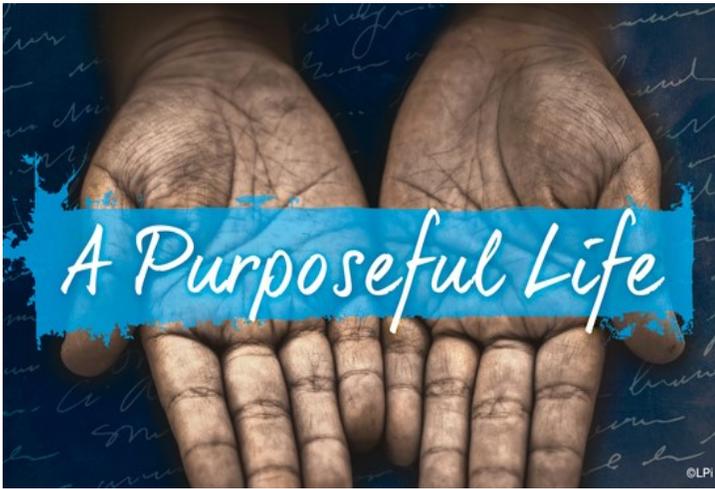




PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

- Jn 20:21



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 31, 2020, Pentecost Sunday

You can feel so small standing by the seashore. The vastness of all that is before you expands much farther than your eye can see. What is happening on the other side? As tides continue to ebb and flow, what occurs as they come and go remains largely a mystery and the effects of their presence unknown in your sight. Yet, things are moving and changing as you gaze upon the water, as the thumbprint of their presence is left behind. The greater the wind and wave, the greater the effect. But even a gentle breeze leaves its humble mark upon the seashore on which you stand. The smallest pebble still makes a ripple in the great blue expanse of ocean waters. It doesn't need to be big. You never know the full impact of your smallest gesture or simplest of words. A yes or no, agree or disagree, here or there, this or that can influence time and history in ways you may never know. The Holy Spirit is like that: fierce and torrential, and then almost still and silent, creating and recreating nonetheless. Coming as a gentle breeze or a gusty wind, God's Holy Spirit continues to move over, around, and into the waters of our lives. The Spirit brings fruit and unknown possibilities to what we humbly bring with us and that same Spirit eventually brings all to fulfillment in Christ. The first disciples didn't have much. They possessed simple faith and a willingness to go into uncharted territory with a love of their friend-God, humble offerings, and a knowledge that they were not alone. This allowed them to do amazing things with very little. Do you believe that you are being led and that you have a purposeful life? We often do not realize our value because we do not think that the little we have is good enough. How wrong we are! A little flour mixed with water and embraced by a prayer of blessing transforms simple offerings into the magnificent Eucharistic presence of God. If the Holy Spirit can do such amazing things with these humble gifts of the earth, even more can happen with you. Don't underestimate the value of the smile you gave a stranger, the door held open for an elderly widow, the listening ear offered to one who was lonely, the tolerance given to the wounded soul who is angry, and the loving shoulder you offered as a cradle under the head of someone in pain. Modest gifts offered with love can be transformed by the Spirit into wondrous blessings you may never know. It's Pentecost. Trust. You are not alone.

MASSES OF THE WEEK

MON. (June1) The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

7:00 am Helen Pigeon & Maureen Carr
(Georgie Slack & Family)

TUE. (June2) SS Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs

7:00 am Florence Tobin (St. Mary's RCIA Team)

WED. (June3) St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs

7:00 am James Brozzetti (Mother)

THU. (June4) Weekday

7:00 am (30th Day) Margaret Evans
(Family)

FRI. (June5) St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

7:00 am (1st Year Anniv.) Robert Redgel
(Family)

SAT. (June6) St. Norbert, Bishop

4:00 pm Francis P. Durkin (Billy & Pam Healey)

SUN. (June7) The Most Holy Trinity

7:00 am Nancy McCormick (Husband, John)

9:30 am Michael Viola, Sr. (Wife, Loretta & Family)

11:30 am (Anniv.) Josephine Valvano
(Husband & Children)

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



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

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 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
Damage Control: Fire, Smoke & Water Damage
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for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

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 AR-
MY
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 gra-
cious 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.*



The Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 14, 2020, will be live-streamed on CTV at 2:30 p.m. and on all of the Diocese of Scranton's social media. For more information, please visit www.dioceseofscranton.org.

**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

Tithing vs. Stewardship

Question:

What is the difference between tithing and stewardship?

Answer:

Both tithing and stewardship are part of a spiritual way of life that calls us to use all of our resources for the service of the Gospel. Everything we are and everything we have comes from God. Offering back to God what He has given us is part of how we worship and give thanks to God. Tithing is the practice of giving back 10 percent of what we earn. It comes from the Old English word for "ten." The first Scriptural example of tithing came from Abraham who gave a tenth of his possessions to the priest Melchizedek. He did so as an act of thanksgiving to God. Stewardship as a way of life calls us to use well all that we have and all that we are, placing all things in service of others and God. Stewardship helps us see the good we can accomplish by making God and our spiritual life the most important values in our life. Whatever we accumulate in this life stays here. We can't take it with us! Both tithing and stewardship help us remember that nothing is mine or even ours ... all belongs to God.

