

**Second Sunday of Lent**

"Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them." Peter, James, and John must have been in a bit of spiritual shock. What a strange thing had just happened! They had witnessed Jesus, their teacher and friend, start glowing in his "dazzling white" clothes while engaging in conversation with two holy dead men. Then, a voice from the sky declared that Jesus was God's son. This was not natural. It was supernatural. These three chosen apostles were given a glimpse into the divine nature of their leader. They were shown something that no one else had a chance to see until after the Resurrection: Jesus in all of his glory. But this vision was short-lived. It suddenly disappeared and then Jesus instructed his friends to keep it quiet until "the Son of Man had risen from the dead."

Perhaps we can relate in some small way to this Transfiguration experience. Perhaps there has been a time or two in our lives when we have had a spiritual experience, when we experienced God's healing, felt his mercy, or knew his presence was real. But then, maybe it went away. For most of us, we don't spend the majority of our time "on the mountaintop" with these "dazzling" insights into who God is. Rather, we tend to walk a journey that is shrouded by mystery and dependent upon faith. At times, we may even second-guess the spiritual experiences of our past once they have "disappeared." Possibly Peter, James, and John wondered if it had all been a crazy illusion. But when the Resurrection happened, they knew it was all for real. As we await the Resurrection this Lent, may we have the faith to believe that Jesus really has touched our lives and that he can lead us to eternal life.



**MASSES OF THE WEEK**

<b>MON. (March 2) Lenten Weekday</b>	
7:00 am	Jane P. Guzek (Jamie Lee Monahan)
<b>TUE. (March 3) St. Katharine Drexel</b>	
7:00 am	(30th Day) Leslie A. Borgia (Jim and Mary Ann Brennan)
<b>WED. (March 4) St. Casimir</b>	
7:00 am	Susan Wilson (The Hanusich Family)
8:30 am	<b>School/Community Liturgy</b> Irene Romanowski (Faculty, Staff, Students of St. Mary School)
<b>THU. (March 5) Lenten Weekday</b>	
7:00 am	Carissa Dartt (Mom, Dad & Jimi)
<b>FRI: (March 6) Lenten Weekday</b>	
7:00 am	Thomas Murrin (Van Beek Family)
5:30 am	Brian Patrick Hadley (Family)
<b>SAT: (March 7) SS Perpetua and Felicity</b>	
4:00 pm	(1st Yr. Anniv.) Maria Consuello Rospigliosi (Rospigliosi Family)
5:30 pm	(Anniv.) Mary Jeanne and David J. Germano (Family)
<b>SUN: (March 8) Third Sunday of Lent</b>	
7:00 am	Alice Maglio (Ellen Cipriano and Family)
9:30 am	Joe and Paula Dane and Fr. Cassian Yuhaus (Pat and Marie Dane)
11:30am	(Anniv.) Carissa Dartt (Mom, Dad & Jimi)
5:00 pm	Thomas Murphy (Emil and Mary Silvi)

**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, except March 23.

**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 **Louise Dziedzic and John McGraw**. May God grant them and all the faithful departed eternal rest.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish**  
Collection for the Weekend of Feb. 21/22, 2015  
**\$7,193.25**  
Collection for the Weekend of Feb. 22/23, 2014  
**\$8,802.76**

The second collection next weekend, March 7/8, will be the Care and Education of Priests. Please prayerfully consider your donation in support of your Diocesan priests.

**CRS RICE BOWL**— Hungering for a Bountiful Earth—This week CRS Rice Bowl takes us to the coffee highlands of Nicaragua, where we're called to protect both the goodness of creation and the livelihoods of struggling families. How will this week's fast remind us of the sacredness of God's creation and our duty to protect it?

**Diocesan Annual Appeal Update**

**Goal: \$64,000**  
**Raised \$49,814**  
**Under Goal \$14,186**

If you have not made your gift, please do so. Envelopes can be found 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 LINK:**

*Signing up is easy— you can use a computer, tablet, or smartphone. Just go to our church website [www.olmcdunmore.org](http://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.

**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 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.**

**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

***La Nard Jewelry***

for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

**Ministers of the Liturgy Schedule—Weekend of March 7/8 2015**

<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>LECTOR</u></b>	<b><u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u></b>	<b><u>SERVERS</u></b>
4:00 P.M.	John Loughney	Andy & Ann Marie Fazio, K. Gerrity	Ryan Carey & Daniel Otway
5:30 P.M.	Frank Rainey	T.Kelley, T.Carlucci, A.Lopatka	Nicholas Panunzio & Hannah Albano
7:00 A.M.	Marjorie George	Sr. Miriam Joseph Reinhardt	Hannah Ptasinski
9:30 A.M.	Gerald Healey	E.Murphy, M.A. Healey, M.Worozbyt	Shane Murphy & Zoe Krisanda
11:30 A.M.	Joe Michalczyk	M.A. McDonald, S.Vinskofski, L.Gatto	Abigail & Aubrey Gallagher
5:00 P.M.	Connie DeSando	Don Nowalk	Laurel Cortazar & Sophia Pacewicz

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR**

March 10	<b>Sacrament of Penance</b> 3:15 p.m.
March 20	<b>Confirmation Practice</b> 6:30 p.m. (Students Only)
March 23	<b>Confirmation Practice</b> 6:00 p.m. (Students Only)
March 24	<b>Confirmation Practice</b> 6:00 p.m. (Students and Sponsors)
March 25	<b>Sacrament of Confirmation</b> 5:00 p.m.
April 21	<b>1st Holy Communion Practice</b> 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.
April 28	<b>1st Holy Communion Practice</b> 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.
May 2	<b>1st Holy Communion</b> 11:00 a.m. (Combined Groups)
Last CCD	<b>May 3 (Grades 6,7,8)</b> <b>May 5 (Grades 1—5)</b>

**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 Diocese of Scranton Cursillo Movement will host a “Gran Ultreya” 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.

**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.

**Important Dates:**

Sun.	03/01	10:15am-11:15am 6:00 pm	CCD (Grades 6,7,8) Youth Group Living Stations Practice (Church)
Mon.	03/02	5:30 to 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Reconciliation (SM) Parish Pastoral Council Mtg (R)
Tues.	03/03	3:00 pm-4:15 pm 7:00 pm	CCD (Grades 1 — 5) (St. Mary’s Church) Msgr. Crotti 4th Degree Assembly (R)
Wed.	03/04	8:30 am 3:00 pm	School Liturgy Children’s Youth Choir (Church)
Thu.	03/05	10:30 am 7:00 pm	Dunmore Health Care RCIA (R) Adult Choir (Church)
Fri.	03/06	5:30 pm 1:00 pm & after 5:30 pm Mass	Mass Stations of the Cross
Sat.	03/07	12:30 pm	Baptismal Prep (Rectory)

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

✠ Volunteer to be a Lector at Mass, a Eucharistic Minister or an Altar Server. If you are retired and able to do so, offer to serve at funerals.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

✠ **Was the Sacrament of Penance always the way it is now?** The Catechism succinctly teaches, “Over the centuries the concrete form in which the Church has exercised this power received from the Lord has varied considerably. During the first centuries the reconciliation of Christians who had committed particularly grave sins after their Baptism (for example, idolatry, murder, or adultery) was tied to a very rigorous discipline, according to which penitents had to do public penance for their sins, often for years, before receiving reconciliation. To this ‘order of penitents’ (which concerned only certain grave sins), one was only rarely admitted and in certain regions only once in a lifetime. During the seventh century Irish missionaries, inspired by the Eastern monastic tradition, took to continental Europe the ‘private’ practice of penance, which does not require public and prolonged completion of penitential works before reconciliation with the Church. From that time on, the sacrament has been performed in secret between penitent and priest. This new practice envisioned the possibility of repetition and so opened the way to a regular frequenting of this sacrament. It allowed the forgiveness of grave sins and venial sins to be integrated into one sacramental celebration. In its main lines this is the form of penance that the Church has practiced down to our day” (CCC 1447).

*A handout of Frequently Asked Questions about the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available in the rear of the church.*

**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.

**TRAVEL PLANS FOR 2016**—Join us at 6:00 p.m. Monday, March 2nd at La Una, 429 E. Drinker Street, Dunmore, to hear our plans for exciting trips with Collette Vacations. We will choose from trips to Antarctica, Hong Kong, Singapore, Vietnam, Cambodia. There is still some space on this year’s trips to Ireland, Croatia and Portugal also. Call Joe Michalczyk at 570-961-3691 for details.



**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** – all Mondays of Lent from 5:30-7:00 p.m. (except March 23 in OLMC Parish). 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.



**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 25, 2015)

In Memory of:

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Given by:

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Cost \$15.00

(Checks can be made payable to:  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish)