

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Repent, and believe in the gospel." What would happen if Jesus spoke these commanding words today? Would his listeners accuse him of shoving his religion down their throats? Would they give him a lecture on tolerance or insist that repentance is an outdated idea from a bygone era obsessed with guilt? How many of us would actually listen to him, take him at his word, and do what he said?

Our modern sensitivities have been programmed to respond with skepticism, if not anger, to any suggestion that there is a "right" way of doing things or a "true" religion. Much of our culture subtly preaches that right and wrong is all relative and that religions are all generally the same. But when Jesus tells us to repent, he implies that some of the choices we are making are wrong, that we need to change; to eliminate our sins, to turn toward God, and to become more loving, more generous, and more forgiving. And when he tells us to believe in the Gospel, he's not just making a recommendation or offering some sage advice. He is giving us directions for what we need to do to enter into "the kingdom of God."

The challenge we face in our day and age is to silence the societal messages that color our thoughts and instead listen to Jesus with an open mind. Are we willing to let his words affect us? Are we ready to examine our lives and repent of our sins? Are we prepared to believe the good news he preached of salvation and forgiveness? His message is more than a command. It's an invitation. He wants us to share in the glory of his heavenly kingdom, now and for all eternity. The question is only how we will respond to this divine invitation.



MASSES OF THE WEEK

MON. (Jan. 26) SS Timothy and Titus
7:00 am John O'Malley (Sr. Jacqueline O'Malley Pizzo & Family)
TUE. (Jan. 27) Weekday in Ordinary Time
7:00 am Frances Wynne (Loree Jannicelli)
WED. (Jan. 28) St. Thomas Aquinas
7:00 am (Anniv.) Ryan Mason Michalczyk (Michalczyk Family)
THU. (Jan. 29) Weekday in Ordinary Time
7:00 am John Scagliotti (Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lacertoso & Son)
FRI: (Jan. 30) Weekday in Ordinary Time
7:00 am (Anniv.) Catherine Bednar (Family)
SAT: (Jan. 31) St. John Bosco
4:00 pm Jerome McAllister (O'Hara Family)
5:30 pm Joan Guariglia (Ann Marie & Cheryl)
SUN: (Feb. 1) Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time
7:00 am (30th Day) Mildred Murphy (Joanne Anderson)
9:30 am Charles Sluko and Mary Kontura (Family)
11:30am (Anniv.) Joe Haggerty (Diane Haggerty)
5:00 pm William Summa (Sisters, Jane and Ann Marie)

Important Dates:

Sun.	1/25	10:15am-11:15am 6:00 pm	NO CCD Youth Group
Mon.	1/26	7:00 pm	Holy Name Society Meeting (R)
Tues.	1/27	3:00 pm-4:15 pm	CCD (St. Mary's Church)
Wed.	1/28	3:00 pm	Children's Youth Choir (Church)
Thu.	1/29	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	RCIA (R) Adult Choir (Church)



Please pray for the elderly, the seriously ill, the dying and recently deceased members of our parish community, especially *Angela Mynykk, Lucille LaPergola, Rocco Valeant and Irene DeMuro*. May God grant them and all the faithful departed eternal rest.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
Collection for the Weekend of January 17/18, 2015
\$8,752.03
Collection for the Weekend of January 18/19, 2014
\$8,833.80

The Christmas Raffle will be drawn Sunday, January 25 after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Please do not put any ticket returns into the offertory the weekend of January 24/25. Instead, please give returns to Sam Valenza before the 11:30 a.m. Mass begins.

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION — The collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the united States. CCHD's grants improve education, support economic development and create affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods. Help us continue to defend human dignity and build communities of solidarity. Please give to the CCHD Collection.

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.

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. Statements will be prepared the end of January. We thank all for their cooperation in this matter.

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.

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.**

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.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
Carlucci ~Golden~ DeSantis
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

Note: Seeking Volunteer 1st, 2nd grade & substitute teachers for CCD Tuesdays from 3:00 to 4:15 p.m. Please call rectory at 570-346-7429 if interested.

Jan. 25	NO CCD
Jan. 27	CCD Makeup Day 3:00-4:14 p.m. Please note; class will be held in the Church, not the School
Feb. 24	Confirmation Retreat 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. La Buona Vita
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 (Group A & B) 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.
April 28	1st Holy Communion Practice (Group A& B) 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.
May 2	1st Holy Communion 9:00 and 11:30 a.m.
Last CCD	May 3 (Grades 6,7,8) May 5 (Grades 1—5)



REMEMBERING AND RESPECTING THOSE WHO PROTECT and SERVE community event to show support for law enforcement and to honor those who have fallen in the line of duty, will take place **Sunday, February 8 at 1:00 p.m. at Scranton High School. Doors will open at noon. The admission is free and sponsored by the 911 Memorial Committee.**

The Diocese of Scranton Office for Parish life will be holding a regional Lenten Preparation Session on Tuesday, February 10th at 6:30 p.m. at Gate of Heaven Parish, 40 Machell Avenue, Dallas for all those involved with the preparation of liturgical seasons, especially music ministers, liturgy committees, art and environment committees, or anyone wanting to deepen his or her appreciation of the Lenten season and the Paschal Triduum.

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.

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.**



**CONGRATULATIONS to
the First Penance Class of 2015**

Saturday, January 24, 2015, 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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| LUCA BALDASSARI | ASHER JONES |
| THOMAS CLARK | SOPHIA KRISANDA |
| DONOVAN CORDARO | ELIZABETH LALLI |
| KYLE CORTAZAR | CALEB MALINAK-GOULD |
| ADAM CUSICK | JACK MALONEY |
| MADDEN D'ANGELO | CULLEN MC CARTHY |
| ALISHA DAVIS | AREIANNA MC LAFFERTY |
| MICHELENA DENAPLES | JACK MC NEFF |
| JACK DI CINDIO | NATALIE MECCA |
| CORY DOMIANO | LYLA MEYERS |
| MOLLY DONAHOE | GAVIN MONAHAN |
| JOSEPH EVANS, JR. | CONNOR MULLANEY |
| MARIO FAZIO | ANTHONY NOLL |
| AVA FERRARO | LOUIS PARIS |
| MAX FORGIONE | IZAIAH PARKER |
| RYAN GULLONE | ISABELLA PASKO |
| SYDNEY HARDING | LOUIS PETRUCCI |
| JOSEPH HENION, Jr. | SOPHIA PISANO |
| BROOK HERMANSKI | BRODIE RILEY |
| CATHERINE HILL | ISABELLE ROUGHT |
| SHAMUS HINTON | SOPHIA TALUTTO |
| MARGARET JIMMIE | CONOR TOOLE |



Dunmore Middle School seventh-grader **Mia Chiaro** is representing Dunmore at the Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit's STEM Academy. With a goal of getting students interested in subjects of science, technology, engineering and math, students complete projects and listen to speakers on those subjects. With the projects, students compete against teams from other districts. For the latest project, students had to make a plan to ship a potato chip only using certain materials without the chip breaking during the delivery. Mia is the daughter of Nicholas and Alyssa Chiaro, Dunmore. In addition to Mia, the Dunmore team includes Michael Hannah, Paris Alunni and Allison Mayer.



My name is **Mia Beviglia**, and I attend St. Mary of Mt. Carmel School in Dunmore. I have been going to Catholic School since 2nd grade, and I can honestly say that it has changed my life. Everything that we do in school revolves around our faith. Our school celebrates the liturgy at least once a month, and we have daily religion class. As a student, there are certain characteristics a person must have in order to succeed in the classroom and in life. Among these qualities is responsibility – a responsibility to grow in Faith, Service, and Knowledge. We all have responsibilities in our lives whether it is having a job or going to school. As a student at St. Mary's, my knowledge in academics has grown and developed each year. I am thankful for the education I have received from the finest of teachers. In addition, I know that I must stay true to my obligations as a member of our school community and to God as well. Going to church, performing service for others in our community, and being kind are all ways that we can live up to our responsibilities as Christians.

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel School will host an Open House on Sunday January 25, 2015, following the 11:30 Liturgy from 12:30 -2:30 PM. All are welcome!

The High School Youth Group will meet Sunday January 25th at 6:00 PM in St Mary's Church for rehearsal for this year's Living Stations. All high school students are welcome. **The rehearsal schedule will be as follows: Sundays January 25, February 8, February 15, February 22, March 1, March 8, March 15, March 22.** All rehearsals will be at 6:00 at St Mary of Mt Carmel Church. Living stations will be presented Sunday March 29, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.

Holy Name Meeting Rescheduled— The Holy Name Society Meeting will be held Monday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. New members are welcome to attend.

ADORATION TEMPORARILY CLOSED—Due to bad weather, illnesses and unavailable coverage, Adoration will be closed starting February 2nd and will not reopen until March 2nd at 9:00 a.m.

Ministers of the Liturgy Schedule—Weekend of January 31/February 1, 2015

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
4:00 P.M.	John Loughney	Andy & Ann Marie Fazio, D.Valenza	Ryan Carey
5:30 P.M.	Kevin McDonnell	A.Lopatka, T. Kelley, N.Rinaldi	Dean Sweeney
7:00 A.M.	Alice Foley	Steve Eboli	Patrick Conway
9:30 A.M.	Jerry Healey	M.A. Healey, Jim & Pat Conway	Dominick & Nicholas Panunzio, Hannah Albano
11:30 A.M.	Sandy Jones	J.Michalczyk, S.Vinskofski, MR Malia	Abigail & Aubrey Gallagher
5:00 P.M.	Youth Group	Maria Kocsis	Maren Lindemuth