

2nd Sunday of Lent

"Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory." Today's Gospel records the event we call the Transfiguration of the Lord. In this miraculous moment, Jesus' divine nature was revealed clearly to Peter, James and John. Often, we think only in terms of what happened to Jesus: "his face changed" and "his clothing became dazzling white" and he began a supernatural conversation with two ancient prophets. But that was only half of the story. The other part is what happened to the men.

They were able to witness this revelation of Jesus only because they were "fully awake." Had they stayed sleeping, they would have missed out. They would not have had this astonishing insight into the glory of their friend and Master. It's an obvious point but one that may need more attention than we'd care to admit. Of course we have to be "awake" in order to absorb the fullness of our faith. If we are not tuned in, not attentive, not exerting any effort, then we are certainly going to miss out. But the fact is that we don't always realize we are falling asleep.

Just as Peter, James, and John were "overcome" with sleep, we too can slip into this state without necessarily realizing it's happening. Spiritually speaking, we can become numb or lazy and slowly fade away from the fervor of authentic faith. This is why the church, in her wisdom, gives us the season of Lent. During these weeks, we strive to purify ourselves by attacking the sins and selfishness that make us spiritual sleepwalkers. This is the time to refocus, to clear away the cobwebs and to become "fully awake." Ultimately, we pray that these efforts will allow us to truly see "his glory" come Eastertide.



MASSES OF THE WEEK

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

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

TUE. (Feb. 23) Lenten Weekday

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

WED. (Feb. 24) Lenten Weekday

7:00 am John McGraw (Marian McGraw)
10:00 am **School/Community Liturgy**
John McAndrew (St. Mary's School)

THU. (Feb. 25) Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Stella Dell'Amico
(Tina and Mark White)

FRI. (Feb. 26) Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Lawrence Barlow (Jane Barlow)
5:30 pm Dorothy A. Bocella
(Bob and Mary Jablonowski)

SAT. (Feb. 27) Lenten Weekday

4:00 pm Joseph L. Merkel (sister, Theresa Kocis)
5:30 pm Mary Jeanne and David J. Germano
(Family)

SUN. (Feb. 28) Third Sunday of Lent

7:00 am Frank Leo (Joseph and Vilma Amendola)
9:30 am (Anniv.) Robert Stone (Family)
11:30 am Dorothy Halaburda
5:00 pm (Mary & Jerry Brazil)
(Anniv.) Francine DeSando (Family)



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

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
Collection for the Weekend of February 13/14 2016
\$8,613.87
Collection for the Weekend of February 14/15, 2015
\$7,457.68

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.

HUNGERING TO GIVE BACK—This week, CRS Rice Bowl takes us to Laos, where Hongkham is using her love of cooking to provide for her family—and feed an entire school. How do we use our passions and gifts for the betterment of those we meet? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

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.**

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.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
George's Garage
 for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

**Easter Flower
 Donation**



If you would like to donate a Lily in our church this Easter Season, please complete the following information and return in the collection basket or to the parish office.
 (clip and return by March 18, 2016)
 In Memory of:

Given by:

Cost \$15.00
 Checks can be made payable to:
 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
 Send: OLMC Rectory, 322 Chestnut St., Dunmore PA 18512

Ministers of the Liturgy Schedule—Weekend of February 27/28

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
4:00 P.M.	Dennis Wozniak	N.Dolan, A.Cole, K.Gerrity	Dean Sweeney
5:30 P.M.	Andy Fazio	N.Rinaldi, T.Kelley, C.Hughes	Sam and Louis Hanni
7:00 A.M.	Marjorie George	Sr. Miriam Joseph Reinhardt	Pat Conway
9:30 A.M.	Dorothy Kelly	L.Fidiam, K.A.Dougherty, M.Worozbyt	Andrew and Natalie Durkin
11:30 A.M.	Joe Michalczyk	M.Roche, T.Devanney, S.Vinskofski	Kathryn and Allison Walsh
5:00 P.M.	Casey Riley	Maria Kocsis	James Anderson

Couples Invited to Wedding Anniversary Celebration—On June 5, the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, will celebrate the Wedding Anniversary Mass at 2:30 p.m. in the Cathedral of St. Peter, Scranton, for couples celebrating their 25th or 50th year of marriage in 2016. This is an occasion to recognize the role married couples play in the Church's mission to bring God's faithful love into the world. Couples will have the opportunity to renew their marriage vows. A reception will follow in the Diocesan Pastoral Center, where anniversary couples will be able to have their picture taken with the Bishop. **Eligible couples should give their names and an April mailing address to their parish office by March 7. Call 570-346-7429.**

Parish Pilgrimages to the Cathedral—Parishes from around the diocese are invited to make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral of St. Peter in observance of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. Six Saturdays throughout the year are offered for parishes to make the pilgrimage and pass through the diocesan Holy Door: February 27, April 30, June 4, August 13, September 24, October 29. Cost for the pilgrimage is \$10 per person to cover the cost of lunch and parishes are encouraged to form a group and arrange their own transportation. To register a group, please call Sue Burke at 570-591-5005.

CHORAL SOCIETY SCHEDULES LENTEN CONCERTS--

In a 67 year tradition of inspiring prayer and meditation through music, the Catholic Choral Society will present Lenten Concerts on March 6th in Plains and on March 13th in Scranton. The first concert on Sunday, March 6th will be held at SS Peter and Paul Parish Church, 13 Hudson Road, Plains, PA at 3 PM. The pastor of SS Peter and Paul Church is Rev. John C. Lambert. **The second concert will be presented at St. Paul's Church, 1510 Penn Ave., Scranton, PA on Sunday, March 13th at 3:00PM.** The pastor of St. Paul's Church is Msgr. Neil Van Loon. Both concerts are open to the public free of charge. Dr. Thomas Rittenhouse and Brenda Grunza are co-presidents of the Catholic Choral Society. Ann Manganiello is music director of this group while Jean Shields is accompanist. The group, marking its 67th season, is composed of more than 60 members members from Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Wyoming and Susquehanna counties who will perform inspirational music in the Lenten tradition at the March concerts. Further information may be obtained by calling 570-575-1040 and online at www.catholicchoralsociety.org.

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
- S 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.

Important Dates:

Sun.	2/21	10:15am-11:15am 2:30 pm-4:30 pm 6:00 pm	CCD (SA) Sinfonia (SM) Youth Group (Church)
Mon.	2/22	5:30 pm-7:00 pm	Confessions (The Light is On)
Tues.	2/23	3:00 pm-4:15 pm	CCD (SA)
Wed.	2/24	10:00 am 3:00 pm-4:00 pm	School Mass Children's Youth Choir (Church)
Thu.	2/25	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	RCIA (R) Adult Choir (Church) Road to Resurrection (St. Patrick's)
Fri.	2/26	8:00 am-4:00 pm 1:00 pm and after 5:30 pm Mass 5:30 pm	Adoration/St. Clare's Stations of the Cross Mass (Church)

Road to Resurrection Lenten Series
Mass (Thursdays) with Homilist Father Sica

February 25 at 7:00 pm at St. Peter's Cathedral

315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton

Stay In Your Lane

People's lives have become filled with drama. It may sound simple but it all stems from people not staying in their lane; swerving and crossing over to somebody else's lane and not minding our own business. When we focus on our business and circumstances we don't have the time to cross other people's boundaries and drift where we don't belong which is the root of all conflict in life and relationships. There would be fewer dramas, and less conflict and hurt feelings. If you have wandered into someone else's lane, come and see how to stay in your lane.

March 3 at 7:00 pm at

Saint Mary of Mount Carmel Church

322 Chestnut Street, Dunmore

He Came With The Couch

March 10 at 7:00 pm at

Immaculate Conception Church

801 Taylor Avenue, Scranton

How Can You Laugh At A Time Like This

March 16 at 7:00 pm (Wednesday) at

Divine Mercy Parish

312 Davis Street, Scranton

There's A Bird On Your Head

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE—2016 Second Annual Catholic Men's Conference "Be a Man: Jesus Christ, the True Face of Manhood" April 23, 2016 at King's College, Scandlon Physical Education Center, 149 North Main Street, Wilkes Barre—The event will feature keynote presentations by Catholic biblical scholar, professor and conference speaker Dr. Scott Hahn and well-known blogger Msgr. Charles Pope. There will be opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration, the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation as well as devotional prayers. Additionally, exhibitors will be present with a full array of Catholic books and publications as well as CDs and ministry opportunities. Fathers, sons, grandsons and friends are all most welcome to register for the event. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will join with participants throughout the day and celebrate a closing Mass. **Further information may be obtained by contacting Greg Solfanelli, Parish Captain of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish at greg.solfanelli@gmail.com; Glenn Yanik at 570-362-0417 or Michael Kilmer at 570-746-0100.**

**SAINT MARY OF
 MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH
 LENTEN SERVICES**

Weekday 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 1:00 p.m. for St. Mary's School (when in session) and after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Reconciliation (Confessions):

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and all parishes in the Diocese are open for individual confessions

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

***Mondays from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.**

February 22,29, March 7 and 14

***Palm Sunday Reconciliation Service**

March 20, 3:00 p.m.

The following fast and abstinence regulations are observed during the Lenten Season:

***Good Friday, March 25 is a day of fast and abstinence.**

***All 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.**

Please note: A basket has been placed in the vestibule of the church for the disposal of old Palm.

Additional Reconciliation Services

Monday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Eulalia Church, Roaring Brook Township

Wednesday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Moscow

Youth Group Living Stations Rehearsal Schedule

The group will meet at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church for the following dates: **February 21, 28; March 6, 13.**

Palm Sunday, March 20: The group will arrive at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church with the performance scheduled for 8:00 p.m.