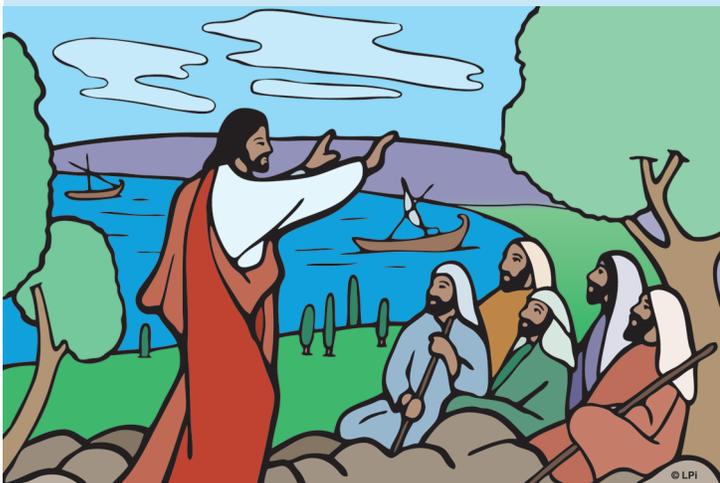


1st Sunday of Lent

"And he remained in the desert for forty days." Lent is meant to be like our journey into the desert. Just as Jesus spent these days fighting with temptation and ultimately building up his spiritual strength, we too are called to spend the next forty days doing battle with the things that tempt us. We are invited during this holy season to grow in self-discipline by giving something up for Lent. The long-standing Christian practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are also important elements of this spiritual battle. When we pray, we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit, thereby squeezing out any spirit of selfishness or evil that threatens to control our hearts. When we fast, we exercise the virtue of temperance, or self-control. This virtue is of tremendous value when we are tempted to indulge our bodily senses in ways that are not healthy or holy. And almsgiving--when it is truly generous--also strengthens us spiritually by shifting our gaze to the needs of others, even to the point of making a personal sacrifice.

Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus "was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him." What a contrast! The brutal, vicious, bloodthirsty beasts and the pristine, heavenly angels were both there at the same time: each with radically different intentions. And so it is with us. Our reality is also marked by the contrast between the brutality and vice of sin and the grace and goodness of faith. During Lent, we acknowledge the battle between good and evil within our own souls and do what we can to stir up a victory for goodness. This season of purification can help each of us to become a better, holier, and therefore happier person. May we make good use of this, our journey into the desert.



MASSES OF THE WEEK

MON. (Feb. 23) Saint Polycarp	
7:00 am	(Anniv.) John Mulholland (Family)
TUE. (Feb. 24) Lenten Weekday	
7:00 am	Frank Skettino (Ann Bommer)
WED. (Feb. 25) Lenten Weekday	
7:00 am	Robert Stone (Family)
THU. (Feb. 26) Lenten Weekday	
7:00 am	Ann M. Murtaugh (Sally and Anthony Sklanka)
FRI: (Feb. 27) Lenten Weekday	
7:00 am	Lawrence Barlow (Jane Barlow)
5:30 am	Alice Maglio (Mary Rose Malia)
SAT: (Feb. 28) Lenten Weekday	
4:00 pm	Adeline L. Galka and Irene Hayduk (Michelle Murphy)
5:30 pm	Ann Lacertoso (Joe and Carmella Lacertoso & Family)
SUN: (March 1) Second Sunday of Lent	
7:00 am	(30th Day) Dorothy Gribbon (Mr. and Mrs. Michael Farris)
9:30 am	(30th Day) Mary Ruth Hoppel (Barbara Sensi)
11:30am	Tom and Mary Hunt (Children and Grandchildren)
5:00 pm	Ann McHugh (Family)

MASS SCHEDULE DURING LENT

Daily - 7:00 AM. Monday thru Thursday. Friday's
7:00 AM & 5:30 PM.

Weekend - Saturday, 4:00 PM & 5:30 PM.
Sunday, 7:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM & 5:00 PM.

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT:

Saturdays 3:15 to 3:45 PM & 5:00 to 5:20.

Mondays 5:30 until 7:00 PM.

Penance Service - Sunday March 29, 3:00 PM.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Fridays during Lent, after the 5:30 PM Mass
and 1:00 PM with School (when in session).



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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
Collection for the Weekend of Feb. 14/15 2015
 \$7,457.68
Collection for the Weekend of Feb. 15/16, 2014
 \$ *unavailable*

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—Our journey with CRS Rise Bowl begins in Tanzania, where a simple soybean is changing lives! What actions can you take this lent to change lives—at home and around the world? Rice bowls can be found in the rear of the church

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN— GOOD NEWS!
 Improvements to our parish and our school are complete with the exception of a few details to be completed in the Spring. 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.**

Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

Goal: \$64,000
Raised \$49,749
Under Goal \$14,251

If you have not made your gift, please do so.
Envelopes can be found in the rear of the church.

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.

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 NNOUNCEMENT:**
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.

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
Stadt House Bakery
 for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

Ministers of the Liturgy Schedule—Weekend of February 28/March 1, 2015

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
4:00 P.M.	Ralph Riviello	Andy & Ann Marie Fazio, D.Valenza	Dean Sweeney & Andrew Durkin
5:30 P.M.	Dennis Wozniak	C.Berry, C.Hughes, A.Lopatka	Nicholas & Dominick Panunzio and Hannah Albano
7:00 A.M.	Alice Foley	Sr. Miriam Joseph Reinhardt	Patrick Conway
9:30 A.M.	Lisa Davis	Jim & Pat Conway, K.A. Dougherty	Michaelandrew & Gabriel Bonocore
11:30 A.M.	Mike McDonald	L.Gatto, T.Devanney, M.R. Malia	Benjamin Amayo & Noah Cogliette
5:00 P.M.	Youth Group	Maria Kocsis	James Angerson

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)

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.

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. 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.**



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.

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 Diocese of Scranton Cursillo Movement will host a "Gran Uiltreya" on Sunday, March 8 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. The afternoon will begin with Holy Mass at Queen of the Apostles Church, 715 Hawthorne St.,

Avoca. All diocesan parish Cursillistas and friends are invited to join for an afternoon of prayer, friendship, sharing and fun. A pot luck dinner and music will be part of the day. Questions may be directed to — madcroft526@msn.com.

HELP! St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen, 500 Penn Avenue, Scranton is in **DESPERATE NEED** of food for the food pantry: pasta, pasta sauce, low sodium soup, canned fruit and vegetables and juice. For more information or to arrange a food drive call Brooke at 570-855-3271. Please drop off food donations on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12-2 at the food pantry. Thank you so much!

**My Spiritual Journey
I CAN DO THAT!**

✠ Have you a special skill? Musical, mechanical, computer, cooking and other skills can often be offered and sometimes take very little extra minutes from your schedule. Think of who might benefit, and offer to chip in. I am sure the church choir would love some new singers.

Frequently Asked Questions

What do I need to do to make a good confession?

The sacrament consists of three actions on the part of the penitent: contrition, which is sorrow for one's sins; confession, that is examining one's conscience and telling one's sins to the priest; and penance, namely a desire to make up for one's sins and amend one's life. Together the three are called the "acts of the penitent."

Prayer Requests—A book in which you may write your prayer requests has been placed in the church for the Holy Season of Lent. This book is intended to receive and to hold the prayers and intentions of any and all who come to pray in our church.

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—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:

- Good Friday, April 3 is a day 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.

The Light is ON  for You.
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Light Is On For You – all Mondays of Lent from 5:30-7:00 p.m., Our Parish, and all the parishes in the Diocese of Scranton will be open for individual confessions. Please make plans to come on a Lenten Monday, and spread the word of this special outreach of mercy to those you know

THANK YOU—A very big thank you is extended to the following volunteers who prepared the Lenten/Raffle mailing: **Rose Baas, Pearl Mecca, Mary Smith, Theresa Smith, Lucille Pasqualichio, Ronnie Naro, Cheryl Nocilla, Jane Bouselli, and Ann Marie DeCicco**. Also, thank you to **Theresa Rinaldi** for making the delicious wimpies for lunch, enjoyed by all.

Join the Diocese of Scranton delegation for this historic first visit of Pope Francis to the United States The Diocese of Scranton invites you to participate in a pilgrimage to Philadelphia for the Mass to be celebrated there by Pope Francis on September 27, 2015. The Holy Father announced last November that he will come to Philadelphia for the eighth World Meeting of Families being held there. He will celebrate a public Mass with a million or more participants on Sunday, September 27 on the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, in full view of the crowds arrayed from the museum down the Ben Franklin Parkway. **No tickets are required for the Mass, and thus no pre-arranged seating is offered. The Diocese has made arrangements for bus transportation. Parishes may reserve a full bus (56 passengers) and it will depart from your parish site. For smaller parish groups and individuals, the common departure sites will be the four Catholic High Schools in the Diocese. The exact schedule is not yet available from the event planners in Philadelphia, but we anticipate very early departure times.** Once we have a clear picture of the number of people who want to participate from each site, we will assign bus coordinators and send confirmation materials with precise details. Prayer and reflection resources will also be provided to enable pilgrims to share a common experience as the Diocesan Church in preparation for and on the day of this special event. **The round trip bus reservation and pilgrimage package will be \$40 per person. Each participant is responsible for your own meal costs on that day. Reservations for full parish bus or for individuals can be made by visiting the Diocese of Scranton website at <http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life-and-evangelization/holinessandmission/world-meeting-of-families-september-2015/>.**