

1st Sunday of Lent

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Today's Gospel brings us face-to-face with the reality of spiritual warfare. A battle is going on in the desert. The devil is out to win the allegiance of the Son of God. But Jesus fights back. Not with fists or knives, but with the word of God. For every temptation the devil proposes, Jesus arms himself with the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (Eph 6:17). This strategy proves effective. Ultimately, the devil left him, and then Jesus was consoled by the presence of angels.

In our modern era, we face a new temptation: to deny the existence of spiritual beings. Angels appear to be little more than lawn ornaments or Christmas crafts, and too often the devil is reduced to an analogy for the vague presence of evil. Perhaps the greatest achievement of the father of lies, as Pope Francis has suggested, is to make us believe that he does not exist. But the word of God gives us a different idea: Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. (1 Pt 5:8). This is no fairy tale. Satan wants to win our allegiance too.

During Lent, we have the opportunity to fortify ourselves for this serious, if silent, combat. Just as Jesus fasted and prayed for forty days before that diabolical encounter, we take these forty days of Lent to conquer the weak spots where we are susceptible to attack. We fast to strengthen our self-control, we give alms to strengthen our generosity, and we pray to strengthen our faith in God's power and providence. A sincere effort now, in the desert of Lent, can lead us to victory as we engage in the ongoing spiritual battle for the allegiance of our souls.

The Light is ON  for You.
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

As we prepare to enter the season of Lent, each of us is invited to reflect of those choices which will bring about the new life we celebrate in Easter. Every Monday evening during Lent, each parish throughout the Diocese of Scranton will have their "lights on" from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. for confession so that Catholics can come to or return to this incredible source of God's grace, mercy and healing.

MASSES OF THE WEEK

MON. (March 10) Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Regina R. Dyno
(Mr. and Mrs. John DeFino)

TUE. (March 11) Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Andrew and Catherine Vikara, Sr.
(The Vikara Family)

WED. (March 12) Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Angelina Derrig (Ellen Ciullo)

THU. (March 13) Lenten Weekday

7:00 am (Anniv.) Rev. Robert Barone
(Louise and Don Lenio)

FRI. (March 14) Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Margaret Riggi
(Karen Pasqualicchio and Family)
5:30 pm (Anniv.) Kathleen Evans (Family)

SAT. (March 15) Lenten Weekday

4:00 pm (Anniv.) William R. Smith (Children)
5:30 pm Joseph Ludgate (Jack and Annette Higgins)

SUN. (March 16) Second Sunday of Lent

7:00 am Richard Dempsey (The Shanley Family)
9:30 am Frank and Connie Tallo (Family)
11:30 am Sam Fortese (John and Marguerite Reilly)
5:00 pm Ann Marie Parker (Joan and Bob Redgel)



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.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Reconciliation Services

Reconciliation Monday March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7
(5:30 –7:00 p.m.)

Palm Sunday, April 13 at 3:00 p.m.

Additional Reconciliation Services:

Monday, April 14, 7:00 p.m. in
St. Eulalia Church, Elmhurst

Wednesday, April 16, 7:00 p.m. in
St. Catherine of Siena Church, Moscow

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

Collection for the Weekend of March 1/2, 2014
\$13,872.26

Collection for the Weekend of March 9/10, 2013
\$11,908.19

The second collection last weekend, March 1/2, 2014 for the Care and Education of Priests amounted to **\$704.50**. Thank you for your generous donation.

RICE BOWL — CRS Rice Bowl Reflection: Kenya

This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of Kenya. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, Sacredness and Dignity of the Human Person, and reminded that our inherent dignity comes from our creation as children of God and not from any of our own actions. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sister in Kenya and all around the world, that we may respect and uphold the sacredness of life

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**—(see below for instructions)

Click on the following URL to visit our secure on-line giving site:

URL ADDRESS:

<http://www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=143>

1. Create a new account
 2. Enter your payment type (bank information, if you would like your pledge automatically deducted from your account, or credit card, if you would like to use Master Card or Visa)
 3. Enter your gift —You can give to offertory alone or any of the other collections.
- **Capital Campaign Envelopes** can be found in the pews, in your envelope sets each month or in the back of the church.

Our Campaign Prayer—Our most gracious heavenly Father, as You bless us continually with the knowledge of Your abundant gifts, grant us especially the gift of a grateful heart. Help us to respond sacrificially to the challenge before us so that our Church family may move forward in its ministry of worship, education and service. Give us the faith, courage, and the desire to support this step forward in our Church life as we grow for tomorrow. In Jesus' name Amen.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN—Please make every effort to keep your pledge payments current. Pledge envelopes are the green envelopes in your envelope set. Green envelopes can also be found in the rear of the church.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGE

We are proud to announce that at this point in our Capital Campaign, 453 parishioners have pledged \$959,352.00. There are many pledges not yet in, however, and I would ask all those who have not yet turned in their pledge to please do so. Please know that I am so thankful for your response and I do pray our Lord bless you with his kindness and generosity!

God Bless, —Fr. Doris.

End of the Year Financial Statement—As in the past we are asking those who want a statement to call the rectory at 570-346-7429. We thank all for their cooperation in this matter.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank

Two Brother's

for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

MAKE YOUR SPRING .. **GREENER**
 YOU AND THREE FRIENDS COULD WIN
\$10,000.00 FOR \$25 INVESTMENT APIECE!

ONLY 325 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH
 EASTER RAFFLE
 \$100 PER TICKET**

(TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED IN THE RECTORY OFFICE)

DRAWING APRIL 13, 2014

**1ST PRIZE \$10,000; 2ND PRIZE \$1,000
 3RD PRIZE \$500; 4TH & 5TH PRIZE \$250**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

March 26/27 Confirmation Practice Dates
6:00 p.m. (Students Only)

March 28 Confirmation Practice
7:00 p.m. (Students and Sponsors)

March 30 Sacrament of Confirmation
4:00 p.m.

April 22 1st Holy Communion Practice
(Groups A&B) 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

April 29 1st Holy Communion Practice
(Groups A&B) 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

May 3 1st Holy Communion
9:00 and 11:30 a.m.

Last CCD May 4 (Grades 6,7,8)
(May Crowning)
May 6 (Grades 1 through 5)



St. Vladimir Parish, 430 N. Seventh Avenue, Scranton, will host an authentic replica of the Shroud of Turin from Sunday, March 30 to Friday, April 11. For visitation hours and/or prayer service schedule, please call 570-342-7023

AN EVENING OF TRAVEL — Join us Wednesday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m. at La Buona Vita (formerly The Parish Center) to hear about our exciting trips of 2015: Australia/New Zealand, Canada, Ireland, Croatia, the Holy Land and America's Music Cities. Local group with Collette Vacations. Call Joe or Dolly Michalczyk at 570-961-3691 for details.

SS Anthony and Rocco Parish Altar and Rosary Society Annual Communion Breakfast will take place Sunday, March 23 at 9:30 a.m. at La Buona Vita, 200 Reilly Street, Dunmore. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children under 12 years of age. Please contact SS Anthony and Rocco Parish Office for details and reservations at 570-344-1209.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



LCDR WILLIAM E. KELLY, MSC US NAVY
SGT. RYAN HARBAUGH, US ARMY
LT JONATHAN PUHALLA, US ARMY
CPL CHRISTOPHER MECCA, USMC
BRIG GEN CHRISTOPHER BURNE, USAF
ENSIGN JONATHAN M. SMITH, US NAVY
MM2 SHAWN SMITH, US NAVY
IST 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
LT JOHN W. GILLIGAN, US NAVY
ENS. KATHRYN M. GILLIGAN, US COAST GUARD
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

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.

DELIVER THOSE IN NEED—A book in which members of the parish community may write their prayers has been placed in the church. During the Season of Lent this book is intended to receive and to hold the prayers and intentions of all.



Catherine McAuley Center's More Than Pasta Dinner—Sunday, March 9 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the DAV Club, 5116 Storrs Street, Dickson City. Dinners will be available to eat in or take out. Proceeds will benefit local homeless women and children.

Ministers of the Liturgy Schedule—Weekend of March 15/16, 2014

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
4:00 P.M.	Wendy Worobey	Bill & Cathy Harrington. D.Valenza	James Angerson, Anna Talutto
5:30 P.M.	Dennis Wozniak	C.Hughes, N.Rinaldi, A.Lopatka	Laurel Cortazar, Sophia Pacewicz
7:00 A.M.	Alice Foley	Sr. Miriam Joseph Reinhardt	Patrick Conway
9:30 A.M.	Ron Banick	S.Schiavo, L.Fidiam, M.A. Healey	Maren Lindemuth, Tom Malone
11:30 A.M.	Ken Smith	T.Devanney, L.Gatto, S.Vinskofsky	Eric and Jacob Gatto
5:00 P.M.	Maria Kocsis	Connie DeSando	Connor Doherty

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Intentional Discipleship Formation Opportunity— The Office for Parish Life is preparing for a series of **Regional Days of Renewal in Lent 2014**. The Northern Region program will be hosted by Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Saturday, April 5. For more details and to register online, please see **Intentional Discipleship**. Information and registration can also be obtained by calling (570) 207-2213 or email oplgeneral@dioceseofscranton.org.

General Format:

12:30 p.m. **Gathering Prayer**
 12:45– 3:45 p.m. **Intensive Skills Workshops**
 St. Mary’s School

(Please choose one.)

- Catechists, Catholic School Teachers (Pre-6) “Seasons, Cycles and Rites—Patterns of Discipleship”
- Catechists, Youth Ministers, Catholic School Teachers (7-12) “Compelling Challenge—the Discipleship Invitation”
- Liturgy Planners “Leading the Community of Disciples in Liturgy and Music”
- Social Concerns Planners “Walking the Journey with Both Feet”
- Community Builders “Knowing Personal Gifts for Discipleship”
- Pastoral Care Volunteers “Listening With the Heart”

4:00 p.m. **Celebration of Eucharist**
 (Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church)

5:30 p.m. **Community Meal, Faith-sharing, Story-telling**, (free-will offering)
 Catered by Stirna’s Restaurant,
 St. Mary’s School Auditorium

7:30 p.m. **“Godspell”** (\$15 pp purchased in advance or at the door) performed by Sweet Charity Players (20th Anniversary) Benefit Performance which benefits Kathleen McDonnell and Family

THIS WEEK:

Sun. March 9 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. CCD (SA)
 6:00 pm Living Stations Practice (SM)

Tue. March 11 3:00 to 4:15 p.m. CCD Grades 2 though 5 (SA)

Wed. March 12 3:00 pm Children/Youth Choir (Church)

Thu. March 13 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir (Church)

Fri. March 14 Mass (5:30 p.m.) Stations of the Cross 1:00 pm & after 5:30 pm Mass



Congratulations and Best Wishes to
Sarah Grace Abbate
Kate Hodowanec
Isabella Grace Sadauskas

who received the sacrament of Baptism recently. Congratulations to **Sarah Grace, Kate and Isabella Grace and their parents**. May God continue to be a part of their lives.



LENT —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 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 18 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 on 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.

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH



Students in the 1st grade at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel School, with the assistance of their teacher Mrs. Cathy Sosnowski, recently created and opened "The Tiny Market" to assist in their daily hands-on, practical math lessons. The market lesson was a resounding success!

Also, a very big thank you is extended to the following volunteers who prepared the Lenten/Raffle mailing: Rose Baas, Pearl Mecca, Mary Smith, Theresa Smith, Lucille Pasqualichio, Josephine Martin, Ronnie Naro, Cheryl Nocilla, Jane Buselli, and Ann Marie DeCicco. Also, thank you to Theresa Rinaldi for making the delicious wimpies for lunch, enjoyed by all.