



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 17, 2019
2nd Sunday of Lent

As we march through Lent, it can be easy to think it's all about sacrifice. No chocolate, no alcohol, no meat on Fridays. Yet here, only in the second week of Lent, we have the story of the transfiguration. This reading reminds us of the "why" behind what we do. We don't fast from dessert to lose weight. We don't donate money or serve others because it's merely a nice thing to do. Lent is about transformation!

Peter, James, and John trudged up the mountainside behind Jesus. This must have been a difficult hike, because when they reached the top, "Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep." Despite our best efforts, perhaps we, too, can be asleep to the deeper meaning of the Lenten season. Jesus is transfigured while they slumber, but eventually they become "fully awake, [and] they saw his glory and the two men standing with him."

This is no small thing! The disciples witness Jesus in his divine splendor and see the miraculous apparitions of Moses and Elijah. The entire mountain becomes a spiritual breakthrough. "A cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud." These symbols are present in the Old Testament. They are present on Mount Sinai when Moses prayed alone and received the 10 Commandments. Elijah had a similar experience when he prayed alone before God. But here are ordinary men, former fishermen, who have been drawn up into an adventure beyond their wildest expectations. Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the fulfillment of all that came before. But Christianity is not the religion of the elite, where only the select few are allowed to participate. We are all invited into spiritual transformation. Lent is a privileged time for this!

MASSES OF THE WEEK

MON. (18)	Lenten Weekday
7:00 am	Grace D'Andrea (Bommer & Francie Loughney)
TUE. (19)	Lenten Weekday
7:00 am	Debbie Leonardo (The Horvath Family)
WED. (20)	Lenten Weekday
7:00 am	Matylda Szymanski (Thalia Cordaro)
THU. (21)	Lenten Weekday
7:00 am	Cetille DeRousier (Mary McDonald)
FRI. (22)	Lenten Weekday
7:00 am	Margaret A. Huda (Joseph Pietrafase)
5:30 pm	James F. Kane (Joseph & Joan Cianci)
SAT. (23)	Lenten Weekday
4:00 pm	Jerome Pronitis (Pearl Ravinskas)
5:30 pm	(Anniv.) Nicholas & Regina Dyno (Family)
SUN. (24)	Third Sunday of Lent
7:00 am	Anna Mercuri Gallo (The Hurd Family)
9:30 am	Tommy Voytek (Mr. & Mrs. John Morelli)
11:30 am	Margaret Kenny (Nicole Fabricatore Jarocho)
5:00 pm	Christie Williams DiPietro (Maria Domal)



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

**ROAD TO RESURRECTION 2019 LENTEN
SERIES:**

Father Joseph Sica, Homilist

*March 7th at 7:00 p.m.: St. Ann's Basilica
1250 St. Ann St., Scranton*

*March 14th at 7:00 p.m.: St. Patrick's Church
1403 Jackson St., Scranton*

*March 21st at 7:00 p.m.: Mary Mother of God
316 William St., Scranton*

*March 28th at 7:00 p.m.: St. Paul's Parish
1510 Penn Ave., Scranton*

*April 4th at 7:00 p.m.: Immaculate Conception
801 Taylor Ave., Scranton*

*April 11th at 7:00 p.m.: Cathedral of St. Peter
315 Wyoming Ave, Scranton
(Social afterward in the Parish Center)*

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Collections for the Weekend of March 9/10, 2019
\$8,907.88

Collections for the Weekend of March 10/11, 2018
\$10,729.40

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 a 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
Brian J. Cali
Attorney & Counselor at Law

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

We're almost there! Only 75 more tickets have to be sold in order to have the drawing for our fundraiser/ raffle! Please consider purchasing a ticket for a great cause and great prizes.

The March collection for the Care and Education of Priests amounted to \$603.00. Thank you for your generosity to our Diocesan Priests.

All the faithful of the Diocese are invited to attend the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 4:00p.m. At this Mass priests from throughout the Diocese will renew their priestly promises before the Bishop, and the oils to be used for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders will be blessed. Participation in the Chrism Mass is a beautiful way to pray for and support the priests of the Diocese. For reserved seating, please call Diane Franklin in the Office for Parish Life at 570.207.2213, ext. 1103, or email Diane-Franklin@dioceseofscranton.org

Diocese of Scranton Intercultural Music Ministry Workshop will take place on March 30, 2019 at Our Lady of Fatima, 134 South Washington St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701. Damaris Thillet, Director of Worship and RCIA, Archdiocese of Santa Fe. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website: [Parish Cultural Integration](#). Cost is \$30.00, and includes lunch. Registration Contact: Luis Rivera, OFS 570.207.2213 ext. 1130

St. Lucy's Spaghetti Dinner

April 3 & 4, 2019 hosted by St. Lucy's Church in the Church Auditorium, 949 Scranton St., Scranton. Take out orders will be served from 3:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m. (Containers provided) Sit down dinners from 5:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 per dinner. Tickets available at the door and at the church rectory during office hours. 5780.347.9421.

Altar Server Training for girls and boys grades 3—12, is on Thursday, March 28, from 3:15—4:00 p.m. in St. Mary's church. Please call the rectory office to register.

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 12, 2019)

In Memory of:

Given by:

Cost \$15.00

Checks can be made payable to:

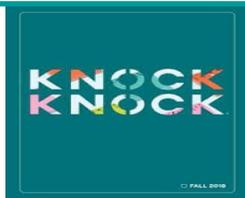
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
Send: OLMC Rectory, 322 Chestnut St.,
Dunmore PA 18512

Prayer for an End to Infanticide

The U.S. Senate failed to pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act—legislation that prohibits infanticide by ensuring that a child born alive following an attempted abortion would receive the same degree of care to preserve her or his life and health as would be given to any other child born alive at the same gestational age. Please join us in prayer for an end to infanticide.

“Jesus, Lord of Life, transform the hearts of all elected leaders to recognize that infanticide is wrong and must not be tolerated. Open hearts and minds and minds to recognize and defend the precious gift of every human life.” Amen.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Road to Resurrection: Mary Mother of God, 316 William St., Scranton.

Ready or not~~ here we come! Troubles. Heartache. Trials. Disappointments. All these *painful intruders* are ready to call on you. Unwanted medical diagnosis. A betrayal by someone you trusted. Lies and secrets revealed. An addiction. A slighting by someone close. What are you going to do when they come knocking at your door and ringing your doorbell? Not answer it and pretend you're not home? Rant and rave? It's up to you ~just know they're not going away.

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.](#)



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



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

p.m. in St. Mary's Church.

Ministers of the Liturgy Schedule—Weekend of March 23/24, 2019

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
4:00 P.M.	Dennis Wozniak	D. Valenza, N. Dolan, M. Kane	Pat Devaney
5:30 P.M.	John Loughney	C. Nocilla, P. Trombetta, A. Lopatka	Gavin Kovaleski & Alyssa Hartman
7:00 A.M.	Marjorie George	Mary Anne McCleneghan	Hannah Ptasiniski & Shelby Hartland
9:30 A.M.	Jerry Healey	M.A. Healey, M. Wozobyt, S. Schiavo	A. & P. Dempsey & Natalia Archangeli
11:30 A.M.	Ken Smith	D. Smith, S. Vinskovski, M. A. McDonald	Abigail & Aubrey Gallagher
5:00 P.M.	Joe Michalczyk	Maria Kocsis	Shamus & Fiona Hinton