



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER  
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 3, 2019  
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Emails. Carpools. Shopping lists. Home repairs. It can seem like we move so quickly from one thing to the next. Our news comes in sound bites and headlines. How often do we take time for silence, for prayer, for reflection, for wisdom? Jesus warns us of stumbling through life without an adequate sense of where we're going. "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?" This Sunday's Gospel isn't about fumbling along but offers a self-check on our own motivations.

"Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" Without adequate self-reflection, it's easy to become blind to our own faults. We go through life's motions as our bad habits linger or even increase. We may become increasingly impatient, we may avoid important tasks, we may neglect the emotional needs of our spouse. Perhaps, in the process, we find fault with those around us. In the words of Jesus, "remove the wooden beam from your own eye first."

So how do we know? How can we notice the hidden faults in our lives? "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of store of evil produces evil." Do you notice certain relationships that have become strained, or situations where you know you don't act your best? Perhaps this is an area where you are acting out of sin, rather than virtue. The truth is, all of us are a mixture of light and dark, vice and virtue. We can't pretend we're perfect! But we also need to take time to pause and prayerfully examine the fruit we're bearing.



MASSES OF THE WEEK	
<b>MON. (Mar. 4) St. Casmir</b>	
7:00 am	Catherine M. Perry (Mr. & Mrs. Charles Buzad)
<b>TUE. (Mar. 5) Weekday</b>	
7:00 am	Carissa Dart (Family)
<b>WED. (Mar.6) Ash Wednesday</b>	
7:00 am	Grace D'Andrea ( Darlene Valenza)
8:30 am	Catherine Errico (Nancy Armbruster)
5:00 pm	(30th Day) Ann Brazil (A Friend)
<b>THU. (Mar. 7) Thursday After Ash Wednesday</b>	
7:00 am	Elizabeth Clarke (Jack & Lisa Malos & Family)
6:30 pm	Kenyon College Chamber Singers Concert
<b>FRI: (Mar. 8) Friday After Ash Wednesday</b>	
7:00 am	Fr. William Blake (Sal)
5:30 pm	(Anniv.) Carissa Dart (Family)
<b>SAT: (Mar. 9) Saturday After Ash Wednesday</b>	
4:00 pm	Joan Cardillo (Ned & Barb Dempsey)
5:30 pm	(30th Day) Theresa Rinaldi (Rich, Nancy & Family)
<b>SUN: (Mar. 10) First Sunday of Lent</b>	
7:00 am	Sr. Margaret Frances Gallagher John & Dodie Wehrum)
9:30 am	Joseph Loughney (Wife, Nancy)
11:30 am	Margaret Kenny, R.N. (Trudy Marie Stroney)
5:00 pm	(Anniv.) Frank Capoochia (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.

*This year, the Paschal Candle has been donated in loving memory of Richard M. Kowalski, Sr. by Wife, Jean and Children.*



**LENT~ ASH WEDNESDAY (MARCH 6)**  
MASSES are as follows: 7:00a.m., 8:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Masses during Lent will be 7:00 a.m. daily, with a 5:30 Mass on Friday's 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 19, 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 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**

Collections for the Weekend of February 23/24,  
2019  
\$8,783.29

Collections for the Weekend of February 24/25,  
2018  
\$9,101.02

**Thank You!**



Good news! 260 Fundraiser/ Raffle tickets have been purchased! Only 90 more tickets closer to the drawing! This Raffle is great fundraiser with great prizes. Please consider purchasing a ticket, if you haven't all ready.

**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.**

The second collection for this weekend will go towards the **Care and Education of Priests**. Please give generously to your Diocesan Priests.

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**  
We would like to thank  
**George's Garage**  
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](http://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.

**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

**HELP WANTED**

A retired priest, living at St. Joseph's Villa, is looking for a part-time driver. The priest can no longer drive because of his failing eyesight and his drivers license has been taken away. The driving will be local— to doctor's offices, post office, bank, etc. If you have any free time and would like to help, please call **570-346-4840**, and we could talk about availability and compensation.

**There will be a Holy Name Society meeting on Tuesday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.**

Host families are still needed for the Kenyon College Choir students on Thursday, March 7th, after the concert. If you are interested, please contact Kristyn Polishan at **570-762-8729**.

**DELIVER THOSE IN NEED**~ A book in which members of the parish community may write their prayers, has been placed in the church. This book is intended to receive and hold the prayers and intentions of all, during the Lenten Season.

**Lenten Evening of Reflection for Music Ministers**

The Scranton Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians will hold a meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish located at 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville. The topic for the evening will be "Making Music in a Beautiful, yet Wounded, World: An Evening of Reflection on the Season of Lent," led by Sr. Christine Koellhoffer, IHM. The meeting begins with dinner at 6:00 p.m., followed by the presentation at 7:00 p.m., and concludes with Night Prayer. All are welcome to attend. There is no cost for the event, but a free-will offering will be taken up to help offset the cost of the dinner. To register, please contact David Baloga at 570-207-2213 ext. 1158, or at [ScrantonNPM@outlook.com](mailto:ScrantonNPM@outlook.com).

**VNA Hospice invites you to this year's Lenten Bible Study, Joseph: Dreamer/ Redeemer**

In this four week series, we'll examine the parallels that occur in the lives of Joseph and Jesus, demonstrating God's loving and all-wise providence.

**Dates:** March 11, 18 & 25 and April 1

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** VNA Hospice & Home Health, 301 Delaware Ave., Olyphant

**Phone:** 570-383-5180

**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.

**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**

We will be offering for Lent, Fr. Sica's Booklet, "**Let God Work Wonders**" Daily Reflections, Practices and Prayers. Please take one for your home as a gift from your parish.

**On Sunday, March 3, there will be a Youth Group meeting in the church from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**On Monday, March 4, there will be a Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the rectory at 7:00 p.m.**

**On Tuesday, March 5, there will be an RCIA meeting in the rectory at 7:00 p.m.**





**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.](http://CatholicCulture.Org)

**ONE GIVE—UP**

Giving up something for Lent has been a part of the Church almost since the beginning. While giving up sweets and alcohol are time-honored, consider giving up one thing that you really like or enjoy. Just make sure it is something that lets you feel deprivation and is at least a little bit challenging. Make it difficult but doable:

- Fast from fault finding and nagging
- Fast from a critical tongue or a closed mind
- Give up impulse purchases
- Give up unhealthy habits, like smoking
- Limit the time you watch TV or surf the web
- Give up fast food and donate the money you save



**WITH HEARTFELT GRATITUDE** I would like to thank the Middle School CCD students & teachers, St. Mary's School students & Debbie Rebar, and parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish for your **OVERWHELMING** response to aid the homeless. We collected an abundance of items that they needed. A special thanks to Jerry Phillips and Jerry Boccella for delivering all of the items. Again, **THANK YOU ALL!** ~~Lisa Murphy, CCD Coordinator

The annual 'Come and See' vocation retreat will be held Friday, March 8— Saturday, March 9. This retreat, which is free of charge, is open to seniors in high school and older. The retreat is designed to help men understand God's call to Diocesan Priesthood. Interactive presentations will include:

- Practical steps for discerning a vocation to Diocesan Priesthood
- Seminary life, academics, spiritual life and pastoral ministry
- Seminarians and priests sharing their vocation stories
- Free time to relax, pray and connect with others

If interested in attending, or for more information, please contact Dominick Constantino, Program Coordinator for the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-1452

**Ministers of the Liturgy Schedule—Weekend of March 8/9**

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
4:00 P.M.	John Loughney	N. Dolan, Bill & Cathy Harrington	Bryce Talutto
5:30 P.M.	Kevin McDonnell	C. Nocilla, P. Trombetta, A. Lopatka	Hannah Albano
7:00 A.M.	Marjorie George	Steve Eboli	Hannah Ptasinski & Shelby Hartland
9:30 A.M.	Dorothy Kelly	L. Gatto, M. Worozbyt, M.A. Healey	Jacob Gatto & Laurel Cortazar
11:30 A.M.	Sandra Jones	S. Vinskofski, J. Michalczyk, T. Devanney	Alyssa Shonk & Ryan Gullone
5:00 P.M.	Connie DeSando	Maria Kocsis	Mary Jane Zindle