

4th Sunday OF EASTER



"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice." - Jn 10:2-4



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

With whom do we converse and listen to the most? Believe it or not, the answer is ourselves. We are constantly having conversations with ourselves, and sometimes we even get caught! Our inner conversations reveal the truth about ourselves. We really cannot hide from ourselves, although we often pretend we can. By conversing with ourselves, we find solutions to our challenges, problem solve, work through our relationships, formulate opinions, run through dress rehearsals of possible conversations, and wrestle with and determine our system of priorities and values. What other voices affect the conversations we have with ourselves? Often, voices from our past continue to haunt us. These voices cause us to mistrust our judgment, harbor anger, and cling to our fears of rejection, failure, being wrong, and the like. It is in these inner conversations that we face what holds us captive — our limitations, weaknesses, sinfulness, and stubborn ego preoccupations. We often go about our lives putting out one fire or another, keeping ourselves preoccupied and busy, and trying to stay on top of things. Intentionally or unintentionally, we find ourselves wandering off. We turn around and can no longer see our home. We look down at our feet and realize we have lost our anchor. Feeling scared, out of place, desolate, unsettled, and lonely, we realize that we are lost. We listened to the wrong voices! In the midst of everything competing for our attention, the voice of the One who could truly call us home got muffled. We didn't hear it. As our inner dialogues continue to play out, the one voice we need to consult — even before our own — is God's. He is the Good Shepherd who can keep us safely where we need to be. As we graze through the stuff of our lives, we must constantly remember to look up, be attentive, and stay focused. Our habits of prayer are the only thing that can properly root us and keep us grounded. Contemplating God's presence and developing an inner awareness of love incarnate, we will then find ourselves praying unceasingly as the days and nights and the ebbs and flows of our lives unfold. Suddenly, the inner conversations we are constantly having are no longer just with ourselves or with voices that can lead us astray but with the Trinity, who desperately wants us to stay home.

MASSSES OF THE WEEK

MON. (May4) Easter Weekday

7:00 am Joseph D. Eboli (Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Eboli)

TUE. (May5) Easter Weekday

7:00 am (30th Day) Patricia Ann McCool (Tony & Beth Zangardi)

WED. (May6) Easter Weekday

7:00 am Bobby Burke (Maureen Flynn)

THU. (May7) Easter Weekday

7:00 am Mary Verrastro & Son, Salvatore, III (Rose Ross & Family)

FRI. (May8) Easter Weekday

7:00 am James Tomasetti (Wife, Donna)

SAT. (May9) Easter Weekday

4:00 pm Jay, Millie & Frank Sardo (The Lacertoso & Berardelli Families)

SUN. (May10) Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ Mother's Day

7:00 am For all mothers, living and deceased

9:30 am Mary Smith (Jack Tigue)

11:30 am Frank & Betty Germain (A Friend)

Please pray for the elderly, the seriously ill, the dying and recently deceased members of our parish community, especially, *Patrick Luongo*. May God grant them and all the faithful departed, eternal rest.



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.

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
- 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

Mount Carmel & St. Mary's Cemeteries Notice:

- Artificial flowers, wreaths and grave blankets are permitted from Thanksgiving through March 15.
- Fresh cut flowers are permitted at all times.
- Potted plants are permitted on Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day & Father's Day. They will be removed one week after the holiday.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
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**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

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 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.



When my wireless provider introduced HD Voice, the voice I heard on my phone was unbelievably clear, and it felt at times like both the caller and I were in the same room. The best aspect of this feature is that it didn't cost the customer any additional fees, and it didn't require any changes to the phone. I could say it was free, but I suspect I was already paying for it in my monthly bill anyway. At least it felt free. The clearer the voice calling you, the easier it is to recognize who it is on the other end of the line. In John's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the gatekeeper who opens the gate and calls for his sheep. They respond because they know his voice. Others try to lure the sheep when the gatekeeper is not there, but the sheep find their voices unclear or unfamiliar. Jesus is our gatekeeper. But unlike receiving something for free from a wireless company, to be able to hear his voice we need to pay attention and practice listening. By developing a stewardship way of life that is mindful and prayerful, we become attuned to his voice and are able to discern when the call is from our Lord and when it is from an imposter. It is great to talk about all the things we can do and all the gifts we can share, but if we are not listening for his call to hear where our offerings are needed, we can end up like a lost sheep searching for the gatekeeper.

Additional Easter Lily Memorials:

Given by: Mr. & Mrs. Steven Voytek

***In loving memory of :Mr. & Mrs. Roy Dailey,
Mr. & Mrs. Francis Voytek and Tommy
Voytek***

