



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 5, 2019
3rd Sunday of Easter

"Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.'" Peter is a favorite apostle for many people. I wonder if it is because of his flawed, relatable humanity. Today's Gospel takes place after Jesus appears to the disciples and breathes the Holy Spirit upon them. And yet, Peter finds himself returning to his old way of life, to comfortable habits he formed long before following Jesus. Is something still lingering in him? Is something still lingering in us? Lent is over, and we should be rejoicing! But do you feel like you're still holding onto something? Or perhaps you had an excellent Lent. You encountered Jesus in a new way and grew in faith. But as the weeks since Easter have slipped by, some of your newfound devotion has begun to waver. The closeness you felt in your Lenten commitments has given way to humdrum status quo or turn-of-the-season busyness.

"Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter has endured so much in his walk of discipleship! But something is still weighing on him. In today's Gospel, Jesus confirms Peter's devotion three times, a redemption of his earlier threefold denial. The call of the Lord must come again, as if heard anew for the first time. So often, this is the pattern of the Christian life. We discover God and experience a new desire for our faith, but in time, our enthusiasm begins to wane. Perhaps something happens that startles us, or we startle ourselves by a poor decision. Then we discover God anew! Our joy returns...for a while. Even the Apostles were no strangers to the cyclical nature of spiritual growth. Our disappointments or frustrations should not be cause for giving up. Like Peter, we too can recommit and start anew. This Sunday and every day of our lives, Jesus is waiting to say again, "Follow me."

MASSES OF THE WEEK

MON. (May 6) Easter Weekday

7:00 am Special Intention (The Thompson Family)

TUE. (May 7) Easter Weekday

7:00 am Salvatore Cipriano (Angela Cipriano)

WED. (May 8) Easter Weekday

7:00 am (30th day) Tony Karwoski (Carol Duncan)

THU. (May 9) Easter Weekday

7:00 am James Tomasetti (Wife, Donna Tomasetti)

FRI. (May 10) Easter Weekday

7:00 am Benjamin Mastro (Family)

SAT. (May 11) Easter Weekday

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

5:30 pm Johanna Kocsis (George & Joan Kocsis)

SUN. (May 12) Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:00 am Janis Ann Sileo (Family)

9:30 am Mary Smith (Arlene Gallagher)

11:30am Arthur & Jean Nealon Moran (Family)

5:00 pm Mother's Day Intentions

Wedding Banns

3rd Time

**Debra Dougher ~ OLMC
John Muta ~ OLMC**



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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Collections for the Weekend of April 27/28, 2019:
\$7,484.76

Collections for the Weekend of April 28/29, 2018:
\$9,374.61

Thank You!

This weekends' second collection will go to the Care & Education of Priests.

**MOUNT CARMEL & SAINT 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 and Father's Day. They will be removed one week after the holiday.

Financial Updates

Second collections— All second collections not addressed to the Missions or to the Diocese, will go 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 LINK:

Signing up is easy— you can use a computer, tablet or smartphone. Just go to our church website, www.olmc.org and click the Online Giving logo at the bottom right of the page to get started.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
Traditional Home Health and Hospice

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
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 abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*****Important Dates*****

**May Crowning and the last day of
CCD will be on Tuesday, May 7.**

**May Crowning for St. Mary's School
will be on Friday, May 10, at 12:30.**

**All Teachers Mass will be on Sunday,
May 5, at 11:30 a.m.**

**There will be a Holy Name Society Meeting
on Tuesday, May 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the
rectory. All men registered with our parish
are welcome to attend.**

Last weekend's collections for the
Catholic Home Missions amounted to
\$469.00. Thank you for your generosity!

**Catholic Choral Schedule for Spring
Concerts**

The annual spring concerts of the Catholic Choral Society of Scranton will be presented on Friday evening, May 17, at 7:30 p.m. in Holy Rosary Church, 316 William St., Scranton. On Sunday evening, May 19, at 7:00 p.m., it will be presented in St. Ignatius Church, 339 N. Maple St., Kingston.

On Friday evening, May 17, at Holy Rosary, the Choral Society will host the Christ the King Youth Choir. On Sunday evening, May 19, at St. Ignatius, the Choral Society will host the Wyoming Valley Barbershop Harmony Chorus.

Tickets are available from Society members, or by calling 570.587.2753. Tickets are also available at the door. Adults \$10.00, seniors and students \$8.00, for children under 12, admission is free.

The Little Sisters of the Poor are seeking support to beautify their cemetery located on top of the hill behind their convent. Your gift will provide the Little Sisters with the means to create a simple flower arrangement at the foot of each final resting place of a devoted Little Sister one final time. This special opportunity is \$20.00. Donations can be made at the reception desk at the main entry of Holy Family Residence, 2500 Adams Ave., Scranton.

St. Paul of the Cross Parish Society is sponsoring a "Roast Pork Take~ Out Dinner" on Sunday, May 19, 2019. Dinner will consist of roast pork with gravy, roasted potatoes, carrots, coleslaw and dessert. Containers will be provided. Take out only. Tickets required, \$13.00 each. NO sales at the door. Dinners can be picked up at St. Paul of the Cross Parish Center, 1215 Prospect Ave., Scranton, between 12:00 & 3:00 p.m. For tickets, please call the rectory at 570.343.6420 before Monday, May 13. Thank you for your support.

The **Catholic Women's Conference** is an annual gathering of Christian women in the Diocese of Scranton, Pennsylvania. This year the theme is "Come to Well" and will feature Catholic speakers Theresa Tomeo, Jill Metz, Sr. Mercy Marie; music group His Own; and host Meghan Murphy. Mass will be celebrated by the Bishop Joseph Bambera, DD, JCL.

Marketplace vendors will also be available throughout the day.

Light breakfast and lunch are included in ticket price. Early bird ticket price is \$40 until 6/9/19, when the price increases to \$50. Student tickets are \$20 and religious are welcome at no charge.

If anyone is interested in attending, or being our Parish Coordinator for the Conference, please call the rectory office at 570.346.7429.

ROSARY RECITATION

In response to the Blessed Mother's request at Fatima to pray for world peace, the Rosary will be recited on Monday, May 13, at 6:00 p.m. in front of the Fatima Grotto on the parish grounds. (In case of inclement weather, it will be held in the church.)

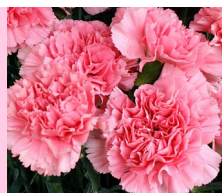


Easter Flower Addition

*In memory of Lurene & Paul J. Vanston
& Jane V. Bender
From
Henry & Paula Roever*



Congratulations and Best Wishes to **Joseph John Buczko and Anna Louise Hawk** who recently received the Sacrament of Baptism. Congratulations to Joseph John, Anna Louise and to their parents. May God continue to be a part of their lives.



The Scranton Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life will conduct its annual Mother's Day Carnation Sale after the masses on May 11 & 12. This fundraiser is intended to honor Mother's and to promote the value and dignity of human life. The proceeds will be used to continue the Chapter's pro-life work and to operate its Pro-Life Center.

Designer Purse



St. Mary of Mount Carmel School
325 Chestnut Street,
Dunmore
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Friday, May 24, at
6:30 p.m.

(Door opens at 5:00 p.m.)
BYOB Event...Must be 21 and up...
Call 570.885.7248 for reservations



CONGRATULATIONS STATE CHAMPIONS!

The Holy Cross High School mock trial team won the state title on Saturday, March 30. The team will now represent Pennsylvania at the National Mock Trial Competition in Georgia!

First Communion Prayer

My Lord Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. I believe it because you have said it and I am ready to give my life to maintain this truth.
Amen.

Ministers of the Liturgy Schedule—Weekend of May 11/12, 2019

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
4:00 P.M.	John Loughney	A.M. Fazio, D. Valenza, M. Kane	Bryce Talutto
5:30 P.M.	Kevin McDonnell	A. Lopatka, P. Trombetta, C. Nocilla	Hannah Albano & Alyssa Hartman
7:00 A.M.	Marjorie George	Steve Eboli,	Hannah Ptasinski & Shelby Hartland
9:30 A.M.	Jerry Healey	M.A. Healey, L. Gatto, D. Smith	Jacob Gatto & Laurel Cortazar
11:30 A.M.	Sandra Jones	M.R. Malia, T. Devanney, S. Vinskofski	Mariah Mancuso
5:00 P.M.	Connie DeSando	Joe Michalczyk	Mary Jane Zindle