Join us on Tuesday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Dunmore Community Center to hear about the following two exciting trips: custom trip to Italy in the Spring to Parma, the Bologna Cooking School, the Ferrari Factory and Museum (Emelio-Romagna region of Italy), and San Antonio in the Christmas season (the Riverwalk, the Alamo, LBJ's ranch) and more. Call Joe Michalczyk at 570-961-3691 for details.



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

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.

St. Paul of the Cross Parish Society will hold a Chicken Bar-B-Que Dinner (chicken by Kundla's) Sunday, September 20 in the their Parish Center Hall, 1215 Prospect Avenue, Scranton. Tickets are \$10 per dinner. Reservations only. Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, September 15. Take our or sit-down from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Please call 570-343-6420 for tickets between 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. daily. A basket raffle will be drawn at 4:00 p.m.

St. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant will hold it's 5th Annual Rummage Sale September 18, 19 and 20 at St. Cyril's Grade School Gym at 133 River Street, Olyphant, PA. Donations will be accepted. Contact Lauren Telep at 570-383-0319 for additional information. Raffle donations from local businesses and restaurants will be done on Sunday, September 20.

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.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel and SS Anthony and Rocco Parishes Combined Youth Group will meet September 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the School auditorium. Parishioners in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 are welcome!



CCD for the 2015-16 School Year Begins:

Tue. Sept. 8 at 7:00 p.m. Teacher's Meeting (Rectory)
 Tue. Sept. 15, 3:00 to 4:15 p.m. Grades 1 through 5 (School)
 Sun. Sept. 20, 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Grades 6 through 8 (School)

CCD REGISTRATION— for the 2015/2016 school year, for grades 1 through 8, concludes at the end of this month. Registration forms must be filled out by all new and returning students and returned in the collection basket or to the Rectory office with a \$20 per student registration fee. Forms can be found in all bulletins in the month of August, on our website www.olmedunmore.org and in the rear of the church.

CCD TEACHERS WANTED— Two CCD teachers are needed for Sundays from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Also, substitutes are needed for Tuesdays from 3:00 to 4:15 p.m. Please call the rectory if interested at 570-346-7429.



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 10 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.

The Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be conducted Monday, August 31 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory.

The Parish Youth Council will meet Tuesday, September 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory.

Important Dates:

Tues. 09/01	7:00 pm	Msgr. Crotti 4th Degree Assembly (R)
	7:00 pm	Youth Council (R)
Thu. 09/03	10:30 am	Dunmore Health Care
Fri. 09/04		First Friday
Sat. 09/05	12:30 pm	Baptismal Prep (R)

The Annual Ryan Mason Michalczyk Golf Tournament will be on Saturday, September 12th at the Scranton Municipal Golf Course. Golfers, sponsors and donors are needed. All proceeds go to support children and families in our community. Thank you for your support in the past as we improved projects at St. Anthony's and Sherwood Park playgrounds. Please contact Joe Michalczyk at 570-961-3691 for details.