



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Even though we say that we believe, there is a part of us that doesn't. There are many times in our lives when we experience death, whether it be the physical death of someone we love, a failed relationship, the loss of a job, or a broken dream. As we are going through these death experiences, we can easily find ourselves reaching out to God to make it better and fix it! We think that the proper order of life is to maintain the things of this world, especially those things that are essential to our sense of well-being and security. We do not like change. The grieving that comes from our death experiences can keep us stuck and in despair. If we have lost something or someone of great value, the very meaning and essence of life is lost with them. We need gentle companions to lift us from despair and that is precisely who God desires to be in our life as well. God calls us out of our tombs, where we have been closed up in fear and despair, and shouts, "Come out!" He desperately wants to show us the path to hope and the new life that is possible after loss and death. But our faith can be weak, and we still prefer to cling to the memory of what we had rather than the joyful possibilities of tomorrow. We sometimes live as if God is not real and that the transformative power of His resurrected presence is a story found in the Bible rather than a narrative unfolding in our lives. God is the God of surprises, not our demise. God opens new possibilities, begins new chapters, creates new verses, and brings us to new heights! We spend so much time and energy ruminating over what we left behind yesterday that we are far too tired to see what can unfold tomorrow. Loving someone new doesn't negate our past loves. Embracing the love of a person, God, or life itself tomorrow doesn't diminish the love of yesterday. Each of our loves is different, and one cannot be replaced by

MASSES OF THE WEEK

MON. (Mar.30) Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Deceased Members of St. Rocco's Choir (Former Members of the Choir)

TUE. (Mar.31) Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Leo J. O'Boyle (Bob & Marilyn Malloy)

WED. (Apr.1) Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Nicholas D. Ross (Rose, Nicholas, Patty & Andrea Ross)

THU. (Apr.2) Lenten Weekday

7:00 am (Anniv.) Edward Kocis (Wife, Theresa)

FRI. (Apr.3) Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Conway/ Murphy Family (Murphy Family)
5:30 pm Cannon & Napolitano Family (Don & Anne Marie Cannon & Family)

SAT. (Apr.4) Lenten Weekday

4:00 pm Anthony DeSando (Connie, Mary Jane & Chloe)

SUN. (Apr.5) Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:00 am Dolores Dietz (Family)
9:30 am Michael J. Rinaldi, Jr. (Edith)
11:30 am Tomko & Family
Mr. & Mrs. William McAndrew (Carolyn & Tim Mangan)

***PLEASE NOTE* Even though the celebration of Masses open to the public are currently suspended, priests will celebrate non-public Masses on a daily basis for the good of the People of God, the Church and the intentions of the day.**

Please pray for the elderly, the seriously ill, the dying and recently deceased members of our parish community, especially *James Butler, Mary E. Dartt & Patricia McCool*. May God grant them and all the faithful departed,



Every Donation Counts! If you have not yet pledged, please help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish Goal! We are grateful to the parishioners who have supported the 2019 Annual Appeal to date. \$53,040 has been raised, We are still short \$6,960 of our \$60,000 goal. If you have not yet given your support, please:

- Call the Development Office to make a pledge at 570.207.2250 to make a pledge or give by credit card.
- Mail a check to the Diocesan Appeal Office at 300 Wyoming Ave. Scranton, PA 18503, or give online at www.DioceesofScranton.org.

Our parish is reimbursed 75% for any gifts made to the Appeal in excess of our Appeal Goal



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.

Text-to-Give — Online Giving from Our Sunday Visitor— if you would like to give electronically, but dislike the hassle of remembering usernames and passwords, Text-to-Give simplifies the donation process. Get started today! To learn more about Text-to-Give, call 800.348.2886, Ext. 2127 or visit online at OSV.com/DigitalProducts

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
Grande Pizza
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

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 AR-
MY
AIC DARREN HUSSEY, USAF
LT JASON A. BUSELLI, US ARMY
HA CONOR J. RUANE, US NAVY
LTC ROBERT MCALLISTER, US ARMY
MAJOR ANDREW SCHLESSINGER, US
ARMY
AIC MARK MICCICHE, USAF
CPO AARON BISTRAN, USMC
CPL CHRISTOPHER HARBAUGH, USMC
A2C ANGELO MARTIN 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.

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
PARISH CASH RAFFLE**



Grand prize \$10,000! 2nd prize: \$3,000, 3rd prize: \$1,000, 4th & 5th prizes: \$500. Tickets are \$100 each. 350 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.

As of March 16, 2020, effective immediately, and until further notice, Most Reverend Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J. C. L. has suspended the celebration of Masses open to the public and all public gatherings in all diocesan parishes, worship sites, college campuses, chapels and health care facilities in the eleven counties of the Diocese of Scranton.

Churches of the Diocese will remain open daily for individual private prayer. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass during this time remains in effect.

Scheduled sacramental celebrations such as weddings, baptisms or funerals will be permitted, but attendance will be limited to immediate family members and follow any guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick will be available, when requested individually, by the faithful in cases of serious need.

During these challenging times, it is also crucial that we not forget who we are as Christians. May we continue to offer, in whatever way we can, care and concern for those who are the most vulnerable, including the poor, our senior citizens and those who are ill. Bishop Bambera also urges those who can do so to maintain support for your parishes during these difficult days in order to sustain the ministries and outreach services for parishioners most in need.

Despite the suspension of public Masses, a private Mass will be celebrated daily in the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton, and made available on CTV.: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton. On weekdays, the Mass will be broadcast at 12:10 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. On weekends, the Saturday Vigil Mass will be broadcast at 4:00 p.m. and rebroadcast on Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. The Masses will also be streamed on the Diocese of Scranton's website. (www.dioceseofscranton.org), made available on the Diocese of Scranton's social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter & Instagram) and will be accessible on the Diocese of Scranton's YouTube channel.

Additional resources for individual parishioners to deepen their faith during Lent are also available on the Diocese of Scranton's website.

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.

*****IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!*****

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR PARISH OFFICE WILL REMAIN IN OPERATION, HOWEVER IT IS NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. PARISH EMPLOYEES WILL BE WORKING REMOTELY. WE HAVE THE RESOURCES TO ASSIST YOU WITH ANY INQUIRIES, OR EMERGENCIES THAT YOU MAY HAVE. AS ALWAYS, CALL THE RECTORY OFFICE @ 570.346.7429, EMAIL US AT INFO@OLMCPARISH.US, OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.OLMCDUNMORE.ORG

PERFECT CONTRITION

With the increasing difficulty for individuals to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation due to the current health crisis, the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are reminded that by having perfect contrition one can receive the forgiveness of sins, apart from going to confession.

Perfect contrition requires the following three things:

- A love of God above all else
- A sincere desire for the forgiveness from sin
- The resolution to go to confession as soon as possible when this health crisis subsides

Prayer During A Health Crisis

Compassionate and Loving Father,

**In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of your presence.**

In You allow us to find hope and healing.

**Be with those who serve the sick and give
them Your caring hands.**

**Be with those who lead and give them Your
Spirit of wisdom.**

**Be with those who have fallen ill and give
them Your comforting heart.**

**Wrap your arms around our world
and hold us in your love.**

**Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love to all we
meet.**

We ask this in Your Name.

Amen.

**Prayer for Making a “Spiritual Communion”
When Unable to Attend Mass**

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the
Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all
things and I desire to receive You into my soul.**

**Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace
You as if You were already there, and unite myself
wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated
from You. Amen.**

St. Alphonsus Liguori



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR
ORDINARY MOMENTS**

Do What Needs to Be Done

A friend recently confided in me that although he prayed frequently each day and was involved heavily in his parish, he did not sense much fruit coming from it all and was left feeling unsatisfied. I assured him he was not alone. I told him of a deceased pastor of mine who had spoken frequently about being in this type of situation. Even as a priest, he knew all too well of how we can feel like we are simply going through the motions. It is precisely at those times that continuing to pray and practicing good stewardship is most important, because it would be easier to simply take a break and risk never coming back. He liked to say, “Do the drill,” meaning just do what needs to be done. We are all called to be mature disciples who answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We cannot choose when and where the call will come. We cannot schedule our stewardship in a way that is always most convenient for us. Even when the fruits of our faithful efforts seem hidden from us, we hold to the promise that we are never called to give of ourselves for nothing. God is working through us and in us. No matter how dry the land may seem, seeds are being planted to yield a harvest greater than we can ever realize. Stay strong and do the drill!

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS