

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives four reasons for the Incarnation, why God became man in Jesus Christ. The third reason is “to be our model of holiness.” All of Jesus’ words and actions model for us what we ought to do. He also shows us how we’re meant to be. Jesus’ baptism ought to remind us of our own baptism and of the importance of baptism in the Christian life. The Baptism of the Lord reminds us of our Trinitarian identity. When we are baptized, we stand in solidarity with Christ, bathed in the waters he sanctified. There, the Father proclaims our adoption into the family of God. “This is my beloved son [this is my beloved daughter], with whom I am well pleased.” And the Spirit, too, descends. We are filled with the Spirit’s grace and power to continue Christ’s mission on earth. We received these gifts in the sacrament, and they continue to dwell within us through sanctifying grace. We can — and should — invite God to stir up these graces of our baptism and consider them in our own lives. Does Christ feel like a distant relative two thousand years in the past? Or do you see him as someone who can be encountered here and now? Ask yourself where you find your sense of dignity and worth. Do you still search for it in success, social status, and selfish pursuits? Or are you able to rest in being a beloved child of God? Remember, baptism gives us a call and a charge to change the world. Do you pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you? Or are you so focused on your own life that you miss the mission? This week, let’s do as Jesus did. Let’s live in our baptism!



MASSES OF THE WEEK

MON. (Jan. 13) First Week in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Mary Rose Verrastro (Husband)

TUE. (Jan. 14) Weekday

7:00 am (30th Day) Joseph Germano
(Deacon Kevin & Rita Sheirer)

WED. (Jan. 15) Weekday

7:00 am (Anniv.) Dr. James A. Kane
(Daughter, Mary Kane)

THU. (Jan. 16) Weekday

7:00 am Salvatore Verrastro, Jr. (Father,
Sal)

FRI. (Jan. 17) St. Anthony, Abbot

7:00 am Josephine Summa (Family)

SAT. (Jan. 18) Weekday

4:00 pm John W. Reckless (The
Reckless Family)

SUN. (Jan. 19) Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

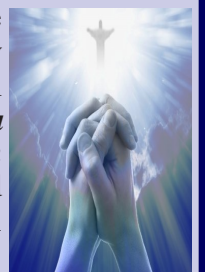
7:00 am John McCrone (Children)

9:30 am The Lombardo Family (The
Rinaldi & Lombardo Families)

11:30 am Frank & Betty Germain (Jamir
& Jason Carter)

thank you! We would like to extend a big thank you to Lillian Dzuris, Theresa Smith & Marie Vellela for sending out the Christmas cards for the homebound.

Please pray for the elderly, the seriously ill, the dying and recently deceased members of our parish community, especially, *Melissa Mellow, Josephine Petitto, Helen Cerra & Robert Guimento*. May God grant them and all the faithful departed, eternal rest.



Collections for the weekend of January 4/5, 2020
\$11,777.35

Collections for the weekend of January 5/6, 2019
\$11,313.10

Thank You!

Thank you for your generous donations, last weekend, for the Care and Education of your diocesan priests which amounted to \$514.64.

BECOME AN ACADEMIC ANGEL: As families register their students for the upcoming school year in the Diocese of Scranton Catholic School system, consider becoming an Academic Angel. Your contribution is an investment in a child's future. The outcomes speak for themselves. Our schools offer an instructional environment that challenges the mind, while inspiring and strengthening the spirit. Please consider supporting our students for the 2020– 2021 school year. You can designate the gift as a memorial or as an honor for someone special; you can also select a particular school to receive your gift, or allow us to allocate it to the area with the greatest need. Contributions can be sent to the Diocese of Scranton Scholarship Foundation, 300 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, PA.

Financial Updates

Second collections— All second collections not addressed to the Missions or to the Diocese, will go 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.olmc.org and click the Online Giving logo at the bottom right of the page to get started.

Text-to-Give — Online Giving from Our Sunday Visitor— if you would like to give electronically, but dislike the hassle of remembering usernames and passwords, Text-to-Give simplifies the donation process. Get started today! To learn more about Text-to-Give, call 800.348.2886, Ext. 2127 or visit online at OSV.com/DigitalProducts

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
Butler Technical Services, LLC
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

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 AR-
MY
AIC DARREN HUSSEY, USAF
LT JASON A. BUSELLI, US ARMY
HA CONOR J. RUANE, US NAVY
LTC ROBERT MCALLISTER, US ARMY
MAJOR ANDREW SCHLESSINGER, US
ARMY
AIC MARK MICCICHE, USAF
CPO AARON BISTRAN, USMC
CPL CHRISTOPHER HARBAUGH, 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.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Confessions 3:00 -3:45 p.m.
Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
Daily Mass: 7:00 a.m.
Holy Days: 7:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Vigil

- Rectory Office: 570.346.7429
322 Chestnut Street, Dunmore, PA 18512-2902
- Office Hours: M— F, 9:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.
- Email: info@olmcp parish.us
- Website: www.olmcdunmore.org
- St. Mary of Mt. Carmel School: 570.346.4429
- Crisis Pregnancy Hotline: 1.800.543.3243

Pastor:	Reverend John A. Doris
Pastor in Residence:	Reverend Kevin Mulhern
Deacon:	Deacon Andrew Fazio, Sr.
Administrative Parish Secretary:	Nancy Rinaldi
Secretary of Finance:	Rebecca Panunzio
Secretary of Parish Planning & Formation:	Lisa Murphy
Secretary of Family Life & Youth Worship:	Liz Sottile
School Principal:	Mrs. Cathy Sosnowski



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The deadline for bulletin articles is Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

We are working to bring Retrouvaille back to the Diocese of Scranton in 2020! Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian– based in origin, And Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non– religious couples. If your marriage is in distress, even if you are currently separated or divorced, Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. The tentative date for the Retrouvaille Weekend to occur in our Diocese is May 29—31; the location is yet to be decided. To learn more about attending the weekend in May, or to learn more about bringing this weekend to life in our diocese, please contact Phil & Sue Milazzo, philmilazzo@outlook.com, 631.338.5413, or Jen Housel, jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org, 570.207.2231 x 1104.

A training for adults in the **Protecting God's Children (PGC– VIRTUS)** program is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Diocesan Pastoral Center, Scranton.** If you are an adult employee or volunteer who has direct contact, or routine interaction with children, please make every effort to participate in the training. Your attendance IS important. Thank you! Visit www.dioceseofscranton.org, for more information.

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 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, 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 the Word, Worship and Service that builds up our Community.

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 2020 to a diocesan **Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 14.** The event includes a 2:30 p.m. mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with an April mailing address, should be made through your parish office before March 16.

National Memorial for the Pre– Born and their Mothers and Fathers: You are invited to join clergy, pro– life leaders and hundreds of activists of all ages in Washington, D.C. on the morning of the March for Life, Friday, January 24, 2020, from 8:30– 10:30 a.m., for the National Memorial for the Pre– Born and their Mothers and Fathers at historic Constitution Hall, 1776 D Street, NW (18th and D Street) Washington D.C. 20006. There will also be a Catholic Mass at 7:30 a.m. Speakers will include Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life & Kristan Hawkins, President, Students for Life (Pro– Life Award Recipient). This exciting service features praise, prayer, song, inspiration and a renewed focus on our mission before heading to march and witness on the streets of Washington. Let us know if you will be attending by going to www.NationalPrayerService.com. Free. No tickets needed. Large groups welcome.



Catholic Schools
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

Saint Mary of Mount Carmel School, 322 Chestnut St., Dunmore, will sponsor an Open House on Sunday, January 26, from 12:30-3:00 p.m. Tour our building, meet the teachers and see some of our S.T.R.E.A.M. projects! Registration is open for the 2020– 2021 school year! Hope you'll join the SMMC Family! **On Monday, January 27, from 6:00– 7:00 p.m.** St. Mary's will hold a special evening for parents of children preparing for Pre– Kindergarten. Speakers will discuss readiness, the importance of developing the foundations for a sound educational foundation and share the day in the life of a Pre– Kindergartener at **Saint Mary of Mount Carmel School.** For specifics, including tuition assistance opportunities, visit dioceseofscranton.org/catholicschools



FIRST PENANCE PRACTICE TIMES: Tuesday, January 21, from 3:00– 4:30 p.m. & Tuesday, February 4, from 3:00– 4:30 p.m.

FIRST PENANCE is on Saturday, February 8, at 10:00 a.m. **SNOW DATE:** February 15, at 10:00 a.m.

END OF YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Anyone who would like a statement, please call the rectory office at 570.346.7429. Statements will be prepared by the end of January.

ISLI LEADERSHIP RETREAT– FEBRUARY 14-16, 2020:

The International Student Leadership Institute (ISLI) is a peer-facilitated faith-based leadership retreat developed at the University of Notre Dame. The ISLI retreat is designed to provide the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in both the leadership and membership roles of task oriented groups. During the retreat, participants take part in small group tasks that allow the student to make good decisions, examine leadership styles, practice leadership behavior, learn about positive communication and develop self-motivational skills, and learn problem solving and action planning techniques. The entirety of the retreat helps students to explore and express faith values in the Catholic Tradition. Complete applications are required by Sunday, February 2, 2020 and can be found at dioceseofscranton.org. Apply early as there are a limited number of spaces available for ISLI. For further information, please call Shannon Kowalski at 570.207.2213, ext. 1155



PRINCE OF PEACE PARISH, OLD FORGE, MARDI GRAS: Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Arcaro & Genell Banquet Room, Main St., Old Forge. Tickets are \$35.00 per person. **ADULTS ONLY.** Includes hors d'oeuvres and a full course dinner with one choice of four menu items: roast beef, veal marsala, baked haddock Italian Style, or chicken Francaise. Beer, wine & soda included. Accepting reservations for tables of 8 or 10. Seating is limited to 125. Reserve your seats early. Payment and menu choice is due with reservation. All reservations close Saturday, January 25, 2020. For reservations, call Francis at 570.451.0112. Entertainment by FRANKIE GERVAZI of THE POETS.

Ministers of the Liturgy Schedule—Weekend of January 18/19, 2020

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
4:00 P.M.	Frank Rainey	N. Dolan, A.M. Fazio, D. Valenza	Kaidyn Biko & Sophia Pisano
7:00 A.M.	Marjorie George	Antoinette Lopatka	Hannah Ptasinski
9:30 A.M.	Children's Mass	D. Smith, P. Conway, S. Schiavo	Bryce Talutto & Natalia Archangeli
11:30 A.M.	Mike McDonald	M.A. McDonald, T. Devanney, C. Nocilla	Alyssa Shonk