

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." In this famous passage about Christian discipleship, we usually tend to focus on Jesus' call to take up our cross. This can feel frightening or unattractive to us. It can seem as though the choice to be Christian is a choice for pain and suffering. But we must not forget the last part of this verse: Jesus tells us to follow him. He is walking this journey ahead of us. He is the one who first takes up the cross. We are simply called to follow in his footsteps.

Think of how much easier it is to follow a path that someone else has already trod. Think about hiking, for example, and consider what's involved in "blazing your own trail." You have to advance face-first into the brambles and bushes; you have to navigate the right direction to your destination; you have to scale the hills and cross the waters without the aid of stair or bridge. On the other hand, when we hike on a path that someone else has created, we are spared all of these extra trials. Yes, the journey may still be intense, but we make it with great comfort and confidence, knowing that we are going in the right direction and that we have every advantage along the way thanks to someone else's efforts.

This is what it is to follow the path of Christ. Every human person will have their "crosses," whether they are Christian or not. Physical pain, disappointment, rejection, grief, and the like are not unique to the followers of Jesus. What's unique is that our Lord and Savior has walked this path before us. Through his passion and cross, Jesus has taken all of this into his own hands, blazing a trail that safely leads each of us to the joy of resurrection.



MASSES OF THE WEEK

MON. (Sept. 14) The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:00 am (30th Day) Anthony Yuen
(Edmund Goodfield)

TUE. (Sept. 15) Our Lady of Sorrows

7:00 am Captain Vincent Brunton, FDNY
(Thomas Brunton and Family)

WED. (Sept. 16) SS Cornelius and Caprian

7:00 am Marion Rescigno
(Donato and Angela Rinaldi)

THU. (Sept. 17) Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Robert Skaluba
(Ann Marie and Paul Konopatsky)

FRI. (Sept. 18) Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am (Anniv.) Joseph E. Picharella
(Family)

SAT. (Sept. 19) Weekday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm John & Catherine McCormick McCrone
(Regina Rinaldi)

5:30 pm Michele Nocilla (Sister, Cheryl)

SUN. (Sept. 20) Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am (30th Day) James J. Sleyo
(The Black Family)

9:30 am Deceased Members of the M.A.C. Club
(M.A.C. Club)

11:30am (1st Year Anniv.) Kathleen McDonnell
(Lisa Gatto)

5:00 pm Eugene F. Kearney
(Gar and Tish Kearney)

Please pray for the elderly, the seriously ill, the dying and recently deceased members of our parish community, especially *Margaret M. Triano, Harry P. McGrath, Sr., Esq. and Cindy Roche Kane*. May God grant them and all the faithful departed eternal rest.

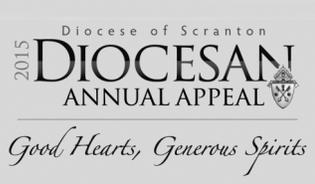


TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
Collection for the Weekend of Sept. 5/6, 2015
\$11,260.05

Collection for the Weekend of Sept. 6/7, 2014
\$14,725.93

The Second Collection last weekend, September 5/6 will be for the Care and Education of Priests amounted to \$703.50 Thank you for your generous donation.



*“Make my heart open to goodness.
 Make my heart open to the beauty
 of God every day.”*

You are invited to join with parishioners across the Diocese as they express “Good Hearts, Generous Spirits” by supporting the 2015 Annual Appeal. As explained by our Bishop, Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, “When we work together in the unity of the Holy Spirit, serving one another as our Lord Jesus Christ served, and sharing the gifts our heavenly Father has given us, we truly live our Faith..... None of us can do this great work alone. Across the 120 parishes of our Diocese, however, we have enormous power to be the presence of Christ in the world.” This is the mission and purpose of the vital ministries made possible by the Diocesan Appeal throughout the 11 counties of our Diocese.

When we support the Appeal with our “good hearts and generous spirits,” we enhance the programs offered in each of our 120 parishes that help pass on the faith to children in our Diocesan schools and Parish religious education programs; you respond to the poorest, the weakest and those most in need through the good works of Catholic Social Services; and you support our retired and aging priests as well as the men currently studying for the priesthood

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGE

We are proud to announce that at this point in our Capital Campaign, 570 parishioners have pledged \$1,053,745.00 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 are complete. 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 LINK:**

*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.***

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
Carlucci~Golden~DeSantis
 for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

Ministers of the Liturgy Schedule—Weekend of September 19/20, 2015

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
4:00 P.M.	Frank Rainey	Andy & Ann Marie Fazio, K.Gerrity	Daniel Otway and Kieran Hinton
5:30 P.M.	Andy Fazio	A.Lopatka, N.Rinaldi, T.Kelley	Sam and Louis Hanni
7:00 A.M.	Donna Mroczka	Sr. Miriam Joseph Reinhardt	Pat Conway
9:30 A.M.	Sidney Prejean	Leon Fidiam, Alice Foley, M.R.Malia	Andrew and Natalie Durkin
11:30 A.M.	Sandy Jones	T.Devanney, J.Michalczyk	Noah Cogliette, Sean Cordaro
5:00 P.M.	Casey Riley	Maria Kocsis	Laurel Cortazar, Sophia Pacewicz

The Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary sponsors an English as a Second Language Program (ESL) for Adults which is held at St. John Neumann Parish (Nativity Convent), Scranton. Volunteer teachers are needed for this ministry which will empower the participants so that they can seek employment opportunities. You do not need to know or speak a second language to teach. Your available time (day or evening) will be coordinated with the availability of the students. If you are interested in or have questions about this ministry, please call Sister Roberta Peters, IHM at 570-955-6550.

St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen in Scranton is in need of coffee. Any donations will be greatly appreciated!



~Msgr. Joseph P. Kelly.

Shower of Roses will take place at the Carmelite Chapel of St. Therese, Coopersburg, on October 4, 2015. Bus transportation is available from the Scranton and Pittston areas. For more information and for reservations, please call Ann Marie at (570) 961-2794.

Mary, Mother of God Parish will have a Mass & Anointing of the Sick, Saturday, September 26 at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Rosary Church, 316 William Street, Scranton, PA. Following Mass a luncheon will be held in the school auditorium. A free health screening is available. All are welcome.

“ENTERTAINING ANGELS” The Dorothy Day Story— A story about a woman who inspired the world to work for justice and to end hunger— will be presented Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 pm in the Swartz Center for Spiritual Life, Conference Room A.

The Scranton Diocese Council of Catholic Women is conducting a Fall Fundraiser (until October 5) selling flower and plant bulbs. If you are a gardener, please consider ordering online at www.flowerpowerfundraising.com. Navigate to “Find a Group” and type in “Scranton Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.”

Catholic Social Services/Counseling Services Available—Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton offers compassionate counseling in a safe, comfortable environment where privacy is always respected. Counseling is about self-discovery and can be used for personal growth or when distressing condition exist. For more information, call 570-207-2283.

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

LT CMDR JOHN W. GILLIGAN, US NAVY

LT 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.

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.



Banns of Marriage

*Second Time: Brendan Kaczmarek, St. John Fischer,
N. Catasawka, PA
Lyla Comerford, St. Clare's Church
Scranton, PA*

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN-VIRTUS

- **Tuesday, September 15 at St. Paul Parish Center (St. Clare Church Basement, North Washington Avenue.** To register, please contact Margaret Adolfsen at 570-575-7526 or 570-961-1568. For more information, please visit the diocesan website at www.dioceseofscranton.org.

POPE VISIT INFORMATION: Together with the Catholic Church of all the Americas, we welcome Pope Francis during his visit in late September. There are several ways for parishioners to participate in and experience the upcoming visit of Pope Francis. The Diocese of Scranton invites you to participate prayerfully in these ways: View the live coverage provided through CTV (Catholic Television) on your EWTN network. Utilize the official hymn or prayer in some manner in your parish that week (found on World Meeting of Families 2015 website). Share the pilgrim prayer journal, which will guide the prayer of those traveling by bus to Philadelphia for Mass with Pope Francis on Sunday, September 27th – we will publish this material on the Diocesan website in early September, for everyone to share in your parish and family observances of this historic event. **For parish groups or individuals who have already made arrangements to travel by chartered bus for the Papal Mass in Philadelphia on Sunday, September 27th**, here is some additional information. There are no tickets for the Papal Mass – it is a public event – do not let anyone try to sell you tickets. Mass is scheduled for 4:00pm on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. For travel on this day, the details have not yet been published to the bus companies. As a matter of security, this information will only become available a few weeks before the Pilgrimage. Each bus will be assigned a bus coordinator, a secured parking lot, an arrival and departure time. This event is being described as a “walking event” – all pilgrims need to be prepared to walk several miles, to stand for lengthy periods, and to adjust to unpredictable circumstances in such a large crowd. It is anticipated that pilgrims will need to bring onto your bus some type of food and beverage, but no information has been published yet about what type of personal belongings may be carried into the secured area. The managed highway access, along with the extreme volume of bus traffic, will make it impossible to consider a meal stop along the way. When we learn any more about permissible items to carry with you throughout the day, we will publish this information through your bus coordinators.

Important Dates:

Tue.	09/15	3:00-4:15	CCD Grades 1—5
Wed.	09/16	3:00 pm	Children/Youth Choir (Church)
Thu.	09/17	10:30 am 7:00pm	Dunmore Health Care Parish Pastoral Council (R)
		7:00 pm	RCIA (R)
Sun.	09/20	10:15 am-11:15 am 6:00 pm	CCD Grades 6,7,8 Youth Group (Rectory Basement)



CCD for the 2015-16 School Year Begins:

Tue. Sept. 15, 3:00 to 4:15 p.m. Grades 1 —5 (School)
Sun. Sept. 20, 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Grades 6 — 8 (School)

CCD TEACHERS WANTED— CCD teachers are needed for Sundays from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. and for Tuesdays from 3:00 to 4:15 p.m. Please call the rectory if interested at 570-346-7429.

CCD (GRADES 1 through 5) SIGN UP FOR “REMIND”—Receive reminders, alerts, and messages via text and/or email. To join via text: Enter this number— 81010— with this message — @mrsfazi To join via email, visit this link: www.remind.com/join/mrs.fazi.

Additional Summer Drive Donations

Gold: Thomas Moran
Bronze: Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Santarsiero

Our drive total is \$29,375. We extend our sincere thanks to all who have participated in this most necessary drive.

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet Thursday, September 17 at 7:00 pm. in the Parish Rectory.

CALLING ALL SINGERS—Youth Parish Choir—if your children are interesting in singing in the choir, please email Liz Eynon-Sotille at Lmes@comcast.net. Practices are Wednesdays after school from 3:00 (3:15 is fine) to 4:00 p.m. in the church. Those who go to St. Mary's School will meet in the cafeteria in Mrs. Sottile's Music Room from 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. Masses are every 1st and 3d Sunday of the month at 9:30 am beginning in October. Any students in grades 2nd through 10th are welcome to join.