



IN OUR TEMPTATIONS, WE ARE NOT ALONE

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 10, 2019
1st Sunday of Lent

As we enter into this Lenten season of penance and self-denial, we're reminded that the God we follow is no stranger to these things. In this Sunday's Gospel, we see the temptations of Jesus which have parallels throughout Scripture and in our own lives. The apostle

John warns against temptations to sensual lust, enticement of the eyes, and a pretentious life (cf. 1 John 2:16). Before Eve plucks the fruit from the tree, she hears it is good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom (cf. Genesis 3:6). The temptations of Jesus are our own.

"Turn these stones to bread." Here is the lure of bodily comfort, like good food or sensual lust. It's the simplest of temptations because it's instinctual. We want good for our bodies! But there may be times these bodily goods don't serve the higher good for our souls. The leap "from the temple parapet" would entice the eye of the person watching. A feat like this would prove Jesus' Messianic ability. His popularity could be a shortcut to the cross. We might not be daredevils, but we want people to like us and be impressed by us. Do we sacrifice our values along the way? To "bow and worship" the devil - and so claim power and a pretentious life - seems like a dramatic temptation. Not everyone may feel enticed by power in the professional sense, but all of us want control. A volunteer team can feel just as intense as the boardroom! How often do we prefer to be in control of our lives (and perhaps even the lives of others), rather than allow God to be God?

When we consider areas of temptation and sin, it's not to feel ashamed. The temptation in the desert reminds us that we are not alone and that the strength of Jesus can be our strength, too.

MASSES OF THE WEEK

MON. (Mar. 11) Lenten Weekday

7:00 am (Anniv.) Catherine & Andrew Vikara, Sr.
(Family)

TUE. (Mar. 12) Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Mary Pettito (Ellen Cipriano)

WED. (Mar. 13) Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Anna Ehnnot Hovanec (Family)

THU. (Mar. 14) Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Mary Ann Smith (The Holleran Family)

FRI: (Mar. 15) Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Dolores Kohut McGraw (Sean Shanley)
9:30 am Theresa Judge (Lisa Murphy & Jerry
Boccella & Family)

SAT: (Mar. 16) Lenten Weekday

4:00 pm Jane McDonald (Ron & Christal
5:30 pm Occhipinti)
Angelo Aronica (Wife & Children)

SUN: (Mar. 17) Second Sunday of Lent

7:00 am Sue Dante (Bommer & Frannie
Loughney)
9:30 am Joseph Pigma (The Robinson Family)
11:30 am (Anniv.) Roy Brehm & John DeAngelo
(Don & Anne Marie Cannon)
5:00 pm (Anniv.) Eugene Kelly (Kelly Family)

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



Diocese of Scranton Human Resources/ Safe Environment Office

Interested in supporting and protecting our children's future? Then please consider attending the diocesan- sponsored **VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults Program**. This training session is required for all adult employees and volunteers who have direct contact with children. During the three- hour training, a facilitator, who will teach you the tools and show you the resources to maintain a safe environment for all children, will incorporate techniques in a discussion- format to help you recognize the warning signs of child sexual abuse and how to respond to it appropriately and effectively. Please consider joining your community on **Thursday, March 14, 2019, with Ascension Parish, Forest City**, to take part in this vital program to help safeguard our most vulnerable and precious gifts: our children. The session details are listed below and on our website. Thank you for your cooperation and your willingness to protect all our children and to keep them safe.

Ascension Parish, Forest City
Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Please call the parish office to register **570-785-3838**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Collections for the weekend of March 2/3, 2019
\$11,443.29

Collections for the weekend of March 3/4, 2018
\$11,219.01

Thank you!

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
PARISH
CASH RAFFLE

Grand prize \$10,000! 2nd prize \$3,000; 3rd prize \$1,000; 4th and 5th prizes \$500. Tickets are \$100 each. 350 tickets will be sold before drawing. Purchase alone or share price of a ticket with friends! Tickets can be purchased from Sam Valenza or from the rectory.

Parish Cemeteries

I feel it is the proper time to request your assistance in maintaining our two parish cemeteries . Because both of our cemeteries no longer have lots available for sale, the cemeteries have become aa financial burden to our parish. We include a monthly envelope for the maintenance of the cemeteries in your envelope package; I am requesting that everyone please consider a \$10.00 monthly donation in support of the cemeteries. At the present time, this envelope is used by a very small number of parishioners. The maintenance of the cemeteries is costing the parish approximately \$85,000 annually. Thank you for all the support you provide to our parish. ~ Father Doris

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
ROSEN METHOD
Bodywork & Movement

for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

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.

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

The Little Sisters of the Poor will extend it's "This, That and the Other Thing" sale through Saturday, April 27.

Sale hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. The sale includes small furniture, desks, beds, lockers, decorations and much more. There will be different items every week. All remaining items from the convent must go. All items must be taken on the day that they are purchased. Delivery is not available. For more information, please call 570-343-4065.

Please note change: Sixth and seventh grade confessions will be held on Thursday, March 26, at 6:00 p.m.

40 Days for Life~ March 6 to April 12

Rosary is prayed each weekday, Monday through Friday at 10:00 a.m., in front of the new Planned Parenthood location: 101 N. Main St., Wilkes~ Barre (across from King's College) for an end to abortion and to close this particular facility. Planned Parenthood is the largest provider of abortions in the nation. Peaceful, prayerful witness will take place on Planned Parenthood sidewalk.

PER DIEM VAN DRIVER

Congregation of the Sisters of the I.H.M. has a position available for a Per Diem Van Driver in their Transportation Department. This position is physically demanding, entails moderate lifting, the ability to push/ pull and manipulate occupied wheelchairs and operate the mechanical wheelchair lift. Days will be scheduled as needed, primarily Monday through Friday, to cover congregation transportation requirements. Candidate must be flexible with days and times. Valid Pennsylvania drivers' license and safe driving record is required. To be considered for one of these positions, candidates may apply to **IHM Resources Department, Our Lady of Peace Residence, 2300 Adams Ave. Scranton, PA 18509, phone number ~ 570-330-8644**

Choral Society Schedules Lenten Concerts

In a 69 year tradition of inspiring prayer and meditation through music, the Catholic Choral Society will present their annual Lenten Concerts in Scranton and Hartford, PA. The first concert on Sunday, March 24 will be held at 3:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church, 1403 Jackson St., Scranton. The Chapel Singers, directed by Sheila O'Brien, will be guest choir. The pastor is Rev. Richard E. Fox and the senior priest is Rev. John C. Ruth. The second concert will be held on Sunday, March 31, at 3:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Harford, UCC, 5016 Creek Road, Harford, PA 18823. The Mountain View Chimettes will be the guest performers. The concerts are open to the public free of charge. There will be a good~ will offering. Further information may be obtained by calling **570-575-1040** and also at www.catholicchoralsociety.org

**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 April 7, 2017)

In Memory of:

Given by:

Cost \$15.00

Checks can be made payable to:

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

Send: OLMC Rectory, 322 Chestnut St., Dunmore PA 18512

Wedding Anniversary Mass

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 2019 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 30. The event includes a 2:30 p.m. Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral, followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through your pastor before April 2.

ATTENTION

If anyone has received a text message on your cell phone claiming that it was from Fr. Doris, please disregard it. The text was not from Fr. Doris, it was a scam.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



We would like to extend a big Thank You to our volunteers who helped with our Lenten mailing.

Marie Hesser, Mary Vellela, Marie Yacavone, Cathy Costanzo, Theresa Smith, Cheryl Ann Nocilla and Dorothy Kelly. Also, Theresa Rinaldi for providing a delicious lunch.

FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT!!!

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish invites you to a night of bowling on Friday, March 22, from 6:00~8:00 p.m. at South Side Bowl (125 Beech Street, Scranton, PA 18505) The cost is \$9.00/ bowler– cash, 5 bowlers/ lane, 1 1/2 hour bowling & free shoe rental. It will be a fun night for families to get together! Please, RSVP by Monday, March 18. Call or text Kristyn Polishan at 570-762-8729 with the number of bowlers in your family, and we will reserve enough lanes for everyone to bowl together. Thank you!!



Saint Joseph’s Table is a devotional practice, originating in Sicily, to give St. Joseph thanksgiving and honor for his various intercessions for us.

A Saint Joseph’s Table will be held at La Buona Vita, 200 Reilly St., Dunmore. It is scheduled for Sunday evening, March 24, at 6:15 in the evening after the 5:00 p.m. Mass before dinner. A meatless dinner will be provided. A free–will offering will take place, as well as collecting canned goods for Saint Francis Kitchen.

Please make reservations by calling Saint Mary’s rectory at 570-346-7429 by March 15. To learn about Saint Joseph’s Table, Google Saint Joseph’s Table and then go to **Catholic Culture. Org.**

RESPECT

Road to Resurrection: March 14, 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick’s Parish, 1403 Jackson St., Scranton

People often waltz into our lives and treat us poorly with put-downs, name– calling, constant criticisms and inaccurate judgements. Has that happened to you? Has anyone ‘written you off’? Have they expected too much of you and given little in return? Have they wreaked havoc and then disappeared? It makes you wonder, “Am I good enough?” Respect begins at home. It’s about practicing self– care and feeling comfortable existing in this world. Respect is the foundation of all the decision’s you’ll ever make. It affects how you treat yourself and how you allow others to treat you. Life is too short to let people keep walking all over you. No matter your age, you’re too old for all that drama! It can all change with one word. Come and find out.

The Light is On for You

The Church encourages us to make confession a regular part of your spiritual life, especially during the holy season of Lent, as we reflect on our baptism and repentance. Again this year, parishes are participating in a Lenten initiative called **The Light is On for You**. Every Monday evening during the Lenten season, beginning on the first Monday of Lent, March 11, and continuing through Monday of the last full week of Lent, April 8, confessions will be heard in every parish from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. so that Catholics can come to or return to this incredible source of God’s grace, mercy and healing. Look for new resources for **The Light is On for You** in mid–February on the diocesan website.

Nativity Miguel School of Scranton is currently accepting applications for students who will be entering the fifth grade during the 2019– 2020 school year. Please contact the school at **570. 955. 5176** if you, or someone you know is interested.

Ministers of the Liturgy Schedule—Weekend of March 16/17

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
4:00 P.M. 5:30 P.M.	Kaitlyn McDonnell Wendy Worobey	M. Kane, K. Gerrity, A.M. Fazio C. Berry, A. Lopatka, T. Carlucci,	Kaidyn Biko & Sophia Pisano Kieran & Amelia Hinton
7:00 A.M. 9:30 A.M. 11:30 A.M. 5:00 P.M.	Alice Foley Children’s Mass Mike McDonald Maria Kocsis	Sr. Miriam Joseph Reinhardt Jim & Pat Conway, S. Schiavo M.A. McDonald, M. Roche, M.R. Malia Connie DeSando	No Server Natalie, Andrew & Peter Durkin Sophia & Adriana Pacewicz No Server