

## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

*“But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth.”* Are we true worshippers? Do we praise and honor God the Father in the way Jesus described to the Samaritan woman at the well?

It seems that this woman was caught up in logistics about *where* to worship more than *how* to worship. Her people worshiped in one place, the Jews in another. She was puzzled by this and, even though she could see that Jesus was a prophet, she challenged him because she thought perhaps he wasn't a true worshipper of God. The Lord's response to her was to shift the focus away from a particular physical location for honoring God. In essence, he told her that what mattered was that we worship God by being filled with his Spirit, *“the Spirit of truth, [who] will guide you to all truth,”* as Jesus will say later in John's Gospel (16:13). This woman, whose life was marked by such a sad string of broken relationships, had been missing the point.

Worshipping God means more than merely practicing a community ritual or frequenting a sacred site. If we don't come to truly know God by welcoming his Spirit into our hearts, then our worship will be empty and our lives will always be missing something. The deep fulfillment that is meant to come from following the Lord is a fruit of being filled with his Spirit. Without drinking fully of this *“living water”* that is available to all of us through the waters of baptism, we will always be seeking something more, like this poor woman. Instead, may we be true worshippers, who drink with satisfaction from the Lord's own *“spring of water welling up to eternal life.”*

**Road to Resurrection Lenten Series**  
Mass (Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.)  
with Homilist Msgr. John Sempa

**March 23 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish**  
322 Chestnut Street, Dunmore  
*“Angels Among Us—  
They Don't Always Wear Wings”*

**March 30 at Immaculate Conception Parish**  
801 Taylor Avenue, Scranton  
*“The Big Letting Go—Forgiveness”*

**April 6 at Divine Mercy Parish**  
312 Davis Street, Scranton  
*“Finding Strength for the Finish”*

### MASSES OF THE WEEK

#### MON. (March 20) St. Joseph

7:00 am Mary Ellen Dougherty  
(Jack and Lisa Malos)

#### TUE. (March 21) Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Grace Purdy  
(John and Ann and Michelle Mulholland)  
7:00 pm **Healing Mass**

#### WED. (March 22) Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Helen Cushner (Marie Lalli)

#### THU. (March 23) St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

7:00 am Ann Lacertoso (Suzanne DeSanto)  
7:00 pm Road to Resurrection (OLMC)

#### FRI. (March 24) Blessed Oscar Romero

7:00 am Michael Collins (Phyllis Nish)  
5:30 pm Marion H. Farris  
(Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Surace)

#### SAT. (March 25) The Annunciation of the Lord

4:00 pm (Anniv.) Nicholas and Regina Dyno (Family)  
5:30 pm Joshua Ranier (Tommy and Debbie Carlucci)

#### SUN. (March 26) Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:00 am Ann Voytek  
(Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Brazil and Family)  
9:30 am (1st Yr. Anniv.) Mary Ann Malos  
(Kim Osborne)  
11:30 am (Anniv.) Edward Kocis (Wife, Theresa)  
5:00 pm Ralph J. Montaro (Mom and Dad)

Please pray for the elderly, the seriously ill, the dying and recently deceased members of our parish community, especially **Ann Roche and William Dolphin, Jr.** May God grant them and all the faithful departed, eternal rest.



## The Sacrament of the Sick ~Holy Anointing~

We invite you to come and receive the  
Sacrament on  
**Tuesday, March 21, 2017**  
at 7:00 p.m. in our church.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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| <p>Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish</p> <p><u>Collection for the Weekend of March 11/12, 2017</u></p> <p><u>\$9,951.22</u></p> <p><u>Collection for the Weekend of March 12/13, 2016</u></p> <p><u>\$9,075.18</u></p> |
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**Building on our Past, Securing our Future**—This week you will receive a brochure detailing the **Building On Our Past, Securing Our Future** our parish will be participating in over the next few weeks. This informative brochure is intended to communicate the financial needs of our parish and why we are having a dedicated focus on our parish offertory. **Commitment Sunday for this Program is March 25 and 26.** We encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on the parish’s needs and your current level of giving. We look forward to seeing all of our parishioners at Mass next weekend for this very important Commitment Sunday. If you have any questions regarding the Building of Our Past, Securing Our future, please feel free to contact the parish office.

Last weekend, March 11/12, the second collection for **The Little Sisters of the Poor** amounted to **\$2,038.95.** Thank you for your generous donation.



**CRS RICE BOWL FOR LENT, FOR LIFE**  
 CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES  
 What You Give Up For Lent Changes Lives

**ENCOUNTER OPPORTUNITY**

We encounter Fernando in El Salvador where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, youth are pursuing their dreams of building businesses to better the lives of their families. How have you worked to better the lives of others this Lent? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**  
 We would like to thank  
*The UPS Store*  
 for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

**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:

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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

**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.*

**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.

All the faithful of the diocese are invited to attend the **Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 4:00 p.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 5670-207-2213, ext. 1103 or email: (Diane-Franklin@dioceseofscranton.org)

**Volunteers Wanted—Compassionate Care Hospice, 366 N. Main Street, Taylor, (www.ccht.net) is seeking volunteers to provide a few hours a month of emotional support and companionship to individuals of all ages who are terminally ill.** Volunteers may also assist and contribute their talents with music, massage, pet therapy, hair styling, reading to patients, holding hands, talking, praying, writing, assisting with a meal or by being a good listener. Veterans also visit veterans through the program WeHonorVets.org. Volunteer training is available by contacting Cassie rose Kobeski at 570-451-1031 or by email at [cassie.kobeski@cchnet.net](mailto:cassie.kobeski@cchnet.net).

### IMPORTANT DATES

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| Mon.   | 03/20 | 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm                | Confessions   |
| Tue.   | 03/21 | 1:00 pm<br>3:00-4:15 pm           | Rosary (Church)<br>CCD<br>(School Auditorium)             |
|        |       | 7:00 pm                           | Healing Mass  |
| Wed.   | 03/22 | 3:00-4:30 pm                      | Children/Youth Choir<br>(Church)                          |
| Thurs. | 03/23 | 4:30 pm                           | Confirmation Practice<br>(Students only)                  |
|        |       | 7:00 pm                           | Road to Resurrection<br>(St. Mary of Mount Carmel Church) |
| Fri.   | 03/24 | 6:00 pm                           | Confirmation Practice<br>(Students only)                  |
|        |       | 1:00 pm and after<br>5:30 pm Mass | Stations of the Cross                                     |
| Sun.   | 03/25 | 10:15 to 11:15 am                 | CCD Grades 6,7,8<br>(School Auditorium)                   |
|        |       | 2:00 pm                           | Confirmation Practice<br>(Students and Sponsors)          |
|        |       | 6:00 pm                           | Living Stations<br>Rehearsal (Church)                     |

#### 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 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  
PFC AARON BISTRAN, USMC

*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.

**XLT (Exalt!) high School will be held Friday, March 24 from 7 to 9:00 p.m. at Divine Mercy Parish, 312 Davis Street, Scranton.** The event, sponsored by the diocesan Vocation Office, will consist of Eucharistic Adoration, praise and worship music by Countless Wonders, a talk by Shannon Kowalski, youth minister at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Moscow, reconciliation, and a social. All are welcome to attend. The speaker's topic will be geared towards high school students. For more information please contact Dominick Costantino at 570-780-2996.

**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 2017 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 11. 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 by contacting the rectory at 570-346-7429.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

SAINT MARY OF  
MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH  
LENTEN SERVICES

**Weekday 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 1:00 p.m. for St. Mary's School (when in session) and after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

**Reconciliation (Confessions):**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and all parishes in the Diocese are open for individual confessions .....

**THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU**

\*Mondays from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

March 20, 27; April 3, 10

**Reconciliation Services:**

April 9th at 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel

April 10th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Eulalia's Church,  
Roaring Brook Twp.

April 12th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Catherine of Siena  
Church, Moscow

**The following fast and abstinence regulations are observed during the Lenten Season:**

\*Good Friday, April 14 is a day of fast and abstinence.

\*All 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.

**Please note:** A basket has been placed in the vestibule of the church for the disposal of old Palm.

MOUNT CARMEL &  
ST. MARY'S CEMETERIES NOTICE

Artificial flowers, wreaths and grave blankets are permitted from Thanksgiving through March 15th.

Fresh cut flowers are permitted at all times

Potted plants are permitted on Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day and Father's Day. They will be removed one week after the holiday.

**The Light is On For You— all Mondays of Lent from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and all the parishes in the Diocese of Scranton will be open for individual confessions.** In this season of renewal, Catholics are invited to experience Christ's healing love through the Sacrament of Reconciliation as an important dimension of the Lenten journey. The website [www.dioceseofscranton.org/light](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/light) has materials to assist you in preparing to make a good confession, prayers you may find helpful and answers to frequently asked questions. Please make plans to come on a Lenten Monday, and spread the word of this special outreach of mercy to those you know.

**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" (CCC144u7).



- March 23 Confirmation Practice 4:30 pm (Students Only) (PLEASE NOTE ABOVE TIME CHANGE)
- March 24 Confirmation Practice 6:00 pm (Students Only)
- March 26 Confirmation Practice 2:00 PM (Students and Sponsors)
- March 28 Sacrament of Confirmation 5:00 p.m.
- May 6 1st Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
- Last CCD May 7 (Grades 6,7,8)
- Last CCD & May Crowning May 9 (Grades 1-5)

**HOLY NAME MEETING** will take place Tuesday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.

**Ministers of the Liturgy Schedule—Weekend of March 25/26, 2017**

| <u>TIME</u> | <u>LECTOR</u>   | <u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>         | <u>SERVERS</u>                                   |
|-------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 4:00 P.M.   | Andy Fazio      | Bill & Cathy Harrington, K.Gerrity   | Bryce Talutto, Hannah Albano & Bobby Santarsiero |
| 5:30 P.M.   | Dennis Wozniak  | T.Carlucci, N.Rinaldi, A.Lopatka     | Sean Cordaro & Benjamin Amaya                    |
| 7:00 A.M.   | Alice Foley     | Joe Eboli                            | Hannah Ptasinski                                 |
| 9:30 A.M.   | Donna Tomasetti | D.Smith, M.Worozbyt, M.A.Healey      | Sophia & Adriana Pacewicz & Sydney Harding       |
| 11:30 A.M.  | Joe Michalczyk  | M.R. Malia, T.Devanney, S.Vinskofski | Kathryn & Allison Walsh & Libby Lalli            |
| 5:00 P.M.   | Casey Riley     | Connie DeSando                       | Kieran, Shamus and Fiona Hinton                  |