



REPENTANCE & GROWTH

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 31, 2019
4th Sunday of Lent

Repentance. Envy. Joy. Hope. Have you felt these human emotions? Today's Gospel offers a rich story, one we can all find our place in. As we reflect on our own spiritual lives this Lenten season, it can be helpful to imagine ourselves in the story of the Prodigal Son.

"I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers." The younger son has sinned greatly, betraying his father's trust and squandering his money in sin. Yet the parable turns on his deep repentance and humble return to his father. Is there any area of your life you have been wandering from God or you've squandered good gifts? This Lent, return to the sacrament of Confession! God, a merciful Father, waits for you there.

"While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." The father in the parable sees his son's selfishness, perhaps even suspects what he might do, but gives him the inheritance anyway. After his son's departure, the father waits with hope for his son's eventual return. Has someone you love left the Church, made poor decisions, or abused your trust? This Lent is a time to let go of bitterness and to live in hope. Prepare your heart to be merciful!

Not all in the parable invite the mercy of God into their hearts. The self-righteous older brother dishonors his father with his pettiness. "My son, you are here with me always, everything I have is yours." Do you covet what others have? Do you feel as if you've been taken advantage of or that your work goes unseen? This Lent is a time to grow in gratitude. Take a close look at the blessings in our life that you might be missing.

We are all called to repentance. Open your heart to God's personal invitation to growth!

MASSES OF THE WEEK

MON. (Apr. 1) Lenten Weekday

7:00 am The Bonafede Family (The Ross & Verrastro Families)

TUE. (Apr. 2) Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Mary Pettito (Nancy Magnotta)

WED. (Apr. 3) Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Sarah & Salvatore Verrastro (Son, Sal)

THU. (Apr. 4) Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Salvatore Verrastro, III & Nicholas D. Ross (The Ross Family)

FRI: (Apr. 5) First Friday

7:00 am William McCann (Ellen Cipriano & Family)

5:30 pm Theresa A. Judge (Dorothy Pisanchyn)

SAT: (Apr. 6) First Saturday

4:00 pm Brian Hadley (Family)

5:30 pm Edward Slack, Jr. (Wife & Children)

SUN: (Apr. 7) Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:00 am Frank Budash (Rose Kelly Murphy)

9:30 am (1st Anniv.) Michael J. Rinaldi, Jr. (Paul Smith)

11:30am Deceased Members of the Cannon & Napolitano Families) Don & Anne Marie Cannon & Family)

5:00 pm (Anniv.) Brian Forgione (Family)



Please pray for the elderly, the seriously ill, the dying and recently deceased members of our parish community, especially *Joyce Ricino, Joe Ehnot & Sarah DeSando* May God grant them and all the faithful departed, eternal rest.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Collections for the Weekend of March 23/24,

2019
\$8,294.05

Collections for the Weekend of March 24/25,

2018
\$10,714.25

Thank you!

We're almost there! Only 65 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.

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.

Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

\$ 52,366.00 has been raised toward our goal of \$60,000.00. Thank you to all who so generously participated.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
Rich Banick Photography

for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

The second collection for the weekend of April 6/7 will be for the **Care & Education of Priests.**

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 15, 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

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

The Little Sisters of the Poor will be taking a collection on the weekend of April 6/7.

ROAD TO RESURRECTION 2019 LENTEN SERIES:

Father Joseph Sica, Homilist

*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)*

ROAD TO RESSURECTION: Immaculate Conception

You Don't Own Me

Do you want a healthier life? Stop nursing that grudge. Stop replaying what happened a month ago... or years ago! Stop cursing the ones who hurt you. I know it's easier said than done. But the only way to heal is through forgiveness and reconciliation. You owe it to yourself to stop letting the people who hurt you rent out that space in your head. They don't own you. It's time to write that eviction notice: *I forgive you. Please forgive me.* It's time to move on. What's holding you back? Find out and fix it. Time is running out.

Saint Paul of the Cross Parish, 1221 Prospect Ave., South Scranton, is presenting "The Weeping Tree" a Lenten Musical Meditation, on Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome!

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, 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



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
LTC ROBERT MCALLISTER, US ARMY
MAJOR ANDREW SCHLESSINGER, US ARMY
AIC MARK MICCICHE, USAF
CPO AARON BISTRAN, USMC
CPL CHRISTOPHER HARBAUGH, 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 aliding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ministers of the Liturgy Schedule—Weekend of April 6/7

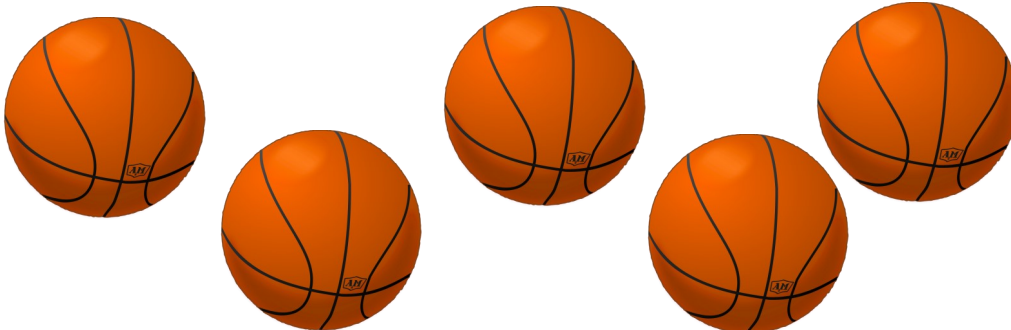
<u>TIME</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
4:00 P.M.	Frank Rainey	A.M. Fazio, D. Valenza, N. Dolan	Kaidyn Biko & Sophia Pisano
5:30 P.M.	Kaitlyn McDonnell	C. Nocilla, P. Trombetta, A. Lopatka	Kieran & Amelia Hinton
7:00 A.M.	Marjorie George	Steve Eboli	Hannah Ptansinski
9:30 A.M.	Children's Mass	L. Gatto, M. Worozbyt, M.A. Healey	Natalie, Andrew & Peter Durkin
11:30 A.M.	Sandra Jones	S. Vinskofski, T. Devanney, M.R. Malia	Abigail & Aubrey Gallagher
5:00 P.M.	Youth Group	Joe Michalczyk	Youth Group

Congratulations!



Congratulations to the Lady Bucks for a PHENOMENAL basketball season!!! Pictured on the left are:

Brooke Frable
Katherine Hopkins
Lisa Tallo
Victoria Toomey
Mariah Murray
Alexis Chapman
Elisa Delfino
Samantha Lewis
Lexi Santarsiero
Sophia Mandarano
Anna Talutto
Mia Blume



Missing from the picture are:

Gianna Delfino
Julia Walsh
Nora Haggerty



Dolly Michalczyk, the March Artist of the Month at the Dunmore Activity Hub, has enjoyed art appreciation, drawing and sketching since her youth. Two of her favorite memories are Impressionist Art tours in Paris and Provence, France, with her husband, Joe. Dolly says that she was always afraid of the permanence of oil painting until encouraged by painter Mary Anne McClenaghan to begin painting at the Dunmore Senior Center. Dolly has often been inspired by her travels and by her grandchildren, Maura, Joel, and Kara. Here she poses with some of their paintings, shown clockwise: The Wedding-Italy 2016; Sugarplum Fairies, Ships Ahoy, We Are Family; First Recital, Kara; All-Star Joel, and Beach