

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

"And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up." The first reading today refers to the story of the Israelites and the serpents. These venomous creatures were biting and killing the people of Israel wandering in the desert. Moses begged God to save them from the affliction. God chose a strange antidote to the poison: he told Moses to mount a bronze serpent on a pole. Those who looked at it survived.

In the Gospel reading, John refers to this historical event in the context of salvation. Then, the people of God were saved from physical death by looking up. Now, we are saved from spiritual death in much the same way. Through the cross where Jesus was "lifted up," God has given us an antidote to the poison of sin. The habits of selfishness that threaten to suffocate our souls can be overcome when we raise our eyes to this cross upon which Christ made the ultimate act of selflessness.

Today at Mass, many of us will sing the rousing hymn "Lift High the Cross" and call to mind this "triumphant sign" that has come to be equivalent with Christianity itself. The cross is our symbol, our banner, and our hope. As Christians, we march behind it with confidence and courage because through it, even the most fearsome of all human realities—sin and death—have been conquered. Now we can enjoy the gift of eternal life.

But, like the children of Israel wandering in the desert, we have to participate in our own salvation. God desired that they actively "look" at the bronze seraph instead of passively being cured. So too, we must choose to actively embrace the cross of Christ by modeling our lives after the generous, life-giving love of the Lord.



MASSES OF THE WEEK

MON. (Sept. 15) Out Lady of Sorrows

7:00 am Phil Cignavitch (Elizabeth Covalesky)

TUE. (Sept. 16) SS Cornelius and Cyprian

7:00 am Mary O'Hara Budash (Joe and Joan Cianci)

WED: (Sept. 17) Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Palmer and Hughes Families (Family)

THU: (Sept. 18) Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am (30th Day) Arline Harrington
(Daniel McGlynn)

FRI: (Sept. 19) Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am (30th Day) Ann Voytek (Family)

SAT: (Sept. 20) SS Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang

4:00 pm Evan and Emma McKeon (Family)

5:30 pm Michele Nocille (sister, Cheryl)

SUN: (Sept. 21) Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Dolores Dietz (Husband and Family)

9:30 am Genet Boland (Family)

11:30am Vita Margotta (Mary and Joe Barrett)

5:00 pm Deceased Members of the Ladies Auxiliary F.O.P. (Ladies Auxiliary)



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

Cub Scout Pack 66 of Dunmore will hold a chrysanthemum fundraiser, September 13th and 14th outside St. Mary of Mount Carmel Church after the Saturday and Sunday Masses. Mums will be available in various colors. Eight-inch plants are \$8 or 2 for \$15. Twelve-inch pots are \$20 or 2 for \$35. Scouts and their families will deliver the mums to your home over the weekend of September 26 & 27. Please help support the scouts of Pack 66!



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Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
Collection for the Weekend of Sept. 6/7, 2014
\$14,725.93
Collection for the Weekend of Sept. 7/8, 2013
\$10,302.02

Last weekend, September 6/7, the second collection for the Care and Education of Priests amounted to \$852.22. Thank you for your generous donation.



“The Holy Spirit is transforming us, and through us, He wants to transform the world in which we live.”

Pope Francis.

You are invited to join with parishioners across the Diocese as we support the 2014 Annual Appeal to “transform lives.” As explained by our Bishop, Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, “When we work together in unity and share the gifts we have been given by God for the sake of our sisters and brothers, lives are transformed, our world is enriched and the love and goodness of the Lord Jesus is given life in our midst...” This is the mission and purpose of the vital ministries made possible by the Diocesan Appeal throughout the 11 counties of our Diocese.

When you support the Appeal, you give your faith heart and hands and feet to serve God’s people. Each day, your support of the Appeal allows us to “transform lives together” by enhancing the programs offered in each of our 120 parishes; by educating our most precious resources: the approximately 6,200 students in our 20 Diocesan schools and those children in parish religious education programs; by responding to the poorest, the weakest and those most in need through the good works of Catholic Social Services; and by supporting our retired and aging priests as well as the nine men currently studying for the priesthood.

You will be receiving a personal letter from Bishop Bambera asking for your support for the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Please prayerfully consider your response.

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.

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.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and SS Anthony and Rocco Parish have created a new Social Concerns group. The first meeting, hosted by David Clarke from the diocese will meet September 15 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anthony's School library, located in the lower level of St. Anthony's Church. All are welcome to attend.

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.

- * **Friday, September 19** from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Marywood University Swartz Center for Spiritual Life/Conference Room B.
Please call Sister John Michele Southwick, IHM to register at 570-348-6211, ext. 2413.
- * **Wednesday, September 24** from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Moscow.
Please call 570-842-4561 to register.
- * **Thursday, September 25** from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Clarks Summit.
Please call 570-586-1741 to register.

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.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
Fidelity Bank
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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- 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.

Important Dates

Sun.	09/14	12:30 pm	Baptism (SM)
		6:00 to 7:00 pm	Youth Group (Rectory Basement)
Mon.	09/15	7:00 pm	OLMC & SS Anthony and Rocco Social Concerns Meeting (LL St. Anthony's Church)
		7:00 pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (R)
Tue.	09/16	3:00 pm	Start of CCD grades 1—5
Wed.	09/17	3:00 pm	Children/Youth Choir (Church)
		7:00 pm	Adult Choir (Church)
Thur.	09/18	10:30 am	Dunmore Health Care
		7:00 pm	RCIA

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CCD REGISTRATION— for the 2014/2015 school year, for grades 1 through 8, has begun and will continue through the month of August. Registration forms must be filled out by all new and returning students and returned in the collection basket or to the Rectory office with a \$20 per student registration fee. Forms can be found in all bulletins in the month of August, on our website www.olmcdunmore.org and in the rear of the church.

CCD BEGINS

Grades 1 through 5	Sept. 16	3:00 to 4:15 p.m.
Grades 6 through 8	Sept. 21	10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

CCD TEACHER WANTED—Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish is looking for a volunteer CCD teacher for the 2014/2015 school year for **Sundays from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.** If you are interested in this rewarding opportunity to assist a new generation of Catholics, please call the parish rectory at 570-346-7429.

SEEKING STUDENT VOLUNTEERS—High school juniors or seniors who would like to volunteer for an hour to do filing or act as a hall monitor at CCD on Tuesdays, please call the phone number listed above or email the rectory office at stmarysdunmore@aol.com.



Second Time: **Matthew Spencer**
 Kathleen Harrington, OLMC

Additional Summer Drive Donations

Gold: **Anonymous**
Patron: **Jennifer Yontos**

Our drive total is \$29,500. We extend our sincere thanks to all who have participated in this most necessary drive.

St. Mary of Mount Carmel 6th, 7th and 8th grade Girls' Basketball Team welcomes all students that belong to OLMC parish to the team. Details may be obtained by contacting the school's athletic director Billy Griffiths at 570-840-5937. Please see bulletin insert for more information.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH

Congratulations to **Joseph Cianci**, Dunmore, the recipient of the **Loughney-Grady Memorial Award**, presented by the **Holy Name Society** for outstanding service to our Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish. Joseph is currently a lector, a member of the RCIA team, the Parish Pastoral Council, the choir, and serves as an offertory counter. A past president of the Holy Name Society, he is also a past member of the Parish Legion of Mary, St. Mary of Mount Carmel School PTO, and served as a CCD teacher. Joseph and his wife Joan have two sons, Paul and David, and enjoy four grandchildren Jacob, Madilyn, Alex and Leo.



Jenna Lopatka and other members of Dunmore Junior/Senior High School's service club ran the sixth annual Bucks Food Drive for local pantries this week. Jenna, recently featured as part of the *The Times-Tribune* "School Notes" section of the paper, was quoted as saying: "The Dunmore community is very generous and giving to the less fortunate, and I'm very proud to be part of such a community. I think it's important to donate to drives like this, not just during Thanksgiving or Christmas, but all year round." Jenna is a senior at Dunmore and secretary of the club.

PathStone—Connecting You to Opportunities, a Senior Community Service Employment Program — If you are age 60 and above, a Lackawanna County resident, and low income, then you may qualify for the supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). On average, SNAP provides a senior living alone with \$119 a month to buy healthy food. You may also qualify if you have high medical and living expenses. Call PathStone at 570-963-0401.

Ministers of the Liturgy Schedule—Weekend of September 20/21, 2014

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
4:00 P.M.	Dennis Wozniak	D.Valenza, Cathy&Bill Harrington	Dean Sweeney
5:30 P.M.	Andy Fazio	C.Nocilla, A.M. Fazio, C.Hughes	Sam and Louis Hanni
7:00 A.M.	Alice Foley	Sr. Miriam Joseph Reinhardt	Patrick Conway
9:30 A.M.	Donna Mrozcka	E. Murphy, L.Fidiam, T.Stasko	Michaelandrew Bonocore, Shane Murphy
11:30 A.M.	Ken Smith	D.Smith, M.Roche, S.Vinskofsky	Noah Cogliette, Zoe Krisandra
5:00 P.M.	Casey Riley	Don Nowalk	James Angerson, Chris Wallace