

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.” Today Jesus continues the powerful teaching of his Sermon on the Mount. Typical of this famous sermon, here he urges us to see things in a new way, specifically regarding situations and people who bother us. First, he tells us not to seek revenge. Instead, we are to demonstrate incredible generosity. Then, he instructs us to *“love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”*

These instructions don’t come naturally to most of us. We are much more inclined to want to get even with those who cause us to suffer, and to wish ill for those who have hurt us. But Jesus proposes another way.

In truth, what good does it do to seek revenge or foster hate? It only continues the cycle of evil. Jesus encourages behavior that will stop the cycle short. He gives us a model that—although it may not change the heart of our *“enemies”*—will nonetheless change *our* hearts for the better. When pressed into service for one mile, if we voluntarily go two, then *we* are the ones whose attitude and experience is certain to change. Instead of spending the length of that one mile cursing and complaining, we spend the length of two enjoying a surprising kind of freedom: *“I chose to do this,”* instead of *“I am being forced to do this.”*

When we practice the generosity of giving more than we are asked, and the charity of praying for those who persecute us, we will find ourselves in a position to transcend the trouble. It sets us free to not be mastered by the evil around us. Thus, we are able to help end the cycle of evil and begin a new cycle of love and peace.



MASSES OF THE WEEK

MON. (Feb. 20) Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am (Anniv.) John Mulholland (Family)

TUE. (Feb. 21) St. Peter Damian

7:00 am Mary Woods (Jim and Helen Mellon)

WED. (Feb. 22) The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

7:00 am (Anniv.) Jim Sheehan (Jackie Dente Family)

THU. (Feb. 23) St. Polycarp

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

FRI: (Feb. 24) Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am (Anniv.) John McGraw (Marian McGraw)

SAT: (Feb. 25) Weekday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (Anniv.) Robert Stone (Sluko Family)

5:30 pm Margaret McGill (Joe and Dolly Michalczyk)

SUN: (Feb. 26) Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am James Tomasetti
(John and Peggy Hart and Family)
9:30 am Ann Eger (Jeanne, Jerry, Vlad and Alina)
11:30 am Thomas “Tucker” Hennigan and Ruth
Hennigan Gerrity (Tina and Mark White)
5:00 pm Francine DeSando
(Amanda, Mary Jane and Chloe)

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



*The Paschal Candle has been
donated in memory of
Ronnie Foley
from
Alice and Alice*

HOLY NAME MEETING—will take place Tuesday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. All men registered with our parish are welcome to attend.

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will be closed Monday, February 20 in observance of Presidents’ Day. It will reopen Tuesday, February 21 at 9:00 a.m.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

Collection for the Weekend of February 11/12, 2017

\$7,521.63

Collection for the Weekend of February 13/14, 2016

\$8,613.87

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.

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

End of Year Financial Statement—If you would like a statement, please call the rectory at 570-346-7429. Statements will be prepared at the end of January. We thank all for their cooperation in this matter.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank

R.J.Walker Plumbing, Heating, Cooling Supplies
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.



**Notice Regarding Reporting
Sexual Abuse of a Minor**

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at

www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

Wedding Anniversary Mass—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 2017 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 11. The event includes a 2:30 p.m. mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through your pastor before March 13.

The Diocese of Scranton presents **The International Student Leadership Institute (ISLI)** for 9th through 12th grade students February 24-26, 2017 at Camp Ladore, Waymart, PA More information or to sign up, please visit DioceseofScranton.org or call 570-207-2213, ext. 1100.


The Light is On For You— all Mondays of Lent from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and all the parishes in the Diocese of Scranton will be open for individual confessions. In this season of renewal, Catholics are invited to experience Christ's healing love through the Sacrament of Reconciliation as an important dimension of the Lenten journey. The website, www.dioceseofscranton.org/light has materials to assist you in preparing to make a good confession, prayers you may find helpful and answers to frequently asked confession, prayers you may find helpful and answers to frequently asked questions. Please make plans to come on a Lenten Monday, and spread the word of this special outreach of mercy to those you know. **The first Lenten Monday is March 6th. (Ash Wednesday is March 1.)**

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.

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
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 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.

SAVE THE DATES

Road to Resurrection Lenten Series
Mass (Thursdays)
with Homilist Msgr. John Sempa

March 2 at Basilica of St. Ann

1250 St. Ann Street, Scranton

March 9 at St. Peter's Cathedral

315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton

March 16 at St. Paul Parish

1510 Penn Avenue, Scranton

March 23 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

322 Chestnut Street, Dunmore

March 30 at Immaculate Conception Parish

801 Taylor Avenue, Scranton

April 6 at Divine Mercy Parish

312 Davis Street, Scranton

Thank You

The Dougherty Family sends a heartfelt 'Thank You' to our parish community for prayers, positive thoughts, masses offered, devotions, rosaries and monetary donations for their son Patrick and their entire family. They remain grateful, humbled and appreciative of everyone's efforts and request continued prayers on their behalf.

Congratulations to the First Penance Class of 2017
 Saturday, February 11, 2017 the students preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion received the Sacrament of Penance for the first time. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their studies.

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| Adam Badyrka | Harris Lynott |
| Gemma Bistran | Preston Malinak-Gould |
| Theodore Blume | Ryan Maloney |
| Xavier Burke | Faith Masters |
| Brenna Burrell | Patrick McDonnell |
| Olivia Byron | John McHale |
| Lillian Carter | Ryan McMynne |
| Christian Castelblanco | Maggie Mecca |
| Ryan Clark | Kadin Monahan |
| Noah Davis | Niko Nardelli |
| Adam Dickson | Sarah O'Donnell |
| Jacob Donahoe | Patrick Petrucci |
| Michael Duddy, Jr. | Anna Polishan |
| Gavin Fennie | Reagan Rodzinak |
| Luke Franek | Molly Sawka |
| Rhett Garvey | Maura Sexton |
| Devyn Hampton | Jacob Shedlauskas |
| Jackson Harding | Brayden Shigo |
| Adelyna Hopkins-Morell | Carter Sload |
| Natalie Horvath | Emma Triano |
| Mason Hunt | Ella Valentine |
| Owen Joseph | Julianna Vaow |
| James Koester | Kaitlyn Williams |
| Lorenzo Leo | |

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon.	02/20		Parish Office Closed PRESIDENTS' DAY
Tue.	02/21	9:00 am-3:00 pm 1:00 pm 3:00-4:15 pm 7:00 pm	Confirmation Retreat La Buona Vita Rosary (Church) CCD (School Auditorium) Holy Name Society Meeting (Rectory)
Wed.	02/22	3:00-4:00 p.m.	Children/Youth Choir (Church)
Thurs.	02/23	7:00 pm	Adult Choir (Church)
Fri.	02/24	9:00 am-3:00 pm	Adoration (St. Clare)
Sun.	02/26	10:15 am-11:15 am 6:00 pm	CCD Grades 6,7,8 (School Auditorium) Living Stations Rehearsal (Church)

IMPORTANT NOTICE—Anyone wishing or thinking about volunteering with children for any of our ministries or social activities must complete all clearances before the event or service. Please call the Rectory for more information 570-346-7429.+



Congratulations and Best Wishes to
Quincy Cole Domenick
Logan Christopher Mecca
William Bennett Roche
 who received the
 Sacrament of Baptism recently.
 Congratulations to Quincy Cole,
 Logan Christopher, William Bennett
 and to their parents.
 May God continue to be
 a part of their lives.

M.A.C. Social Club St. Patrick Day Luncheon will be held Wednesday, March 15 at La Buona Vita, Reilly Street, Dunmore, at 1:00 p.m. The price of \$25 includes green pea soup, a choice of entrée (roast beef, filet of sole Francese corned beef brisket), boiled potatoes, glazed carrots and dessert. Reservations will close Sunday, March 12, 2017. For more information, please contact Mary Smith at 570-346-6802 or Theresa Smith at 570-342-5550.

Ministers of the Liturgy Schedule—Weekend of February 25/26, 2017

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
4:00 P.M.	Andy Fazio	Bill & Cathy Harrington, N.Dolan	Hannah Albano, Bryce Talutto, Gavin Kovaleski
5:30 P.M.	Kevin McDonnell	T.Carlucci, C.Nocilla, N.Rinaldi	Benjamin Amaya, Sean Cordaro
7:00 A.M.	Donna Mrocza	Steve Eboli	Pat Conway
9:30 A.M.	Jerry Healey	M.A.Healey, E.Murphy, K.A.Dougherty	Shane Murphy, Zoe Krisanda
11:30 A.M.	Joe Michalczyk	M.A.McDonald, M.Roche, M.R.Malia	Kathryn and Allison Walsh
5:00 P.M.	Connie DeSando	Maria Kocsis	Mary Jane Zindle, Alyssa Shonk