



# 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always.” - Jn 14:15-16



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 17th, 2020, Sixth Sunday of Easter

We hope for many things: passing an exam, finding our true love, securing sustainable work, or surviving an illness. We often seek to have God be a part of what we hope for and desire, almost trying to convince Him that our agenda is what is ultimately important. While our particular hopes may appear to be what needs to be achieved in order for us to be happy, they really are not. Our lesser, more personal hopes can distract us from true hope. When God became a human being, a powerful message was sent: all that is authentically human is found in the divine. As the human Jesus lived and died in order to show us that he truly is the universal Christ, we have to keep our sight focused on our eternal truth and destiny and who we truly are. We have to be careful when we allow our earthly concerns to distract us. True hope is found when we place our trust in Christ's promises and don't rely on our own strength. True hope focuses on striving toward the fulfillment of God's promises and not simply on achieving what we think we need in this life. Hope always travels with two friends — faith and love. In this trio of virtues, we find the very presence of God born in every human being. These are God's greatest gifts, and they lead us to the fullness of His presence. As with faith and love, we cannot see hope with just our human eyes. We don't carry this virtue within us to use solely for our own personal agenda. Hope is not something that simply comes with the human package. As with faith and love, hope is a gift that is given to us to draw us closer to our eternal truth. Faith, hope, and love are signs that there is something far greater going on in us and something greater to persevere in obtaining. The true divine gift of hope is what will endure any hardship we encounter, especially those that will come from authentically living the Gospel. With all that is happening in our lives, in our church, and in our world, what is the reason for our hope? Ask God for the fortitude to see His eternal gift as the reason we get up in the morning and do the things we do.

**MASSES OF THE WEEK**

**MON. (May18) St. John**

7:00 am Eric Vincent Mills (Ken & Dorothy Smith)

**TUE. (May19) Easter Weekday**

7:00 am John J. Pasko (Jack & Michelle Murphy)

**WED. (May20) St. Bernadine of Siena**

7:00 am Ralph & Mary DeCresenzo (Debbie, Denise & Diane)

**THU. (May21) The Ascension of the Lord**

7:00 am John Sienkiewich (Wife, Sharon & Family)

**FRI. (May22) St. Rita of Cascia**

7:00 am Mary Matorana (Mary Lou Hughes)

**SAT. (May23) Easter Weekday**

4:00 pm Dunmore Catholic High School Youth Group

**SUN. (May24) Seventh Sunday of Easter**

7:00 am Karen Ann Berry (Joe & Mimi)  
9:30 am McAndrew)  
(Anniv.) Paul Smith (Christal Costanzo Occhipinti)  
11:30 am Leo O'Boyle (Wife, Mary Ann)

Please pray for the elderly, the seriously ill, the dying and recently deceased members of our parish community, especially, *Victor Capooci, James Dempsey, Mary Fedor, Michael Fenick & Thomas J. Thornton*. May God grant them and all the faithful departed, eternal rest.



***Sunday, May 24, livestream mass on Facebook, at 10:00 a.m., will be a celebration of the Ascension of the Lord.***



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.

Thank you to all who continue to support your parish through these very trying times! If anyone is unsure how to do so, you could visit our website at [www.olmcdunmore.org](http://www.olmcdunmore.org) and sign up for online giving, mail your envelopes to the rectory, 322 Chestnut St., Dunmore, PA 18512 or drop off your envelopes in the mailbox on the side of the rectory.

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

We would like to thank  
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**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  
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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  
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.*



**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](http://WWW.OLMCDUNMORE.ORG)**

**Additional Easter Flower Memorial Donations:**

*In loving memory of Jennie & James LaBelle, & Bernice & George D'Angelo*

*Given by Mr. & Mrs. Robert D'Angelo*

**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*



**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

**Calculating Love**

Have you ever Googled the word "love"? If you did, you may have come across something called the Love Calculator. It is a website where you can supply two names, and the percentage chance of a successful relationship is calculated. Curious, I entered my name and my wife's. Twenty percent! I hope my wife doesn't read this! I then decided to add my name and God. A whopping thirteen percent! Then for the last attempt, I put in my name and Jesus. A very disappointing zero percent! Am I that unlovable? Of course, then I read the small print at the bottom of the page: "Please note that this site has no serious intention whatsoever." Shocking! The truth is, the modern world increasingly seems to have no real idea what love is or how to determine when love is real. That makes the seemingly simple words of Jesus about loving God and your neighbor very complex indeed. How can you love God with your all your heart, soul, and mind when you have no idea what the act of loving means? And then, what constitutes loving a neighbor? To make it more complicated, Jesus commands you to love them like you love yourself. I bet you can agree with me that there are a lot of people out there who do not even come close to loving themselves. Knowing what love is in modern times is just not that easy. How is a well-meaning person able to find out the true meaning of love? You don't know what true love is? I think you do. Turn your eyes to that crucifix hanging in your church, home, or office. The answer was given over 2,000 years ago, and the image remains for the entire world to see.

**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