

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come." Why? What made the king's invitation so distasteful to these guests? According to the parable, either the guests were too busy with their farms and their businesses, or else they were downright hostile to the entire idea: they "laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them." What could possibly explain this resistance?

Perhaps we have a clue in the puzzling conclusion of today's Gospel. One of the second-string guests pulled in from the streets came to the feast "not dressed in a wedding garment." The man knew he was guilty, hence his silence. And the king's punishment suggests that the fellow ought to have known better. This "wedding garment" calls to mind the preparation of our souls necessary to join in the great "wedding feast of the Lamb" (Rv 19:9), that is, heaven. This man was apparently just too lazy to get ready. He presumed that having received an invitation to the banquet was enough, that nothing was required of him. Not so. He should have demonstrated his gratitude by dressing appropriately. And what of the first-string guests? Some were too busy to bother coming; others were furious that they had been invited at all. Now, where do we fit in? Are we more concerned with worldly work than with spiritual growth? Are we offended by the very suggestion that we might need to "dress up" our souls? Or are we the disinterested Christian, willing to feast but too lazy to foster his faith? Jesus gave his life to open the gates of heaven for us. Let's show our gratitude by preparing radiant, beautiful souls worthy of the heavenly wedding feast.



MASSES OF THE WEEK

MON. (Oct. 13) Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am (30th Day) Michael Carlucci
(Thomas and Deborah Carlucci)

TUE. (Oct. 14) Saint Callistus

7:00 am Dolores Dietz (Ann Marie Bielinski)

WED: (Oct. 15) St. Teresa of Jesus

7:00 am James and Mary Kearney Purcell
(Children)

THU: (Oct. 16) Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am (Anniv.) Albert P. and Annette D.
O'Donnell (Alice and Alice)

FRI: (Oct. 17) St. Ignatius of Antioch

7:00 am Marlene Miles Maglio
(Ferrese Family)

SAT: (Oct. 18) St. Luke

1:30 pm *Lee/Zick Nuptial Mass*

4:00 pm (Anniv.) Gerald Maus
(Wife and Family)

5:30 pm (Anniv.) Michael Daniel Rinaldi
(St. Mary of Mount Carmel Counters)

SUN: (Oct. 19) Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Kay Tigue (William and Toni Fath)

9:30 am (Anniv.) Willard and Rosella Palla
(Family)

11:30am Nicholas Tur (Joseph F. and
Bernadette Santarsiero and Family)

5:00 pm Ceil Marcinko
(Sharon and Robert Calzola)



Please pray for the elderly, the seriously ill, the dying and recently deceased members of our parish community, especially **Phillip T. Fletcher, Sr. and Helen Cushner**. May God grant them and all the faithful departed eternal rest.

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Rectory Office will be closed Monday, October 13, 2014 in observance of Columbus Day. The office will reopen Tuesday, October 14 at 9:00 a.m.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
Collection for the Weekend of October 4/5, 2014
\$11,482.42
Collection for the Weekend of October 5/6, 2013
\$12,257.41

The second collection last weekend, October 4/5, for the Care and Education of Priests amounted to **\$805.45**. Thank you for your generous contribution.

Next weekend, October 18/19 our parish will celebrate **World Mission Sunday**. This year we are invited to reach out and help build the church in Mongolia, the world's youngest Catholic Church as well as local churches throughout the Missions, in the most remote areas across our world. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy. His hope and peace. Please keep the Missions in your daily prayers. **Please come prepared next weekend to give generously in the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. For more information, please visit www.IAmAMissionary.org.**



CATHOLIC EDUCATION: *"Educating the future generations of the faithful in our Schools and Parishes."*

Shaping the next generation of the faithful through a Catholic education is an essential mission of the Diocese of Scranton. Last year, more than 6,000 elementary, middle and high school students benefitted from the academic programs and spiritual guidance offered by our Catholic Schools. Your generous gift to the 2014 Annual Appeal will help us to recruit and retain talented teachers, fund extracurricular programs, invest in advanced classroom technology and serve the diverse needs of our students. As you reflect on the many gifts God has bestowed upon you, it is our deepest hope that you will support the Appeal and join the faithful through the Diocese in "Transforming Lives Together."

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.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
R. J. Walker
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

It has been brought to my attention that a number of parishioners are questioning as to why the parish project involves the renovation of the school building. Please know that although the Diocese is administrating all schools, the ownership of the building remains with the parish. Therefore, it is important that we continue to maintain all parish buildings. ~Father Doris

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGE

We are proud to announce that at this point in our Capital Campaign, 507 parishioners have pledged \$1,023,145.00. 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.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN— GOOD NEWS!

Improvements to our parish and our school have begun! Please make every effort to keep your pledge payments current. PLEDGE ENVELOPES ARE THE GREEN ENVELOPES FOUND IN YOUR ENVELOPE SETS AND IN THE REAR OF THE CHURCH.

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.

ONLINE GIVING LINK ANNOUNCEMENT:

On Wednesday morning, July 23, 2014, our Online Giving account received an update with improvements for our donors including an easier-to-use interface, reminders about expired credit cards, and a quicker way to donate to specific funds. Online Giving is a great way to help your administrative staff while supporting our church. Signing up is easy— you can use a computer, tablet, or smartphone. Just go to our church website www.olmcdunmore.org and click the Online Giving logo at the bottom right of the page to get started.

VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults Program will offer a training session required for all adult volunteers who work a minimum of 20 hours or more per year with children.

* **Wednesday, October 22**, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Keystone College, LaPlume,
Capwell Hall, Room 208.
Please call Kathy Bolinski to register at
570-207-1453.

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 our 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, that 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 Word, Worship and a Service that builds up our Community.



St. Mary of Mount Carmel School will hold a Designer Purse Bingo on Friday, November 14. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. Ticket cost is \$25 per person. Admission includes 20 games. There will be four specials plus raffle tickets. Tickets can be purchased by calling Lenore Otway at 570-650-3345.

“My People, Come to Me.” — A City Wide Mission will take place beginning Sunday, November 9 and continuing through Wednesday, November 12.

Fr. Frank DeSiano, C.S.P. will lead the mission. A children's tract will be held in the evening sessions only. The event was planned by Frs. Edwards, Bryant, Boylan, Ferretti & Landry. For more information, please call Mary, Mother of God Parish at 570-342-4881. The following is the Mission Schedule:

Sunday	11/09	St. Patrick's Church	7:00 p.m.	All in the Catholic Family
Monday	11/10	St. John Neumann	10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.	Personal Relationship with God
Tuesday	11/11	Mary Mother of God	10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.	Relating to God in Prayer & Word
Wednesday	11/12	St. Peter's Cathedral	10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.	Relating to God in Service

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

- CDR. WILLIAM E. KELLY, MSC US NAVY
- SGT. RYAN HARBAUGH, US ARMY
- LT JONATHAN PUHALLA, 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
- 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
- HA CONOR J. RUANE, US NAVY
- MAJOR ROBERT MCALLISTER, US ARMY
- MAJOR ANDREW SCHLESSINGER, US ARMY
- AIC MARK MICCICHE, 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.

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.

The Parish of the Cathedral of Saint Peter will hold a Turkey dinner, Sunday, October 26 from noon to 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Center, 310 Mifflin Avenue, Scranton. Take-outs will be available from 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5.00 for children and can be purchased at the St. Peter's Rectory or at the door.



**Congratulations and
Best Wishes to
Julia Kathryn Walker**
who received the sacrament of Baptism
recently. Congratulations to
Julia Kathryn and her parents.
May God continue to be a part of their lives.

Important Dates

Sun.	10/12	n/a	NO CCD
		12:30 pm	Baptism (SM)
		6:00 to 7:00 pm	Youth Group (Rectory Basement)
Tue.	10/14	3:00 pm	CCD grades 1—5 (SA)
Wed.	10/15	3:00 pm	Youth Choir
		7:00 pm	Adult Choir
Thu.	10/16	7:00 pm	10:30 am Dunmore Health Care RCIA

CCD VOLUNTEER—Share your talent and time with the next generation of Catholics by being a CCD Teacher! The following teachers are needed:

- ***(1) 7th Grade Teacher** for Sunday 10:15 to 11:15 am
- ***(1) Substitute 2nd Grade Teacher** Tuesdays from 3:00 to 4:15 pm

If you are interested in this important ministry, please call the rectory office at 570-346-7429.

The Holy Cross High School Parents Club will hold its annual **Craft Fair and Home Showcase** on October 26, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the school, 501 E. Drinker Street, Dunmore. Vendors include candles, ceramics, woodworking, home décor, candies, baked goods, jewelry and more. Raffle baskets, door prizes, and food available. Admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students and seniors. For further information, call 570-346-7541.

Communion for the Homebound or Sick— Are you, a family member, friend or neighbor having difficulty getting to Mass because of being homebound, in a nursing home or hospital? It is possible for a Eucharistic Minister to bring Communion to you on the First Friday of each month. If interested, please notify the Parish Office at 570-346-7429.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH

Pastoral Council—The major function of the Parish Pastoral Council is pastoral planning—to structure ways that the parish can contribute to the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ and the Church. Prayer and faith-sharing helps the Council begin to discern the will of God for the parish, then to express it in:

- **Directional Planning**—Mission/Vision Statement, Core Values Statement
- **Strategic Planning**—Setting of Goals, stepping stones towards the vision, long-range in nature]
- **Operational Planning**—Specifying goals into Objectives and Actions; Who will do What, by When and at What Cost?
- **Administrative Planning**—Day to day performance; ongoing evaluation of the plan's progress; annual assessment
- **Celebration of Accomplishments**—Public acknowledgement, appreciation of all participants

Pastoral Council Members

Carol Berry	Ann Marzolino
Joseph Cianci	Jean McDonald
Rev. John Doris	Atty. Michael McDonald
Joseph Eboli	Joseph Pigga
Stephen Eboli	Nancy Rinaldi
Andrew Alphonzo Fazio	Ralph Riviello
Dorothy Kelly	Mary Elizabeth Wassel

Ministers of the Liturgy Schedule—Weekend of October 18/19, 2014

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
4:00 P.M.	Frank Rainey	N.Dolan, Bill & Cathy Harrington	Dean Sweeney
5:30 P.M.	Wendy Worobey	T.Kelley, T. Carlucci, N. Rinaldi	Laurel Cortazar, Sophie Paciewicz
7:00 A.M.	Alice Foley	Joe Eboli	Patrick Conway
9:30 A.M.	Jerry Healey	M.A. Healey, L.Fidiam, T.Stasko	Michaelandrew Bonocore & Alyssa Shonk
11:30 A.M.	Joe Michalczyk	L.Gatto, T.Devanney, M.R. Malia	Noah Cogliette & Jacob Gatto
5:00 P.M.	Casey Riley	Maria Kocsis	James Angerson