



THE MOST SACRED

Heart of Jesus



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June 14, 2020, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

It is no wonder that followers of Christ are called the Body of Christ. After all, sharing in the same spiritual food and sacred meal, they become what they eat and reveal the Divine Image. There is so much power for healing in the community of believers. Through the Eucharist, Christ becomes as present in those who have partaken of his Body and Blood as he has the elements themselves. The very presence of God touches the depths of the human soul and visits a part of us that no human being can ever hope to explore. We are God's. The sacred Eucharistic meal is a celebration of intimacy, the reunion of two loves in constant search of and longing for the other. The community of believers receives the power and the presence to touch and heal in the name of the One they have welcomed within. It is now within their grasp to change the way life is lived and to more intentionally put into practice the Beatitudes that the Divine Guest has revealed. We are asked to be like Christ and work to create a world of sufficiency, where the greed of some no longer creates the want of others but where all of God's children can find a home and a place at the table of life. The One who makes a home within calls us to live a life that transforms. We are changed ourselves and now become agents of change for others. We are the Body of Christ. God is with us. We have been nourished. Sadly, many are afraid to try. We know what we are called to do, but we struggle with feelings of doubt as to whether God really is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Do our systems have to change? Is it possible that we somehow missed the mark when we put all of our social networks in place and established the business of our lives? Perhaps we have to radically rethink our approach and that can scare us. We might have to give something up or change, and we don't want to. As long as want, injustice, division, prejudice, and scarcity still exist, there is tremendous work for the Body of Christ.

MASSES OF THE WEEK

MON. (June 15) Weekday

Noon Angelo, Ann & Nicholas D. Ross (The Ross Family)

TUE. (June 16) Weekday

Noon Leo O'Boyle (Jim & Judy Kelly)

WED. (June 17) Weekday

Noon (30th Day) Victor Capooici (Guy & Peggy Gillette)

THU. (June 18) Weekday

Noon William E. Wesnak, Sr. (John & Frannie Loughney)

FRI. (June 19) The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Noon James Jordan (Ken & Dorothy Smith)

SAT. (June 20) The Immaculate Heart Of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 pm Thomas & Dorothy Burke (Family)

SUN. (June 21) Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Deceased Members of the Malia Family (Family)
10:00 am Paul Smith (Florence Carlucci)

LECTOR SCHEDULE;

Saturday, June 20, 4:00 p.m. ~ Kevin McDonnell

Sunday, June 21, 8:00 a.m. ~ Alice Foley

Sunday, June 21, 10:00 a.m. ~ Donna Tomasetti

Please pray for the elderly, the seriously ill, the dying and recently deceased members of our parish community, especially, **Daniel J. McGlone & James J. Sheridan**. May God grant them and all the faithful departed, eternal rest.



Thank you to all who continue to support your parish through these very trying times! If anyone is unsure how to do so, you could visit our website at www.olmcdunmore.org and sign up for online giving, mail your envelopes to the rectory, 322 Chestnut St., Dunmore, PA 18512 or drop off your envelopes in the mailbox on the side of the rectory.

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR PARISH OFFICE WILL REMAIN IN OPERATION. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. PARISH EMPLOYEES WILL BE WORKING REMOTELY. WE HAVE THE RESOURCES TO ASSIST YOU WITH ANY INQUIRIES OR EMERGENCIES THAT YOU MAY HAVE. AS ALWAYS, CALL THE RECTORY OFFICE @ 570.346.7429, EMAIL US AT INFO@OLMCPARISH.US, OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.OLMCDUNMORE.ORG

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.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
Albert P. O'Donnell Funeral Home
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
A1C 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
A1C MARK MICCICHE, USAF
CPO AARON BISTRAN, USMC
CPL CHRISTOPHER HARBAUGH, USMC
A2C ANGELO MARTIN, 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.



Guidelines for Safely Returning to Mass

Safety Measures:

- If you are feeling ill, stay safe at home.
- We highly encourage those who are vulnerable (such as the elderly and people with underlying medical conditions) to continue to participate in Mass via parish livestreaming or CTV: Catholic Television.
- Mass from the Cathedral of Saint Peter will continue to be broadcast daily on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton. It is also available on the Diocese of Scranton website, YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.
- People should wash their hands thoroughly before coming to church.

Face Masks:

- Face masks must be worn by all lay faithful who attend Mass. The only time a face mask may be removed is for the reception of Holy Communion.
- Clergy are not to wear a face mask during the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy but must wear a face mask for the distribution of Holy Communion which takes place after Mass.

Social Distancing:

- Mass attendance will be limited to no more than 25-percent of a church's seating capacity.
- While within the church, all people need to maintain a safe social distance of six feet from others in all directions. The only exception is for immediate family members who may sit together.
- Several pews may separate individuals/families to ensure the six foot distancing while within the church.
- Parishioners will need to enter through only one designated door, follow social distancing guidelines during the line for communion, and exit the church through a separate door.

Holy Communion:

- The distribution of Holy Communion will take place after the conclusion of Mass. After receiving communion, the faithful are to depart and not return to their pews.
- Distribution of the Precious Blood remains suspended at this time.
- Parishioners are strongly advised to receive the Body of Christ in the hand.
- Priests and deacons (or any other minister) will wear a mask for the distribution of Holy Communion and are to use hand sanitizer before, immediately after, and if necessary, during the distribution of communion if contact is made with any person's hand or tongue.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sunday obligation to attend Mass remains suspended at this time

Following Bishop Bambera's Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, May 28, 2020, a number of questions have been raised regarding congregational singing and distributing Holy Communion on the tongue. These clarifications and recommendations are offered to parishes to help minimize the spread of the coronavirus:

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING AT MASS

Congregational singing at Mass is discouraged at this time so as to minimize the spread of breath droplets. Since music is still integral to the liturgy and enhances the experience of livestream Masses, the following directives are offered to parishes:

Parishes may still utilize a cantor and organist for Mass as long as they are at least 10 feet away from each other, the assembly, and any ministers in the sanctuary.

Cantors should serve more as soloists rather than encouraging congregational singing.

Advise the assembly that singing is not recommended at this point, even with a mask.

Choirs are not permitted at this point since vigorous singing in close proximity with others increases the risk of viral spread.

Specific Recommendations for Parish Music Ministry Directors:

Hymns and acclamations sung by the cantor at Mass should be brief so as not to prolong the liturgy: decreased Mass time equals a decreased risk of contamination.

Consider having the cantor only sing the antiphon, a refrain, or one verse of a hymn for the Entrance, Preparation of the Gifts, and Communion.

Acclamations sung by the cantor should have very few, if any, repeated phrases (example—using a gospel acclamation setting with three 'Alleluias' as opposed to one that has five or six).

Try having the cantor introduce some hymns or acclamations that the assembly is not familiar with to minimize any congregational singing.

Instrumental selections are also encouraged at this time, especially at the Preparation of Gifts and the Reception of Holy Communion after Mass.

HOLY COMMUNION ON THE TONGUE

Although it is strongly discouraged, anyone who still wishes to receive Holy Communion on the tongue can be instructed to wait until the end of the Communion distribution after everyone else has received. This will minimize the risk of spreading the virus to others, as well as allow time for the priest to sanitize his hands properly after each person who receives on the tongue.