

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere." Nothing could stop the crowds from gathering. Men, women, and children traveled from near and far--everywhere--to find Jesus. Even when he was not easily accessible, even when he was in deserted places that were probably remote, hard to find, and not welcoming to weary pilgrims, they found him. Word had spread quickly about the miraculous healing of the leprous man. And people wanted to know what it was all about. Undoubtedly, once they found Jesus, they knew that this was no ordinary man. Yes, he had the power to cure illnesses and drive out demons. But more than that, he had the power to change hearts. His words of compassion and mercy, and the actions that backed them up, must have caused many a conversion during those encounters in the deserted places.

Whether it was simple curiosity or profound faith that led all of those people to find Jesus we'll never know. It was most likely some of both. But regardless of the motivation, once they found him everyone could see Jesus for who he really was. Although we don't have the opportunity to see him in person, we do have the chance to search for Jesus and to find him. Sometimes, he may seem remote. Maybe we don't automatically feel his presence. Perhaps, when times are tough, we wonder where he is hiding. But when we persevere in our journey by praying, reading the Bible, and receiving the sacraments, we too can find the Lord. And as we bring our needs to him, Jesus will be "moved with pity" for us as well and will extend to us the healing love that has transformed so many hearts throughout Christian history.



MASSES OF THE WEEK

MON. (Feb. 16) Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Alice Maglio (Ingrid and Sam R. Malia)

TUE. (Feb. 17) Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am (Anniv.) John W. Pesavento (Family)

WED. (Feb. 18) Ash Wednesday

7:00 am Lawrence Barlow (Jane Barlow)

8:30 am **School/Community Liturgy**

Paul Krasucki
(Tom and Carmella Smith & Family)

5:30 am (1st Yr. Anniv.) Donald Bommer
(Bommer Family)

THU. (Feb. 19) Thursday after Ash Wednesday

7:00 am Thomas Murrin
(Joe and Mary Woelkers and Family)

FRI. (Feb. 20) Friday after Ash Wednesday

7:00 am Jane P. Guzek
(Michael Monahan Jr. and Sons)

5:30 am Maria Consuello Rospigliosi
(Rospigliosi Family)

SAT. (Feb. 21) Saturday after Ash Wednesday

4:00 pm Lois O'Hara (Nan McNulty)
5:30 pm (1st Yr. Anniv.) James Sheehan
(Jackie Dente and Gert Novorosky)

SUN. (Feb. 22) First Sunday of Lent

7:00 am Ryan Fletcher
(Mother, Annette DeLuccie)

9:30 am (Anniv.) Michael Rinaldi
(Wife, Terri and Family)

11:30am Joseph K. Smith
(Wife, Theresa and Family)

5:00 pm (1st Yr. Anniv.) Nancy Rainey
(The Holleran Family)



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

FEBRUARY 18

7:00 am, 8:30 am and 5:30 pm



Please pray for the elderly, the seriously ill, the dying and recently deceased members of our parish community. May God grant them and all the faithful departed eternal rest.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
Collection for the Weekend of Feb. 7/8 2015
\$10,141.41
Collection for the Weekend of Feb. 8/9, 2014
\$ 9,659.78

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGE
We are proud to announce that at this point in our Capital Campaign, 557 parishioners have pledged \$1,037,860.00 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.

CRS RICE BOWL—Hungering for the Journey—Join our parish community—and more than 13,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life changing Lenten journey with **CRS Rice Bowl**. Pick up your family’s rice bowl from the rear of the church and don’t forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app! Remember your Lenten sacrifices change lives.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN— GOOD NEWS!
 Improvements to our parish and our school are progressing. 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.**

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)

ONLINE GIVING LINK ANNOUNCEMENT:

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.

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.

End of the Year Financial Statement—As in the past we are asking those who want a statement to call the rectory at 570-346-7429. We thank all for their cooperation in this matter.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
 We would like to thank
Sandone Tire
 for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

Ministers of the Liturgy Schedule—Weekend of February 21/22, 2015

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
4:00 P.M.	Ralph Riviello	Cathy & Bill Harrington, N.Dolan	Andrew Durkin
5:30 P.M.	Casey Riley	N.Rinaldi, T.Carlucci, C.Nocilla	Dominick & Nicholas Panunzio, Hannah Albano
7:00 A.M.	Alice Foley	Steve Eboli	Hannah Ptasinski
9:30 A.M.	Donna Tomasetti	L.Gatto, E.Murphy, M.Worozbyt	Zoe Krisanda, Jacob Gatto
11:30 A.M.	Lisa Davis	M.R. Malia, M.A.McDonald, M.Roche	Matthew, Allison & Kathryn Walsh
5:00 P.M.	Joe Michalczyk	Don Nowalk	Laurel Cortazar & Sophia Pacewicz

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

Feb. 24	Confirmation Retreat 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. La Buona Vita
March 10	Sacrament of Penance 3:15 p.m.
March 20	Confirmation Practice 6:30 p.m. (Students Only)
March 23	Confirmation Practice 6:00 p.m. (Students Only)
March 24	Confirmation Practice 6:00 p.m. (Students and Sponsors)
March 25	Sacrament of Confirmation 5:00 p.m.
April 21	1st Holy Communion Practice 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.
April 28	1st Holy Communion Practice 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.
May 2	1st Holy Communion 11:00 a.m. (Combined Groups)
Last CCD	May 3 (Grades 6,7,8) May 5 (Grades 1—5)

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING—Altar Server Training will take place February 18, 19, 20 from 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the church.


SACRAMENT OF PENANCE—The Makeup Day for those who missed the Sacrament of Penance Service due to weather conditions will be Tuesday March 10 at 3:15 p.m. (This is a regular CCD day. Parents and friends are welcome to attend.)

COMBINED COMMUNION CLASS — Groups A & B will now receive the Sacrament of Communion in a combined Mass, Saturday, May 2 at 11:00 a.m.

DATE CHANGE—Wedding Anniversary Mass for 2015—His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2015 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 7. (This is a change from the original date of June 21). The event includes a 2:30 pm mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. **Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made by calling the rectory office at 570-346-7429 before March 16.**



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
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.

The Catholic Choral Society will present two concerts this Lenten season. The first is Sunday, March 8 at 3:00 p.m. in St. Andrew's Parish, 316 Parish Street, Wilkes-Barre. The second concert is Sunday, March 15 at 3:00 p.m. at Forty Fort United Methodist Church, 26 Yeager Avenue, Forty Fort. Both concerts are open to the public free of charge. More information may be obtained by calling 570-575-1040 and at www.catholicchoralsociety.org.

St. Mary's Villa, 516 St. Mary's Villa Road, Elmhurst Township invites the community to campus to join in Eucharistic Adoration and Stations of the Cross, Fridays during Lent starting February 20, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at the residence. For more information or for directions, please call Mission director Addie Rocco at 570-842-7621, ext 1125.

Meatless Meals for Lent "Baked Haddock" Fish Dinner, sponsored by SS Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Church, Olyphant, will take place Friday, March 27 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Regal Room, 216 Lackawanna Avenue. Sit down or take out. Call 570-383-9487 for Reservations. Tickets are \$13 per ticket/dinner. The deadline for presold tickets is Monday, March 23, 2015. A limited amount of dinners for \$15 will be sold at the door.

My Spiritual Journey
I CAN DO THAT!

- ✝ • (for Kids) What good thing happened to you recently? Who was responsible for it? If it was a close family member, a hug and a thank you is really appreciated, especially if you mention the special thing you are thankful for. And if a hug is not quite appropriate, write a short note.
- ✝ • Has someone you know received bad news? A phone call which gives the person a chance to express their anguish may be of greater solace than you know. You are not intruding! Offering prayers for the resolution of the situation is also a comfort.

*The Paschal Candle has been donated
in memory of
Tommy Voytek
donated by
Team Tommy Foundation*

PARISH SURVEYS—The Parish Pastoral Council has begun working with and compiling the surveys that were returned. Thank you to those who participated!

PLEASE NOTE: Father Sica's Lenten books can be found in the back of the church. Please take one.

DO YOU KNOW OF A MARRIAGE IN TROUBLE?—, Consider attending the Retrouvaille Weekend, February 27—March 1 at The Ramada Inn in Clarks Summit, sponsored by the Diocese of Scranton. Retrouvaille is a weekend program for married couples who may be experiencing tension, stress and loneliness in the marriage relationship. The program helps couples—even those separated and divorced— to communicate better and resolve conflicts in their relationships. Cost for the program is by donation and registration is required. For more information or to register please call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org. All calls are confidential.



LENT —Ash Wednesday (February 18) Masses are as follows: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Masses during Lent will be 7:00

a.m. daily with a 5:30 p.m. Mass on Fridays only. Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays at 1 p.m. for St. Mary's School (when in session) and after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. A basket has been placed in the vestibule of the church for the disposal of old Palm.

The following fast and abstinence regulations are observed:

*Ash Wednesday, February 18

Good Friday, April 3 are days of fast and abstinence.

*Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.

*All Catholics 14 years of age and older to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal and two smaller meals unless dispensed or excused.

**Congratulations and
Best Wishes to**



Robert William Mitchell IV
who received the sacrament of Baptism recently. Congratulations to

Robert William and to his parents

May God continue to be a part of their lives.

Important Dates:

Sun.	2/15	6:00 pm	NO CCD (Grades 6,7,8) Living Stations Practice (Church)
Mon.	2/16	PARISH OFFICE	CLOSED
Tues.	2/17	3:00 pm-4:15 pm	CCD (Grades 1 — 5) (St. Mary's Church)
		3:20 pm	CCD Ashes
Wed.	2/18	3:00 pm	Altar Server Training
		3:00 pm	Children/Youth Choir (Church)
		7:00 & 8:30 am;	ASH WEDNESDAY
		5:30 pm	
Thu.	2/19	10:30 am	Dunmore Health Care
		3:00 pm-3:30 pm	Altar Server Training
		7:00 pm	RCIA (R)
		7:00 pm	Adult Choir (Church)