

2nd Sunday of Lent

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him. When they heard this divine declaration, Peter, James, and John fell on the ground, trembling in fear. The gleaming vision of Jesus miraculously transfigured before them, and the appearance of the two prophets who had been dead for ages, didn't knock them over. Rather, the clear voice of God that followed this apparition struck fear into their hearts. The first part of the heavenly announcement certainly confirmed what they had just seen — the unveiled glory of Jesus' divinity. But these words included another element, a command from on high: Listen to him. Perhaps part of the fear that shook these men was the solemn realization that Christ's divinity demands more than our respect. It demands our response.

Knowing that Jesus is God is only part one. We are also called to follow him, by heeding his teachings and imitating his example. Lent is a special time to examine just how well we are listening to Christ. It is a season to uncover the areas where we are deaf to his word, or at least where we are pretending not to hear it. To this end, we have the Lenten exercises of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. First and foremost, in prayer we literally pause to listen. We do our best to quiet ourselves and ask God to speak to us in the depths of our hearts. By fasting, we learn to silence the demands of those physical cravings that too often take first priority in our lives. And through the practice of giving alms, we train ourselves to hear the voice of the least of these, in whom Christ himself is present. This Lent, may we respond wholeheartedly to God's command to listen to his Son.



MASSES OF THE WEEK

MON.	(March 17) St. Patrick
7:00 am	(30th Day) Donald Bommer (Bommer Family)
8:30 am	<i>School/Community Liturgy</i> Philip Sottile (Gene and Maribeth Seamon)
TUE.	(March 18) St. Cyril of Jerusalem
7:00 am	Mary Elizabeth Judge (Karen Pasqualicchio and Family)
WED.	(March 19) St. Joseph
7:00 am	Dolores A. DiRienzo (Joseph and Joan Cianci)
THU.	(March 20) Lenten Weekday
7:00 am	Richard Dempsey (Rob and Mary McIlvried)
FRI.	(March 21) Lenten Weekday
7:00 am	Evelyn Walsh (Jerry Carden)
5:30 pm	Angelo Boezi (Sean Shanley)
SAT.	(March 22) Lenten Weekday
4:00 pm	Joseph Knabel (Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Donohue)
5:30 pm	Nicholas and Regina Dyno (Family)
SUN.	(March 23) Third Sunday of Lent
7:00 am	Elizabeth Kane (The Shanley Family)
9:30 am	Frank and Josephine Pigga (Family)
11:30 am	Roy Brehm and John D'Angelo (Anne Marie and Don Cannon)
5:00 pm	Frankie Bonacci (Grandparents)



Please pray for the elderly, the seriously ill, the dying and recently deceased members of our parish community, especially *Josephine Judge, Cecelia Philbin, Doris Clifford*. May God grant them and all the faithful departed eternal rest.

THIS WEEK:

Sun. March 16	10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. CCD (SA) 6:00 pm Living Stations Practice (SM)
Tue. March 18	3:00 to 4:15 p.m. CCD Grades 2 through 5 (SA)
Wed. March 19	3:00 pm Children/Youth Choir (Church)
Thu. March 20	10:30 am Dunmore Health Care 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir (Church)
Fri. March 21	Mass (5:30 p.m.) Stations of the Cross 1:00 pm & after 5:30 pm Mass

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

Collection for the Weekend of March 8/9, 2014
\$10,229.95

Collection for the Weekend of March 9/10, 2013
\$11,908.19



CRS Rice Bowl Reflection: Guatemala — This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of Guatemala. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *Rights and Responsibilities*, and reminded that as Christians, we are called to uphold and protect the basic rights of others. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in Guatemala and all around the world, that we may come to know and protect the rights of all people.

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)

Click on the following URL to visit our secure on-line giving site:

URL ADDRESS:

<http://www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=143>

1. Create a new account
 2. Enter your payment type (bank information, if you would like your pledge automatically deducted from your account, or credit card, if you would like to use Master Card or Visa)
 3. Enter your gift —You can give to offertory alone or any of the other collections.
- **Capital Campaign Envelopes** can be found in the pews, in your envelope sets each month or in the back of the church.

Our Campaign Prayer—Our most gracious heavenly Father, as You bless us continually with the knowledge of Your abundant gifts, grant us especially the gift of a grateful heart. Help us to respond sacrificially to the challenge before us so that our Church family may move forward in its ministry of worship, education and service. Give us the faith, courage, and the desire to support this step forward in our Church life as we grow for tomorrow. In Jesus' name Amen.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN—Please make every effort to keep your pledge payments current. Pledge envelopes are the green envelopes in your envelope set. Green envelopes can also be found in the rear of the church.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGE

We are proud to announce that at this point in our Capital Campaign, 460 parishioners have pledged \$ 959,970.00. 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.

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.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
Wayne County Ford
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

MAKE YOUR SPRING .. **GREENER**
YOU AND THREE FRIENDS COULD WIN
\$10,000.00 FOR \$25 INVESTMENT A PIECE!

ONLY 325 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH
EASTER RAFFLE
\$100 PER TICKET

(TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED IN THE RECTORY OFFICE)

DRAWING APRIL 13, 2014

1ST PRIZE \$10,000; 2ND PRIZE \$1,000
3RD PRIZE \$500; 4TH & 5TH PRIZE \$250

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

March 26/27	Confirmation Practice Dates 6:00 p.m. (Students Only)
March 28	Confirmation Practice 7:00 p.m. (Students and Sponsors)
March 30	Sacrament of Confirmation 4:00 p.m.
April 22	1st Holy Communion Practice (Groups A&B) 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.
April 29	1st Holy Communion Practice (Groups A&B) 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.
May 3	1st Holy Communion 9:00 and 11:30 a.m.
Last CCD	May 4 (Grades 6,7,8) (May Crowning) May 6 (Grades 1 through 5)

The Twelfth Annual Youth for Life Art and Essay Contest 2014 Sponsored by: Pennsylvanians for Human Life, Scranton Chapter— Theme (choose one):

"How Teens Can Help to Build a Culture of Life", or "Adoption is a Loving Option."

Who may enter? Students from grades 7-12 who attend public, religious, or private schools, or are home-schooled may enter.

Prizes Awarded for Art: One \$100 first prize, one \$60 second prize and one \$30 third prize will be awarded.

Prizes Awarded for Essays: Two \$100 first prizes, two \$60 second prizes and two \$30 third prizes will be awarded. (one each for Junior and Senior Divisions.)

Requirements: A contest application must accompany each entry. Entry forms may be printed from www.prolifescranton.org. Essays should be 400 to 600 words typewritten or legibly handwritten. Art work should not exceed 36 inches by 24 inches. Art work and essays must adhere to the theme. **Contest deadline is May 16, 2014**

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
BRIG GEN CHRISTOPHER BURNE, USAF
ENSIGN JONATHAN M. SMITH, US NAVY
MM2 SHAWN SMITH, US NAVY
IST 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

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.

DELIVER THOSE IN NEED—A book in which members of the parish community may write their prayers has been placed in the church. During the Season of Lent this book is intended to receive and to hold the prayers and intentions of all.

The Scranton Diocesan Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians Workshop on Skills for Ministry and Certification will take place March 25th at 6: 00 p.m. at Gate of Heaven Parish and the John Paul Center, Dallas. Contact Mark Ignatovich no later than March 19 to make a reservation at (570-823-4168 x130).

Ministers of the Liturgy Schedule—Weekend of March 22/23, 2014

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
4:00 P.M.	John Loughney	A.Fazio, D.Valenza, K.Gerrity	Ryan Carey
5:30 P.M.	Kevin McDonnell	C.Berry, C.Nocilla, T.Carlucci	Kaitlyn McDonnell
7:00 A.M.	Karen Harper	Joe Eboli	Hannah Ptasinski
9:30 A.M.	Donna Mrocзка	T.Stasko, E.Murphy, M.Worozbyt	Michaelandrew Bonocore, Shane Murphy
11:30 A.M.	Joe Michalczyk	M.Roche, M.R. Malia, MA McDonald	Abigail Gallagher, Noah Cogliette
5:00 P.M.	Connie DeSando	Maria Kocis	Natalie Palevac

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Intentional Discipleship Formation Opportunity— The Office for Parish Life is preparing for a series of **Regional Days of Renewal in Lent 2014**. The Northern Region program will be hosted by Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Saturday, April 5. For more details and to register online, please see **Intentional Discipleship**. Information and registration can also be obtained by calling (570) 207-2213 or email oplgeneral@dioceseofscranton.org.

General Format:

12:30 p.m. **Gathering Prayer**
12:45– 3:45 p.m. **Intensive Skills Workshops**
 St. Mary's School

(Please choose one.)

- Catechists, Catholic School Teachers (Pre-6) “Seasons, Cycles and Rites—Patterns of Discipleship”
 - Catechists, Youth Ministers, Catholic School Teachers (7-12) “Compelling Challenge—the Discipleship Invitation”
 - Liturgy Planners “Leading the Community of Disciples in Liturgy and Music”
 - Social Concerns Planners “Walking the Journey with Both Feet”
 - Community Builders “Knowing Personal Gifts for Discipleship”
 - Pastoral Care Volunteers “Listening With the Heart”
- 4:00 p.m. **Celebration of Eucharist**
 (Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church)
- 5:30 p.m. **Community Meal, Faith-sharing,**
 Story-telling, (free-will offering)
 Catered by Stirna's Restaurant,
 St. Mary's School Auditorium
- 7:30 p.m. **“Godspell”** (\$15 pp purchased in advance
 or at the door) performed by Sweet
 Charity Players (20th Anniversary) Benefit
 Performance which benefits Kathleen
 McDonnell and Family

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH

Congratulations to new Altar Servers **Kaidyn Biko, Andrew Durkin, Aubrey Gallagher, Gianna Sabatini, Alyssa Shonk, Christopher Wallace.**



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 18 is a day of fast and abstinence.

*Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.

*All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are to abstain from eating meat on Good Friday and on all Fridays during Lent.

*All Catholics over 18 years of age 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.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Reconciliation Services

Reconciliation Monday March 17, 24, 31, April 7
 (5:30 –7:00 pm)

Palm Sunday, April 13 at 3:00 pm

Additional Reconciliation Services:

Monday, April 14, 7:00 p.m.
St. Eulalia Church, Elmhurst

Wednesday, April 16, 7:00 p.m.
St. Catherine of Siena Church

The Light is ON  for You.

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation



As we prepare to enter the season of Lent, each of us is invited to reflect of those choices which will bring about the new life we celebrate in Easter. Every Monday evening during Lent, each parish throughout the Diocese of Scranton will have their “lights on” form 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. for confession so that Catholics can come to or return to this incredible source of God's grace, mercy and healing.