

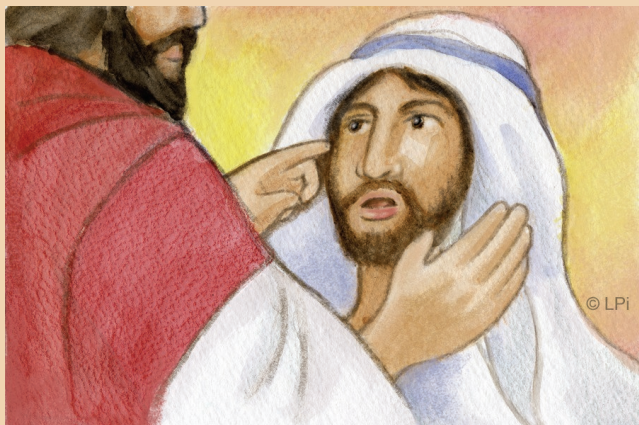
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue." Jesus could have healed this deaf man another way. He could have spoken a powerful word or, for that matter, just silently willed that the man's health be restored. It wasn't uncommon for Jesus to cure people simply by a quick touch. But instead, Jesus chose to heal him in this unique way. He made it a private event, one that involved an unusual kind of physical ritual.

Clearly, this was not for Jesus' sake. And since it was away from the crowd, it wasn't for their sake either. This particular healing was for this particular man. For whatever reason, Jesus knew that this man needed these signs--touching his ears and putting saliva on his tongue--in order to be freed of his inability to hear and speak well.

Jesus knows what we need. His care for each and every one of us is not some standardized package of generic charity. He loves us all as unique individuals and understands us. He sees our weaknesses and knows our strengths. He offers himself to us as an intimate friend, not an unfamiliar acquaintance. When we come to him with our hopes, our fears, our desires and needs, he hears and answers us ... in the way he knows is best. It might seem odd. It might be unexpected or different from what we have seen him do for others. But we need to trust, even when we are desperate for "healing," that Jesus does care, that he does listen, and that he does act on our behalf.

Let us have confidence in today's Old Testament proclamation from Isaiah: "Thus says the LORD: Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God ... he comes to save you."



MASSES OF THE WEEK

MON. (Sept. 7) Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am (Anniv.) Victor and Lucy Vegnoli
(Louise and Don Lenio)

TUE. (Sept. 8) The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 am Sam Fortese (Carl and Kathy Ives)

WED. (Sept. 9) St. Peter Claver

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Peter Swift Family (Family)

THU. (Sept. 10) Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Thomas J. O'Donnell (Friend)

FRI. (Sept. 11) Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am John and Sophie Michalczyk
(Joe and Dolly Michalczyk)

SAT. (Sept. 12) The Most Holy Name Of Mary BVM

4:00 pm Salvatore and Margaret Gianoni
(The Bowen, Rosar and Gianoni Families)
Deceased Members of the Slack and
5:30 pm Marianelli Families (Family)

SUN. (Sept. 13) Twenty-fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:00 am Maria Berardinelli
(Daughter, Mary Quinnan)
9:30 am (Anniv.) Alphonzo Fazio
(Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fazio and Family)
11:30am Deceased Members of the Hughes and
Palmer Families (Family)
5:00 pm Evan and Emma McKeon (Family)

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



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Holy Name Society will conduct its 89th Annual Family Communion Breakfast, **Sunday, September 13** after the 9:30 Mass at La Buona Vita, 200 Reilly Street, Dunmore. The speaker will be Catherine Butel, Diocesan Secretary for Parish Life. Tickets, available after all masses from Sam Valenza, are **\$10.50 for adults and \$8.50 for children**.

The Rectory Office will be closed Monday, September 7, 2015 for the Labor Day holiday. The office will reopen Tuesday, September 8 at 9:00 a.m.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

Collection for the Weekend of Aug. 29/30, 2015
\$ 8,058.10

Collection for the Weekend of Aug. 30/31, 2014
\$11,760.07

The Second Collection last weekend, August 29/30 for the Collection for the Church in Eastern Europe including Collection for the Church in Lithuania, Poland and Slovakia amounted to \$426.16. Thank you for your donation.

The Second Collection this weekend, September 5/6 will be for the Care and Education of Priests. Please prayerfully consider your donation.

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.

Summer Drive

Our Summer Drive has concluded. Our goal once again this year was \$30,000.00 As of week 10 we received a total of \$29,125.00 Thank you to all who contributed! The Summer Drive has ended but if you would like to still make a donation, please use the insert below or pick up an envelope from the back of the church.

Summer Drive

<i>Diamond</i>	<i>Platinum</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>Patron</i>
<i>\$1000/over</i>	<i>\$500-\$999</i>	<i>\$200-\$499</i>	<i>\$100-\$199</i>	<i>\$50—\$99</i>	<i>Under \$50</i>

Name _____

Address _____

Envelope #: _____

(Please clip and return to rectory or place in collection basket)

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.**

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
Dunmore Roofing
 for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

Ministers of the Liturgy Schedule—Weekend of September 12/13, 2015

TIME	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	SERVERS
4:00 P.M.	Kevin McDonnell	Bill and Cathy Harrington, N.Dolan	Ava Forgione and Ryan Carey
5:30 P.M.	Andy Fazio	C.Hughes, C.Berry, C.Nocilla	Dominick and Nicholas Panunzio, Hannah Albano
7:00 A.M.	Marjorie George	Steve Eboli	Hannah Ptasinski
9:30 A.M.	Dorothy Kelly	L.Fidiam, Jim & Pat Conway	Zoe Krisanda and Mariah Mancuso
11:30 A.M.	Mike McDonald	M.A.McDonald, S.Vinskofski, M.Roche	Aubrey and Abigail Gallagher
5:00 P.M.	Youth Group	Don Nowalk	James Angerson

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN-VIRTUS

- **Saturday, September 12 and Wednesday, September 16** at Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Clarks Summit For more information, please visit the diocesan website at www.dioceseofscranton.org.
- **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.

Judi H Rock On 5— a Cancer Institute fundraising tribute to OLMC parishioner Judi Perry Hartridge, who passed away in 2007 from the disease, will take place September 27 from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Center in Scranton. The dance party and raffle will feature live music from *Paul LaBelle and the Exact Change, Old Friends and the Gene Dempsey Orchestra*. Tickets can be purchased prior to the event by calling the Cancer Institute at 1-800-424-6724 or by visiting www.judihrockon.com. Tickets can also be purchased at the door the day of the event. Proceeds will benefit the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute.

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.

TRAVEL PLANS FOR 2016—Join us on Tuesday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Dunmore Community Center to hear about the following two exciting trips: custom trip to Italy in the Spring to Parma, the Bologna Cooking School, the Ferrari Factory and Museum (Emelio-Romagna region of Italy), and San Antonio in the Christmas season (the Riverwalk, the Alamo, LBJ's ranch) and more. Call Joe Michalczyk at 570-961-3691 for details.

Important Dates:

Tue.	09/08	7:00 pm	CCD Teacher's meeting (R)
Wed.	09/09	3:00 pm	Children/Youth Choir (Church)
Thu.	09/10	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	RCIA Open House (R) K of C Council 3635 (St. Rocco's)
Fri.	09/11	8:30 am	School Liturgy



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.

Knights of Columbus Dunmore Council 3635 will meet Thursday, September 10 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Rocco's church, 122 Kurtz Street, Dunmore. New District Deputy and State Representative may be attending. The Halloween party will be discussed as well as plans for the upcoming Christmas show.

Pro-Life Americans will gather September 12 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton for a solemn vigil commemorating the 55 million children who lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973. All are welcome to attend.

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.



Banns of Marriage

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



The R.C.I.A. – Do you know someone who wants to become a Catholic? Tell them about the R.C.I.A.

R.C.I.A. is the process through which adults are fully initiated into the Catholic faith community.

Is the R.C.I.A. for me?

If you answer yes to any of the following questions, it may be.

1. **An unbaptized person?**
2. **Baptized as Catholic but were never Confirmed or received Holy Communion?**
3. **Baptized, made first Communion but never had any religious instruction beyond these sacraments?**
4. **Protestant interested in knowing Catholicism?**
5. **A person wishing to become a Catholic?**

R.C.I.A. Open House: Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory. Anyone wishing to become a part of this program please attend the Open House or call the parish office @ 570-346-7429.

The Annual Ryan Mason Michalczyk Golf Tournament will be on Saturday, September 12th at the Scranton Municipal Golf Course. Golfers, sponsors and donors are needed. All proceeds go to support children and families in our community. Thank you for your support in the past as we improved projects at St. Anthony's and Sherwood Park playgrounds. Please contact Joe Michalczyk at 570-961-3691 for details.

M.A.C. Social Club Annual Memorial Mass for deceased members followed by brunch will be held Sunday, September 20. Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Church at 9:30 a.m. followed by brunch at La Buona Vita, 200 Reilly Street, Dunmore. A cash bar will be available. **Reservations will close Monday, September 14.** Please make \$20 check payable to The M.A.C. Social Club and mail to Rose Baas, 603 Dudley Street, Dunmore, PA 18512. Phone 570-344-7049.

Team Tommy Foundation Event, a benefit in memory of Tommy Voytek, will take place Saturday, September 12 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at La Buona Vita, 200 Reilly Street, Dunmore. Tickets are \$25. Live entertainment will be provided by Dashboard Mary. Proceeds will benefit Robert Packard Center for ALS Research at John Hopkins. Tickets can be purchased in advance by contacting teamtommyfoundation.als@gmail.com or by calling Anthony T. Naro at 570-780-8660.

<https://www.facebook.com/TeamTommyVoytek>



CCD for the 2015-16 School Year Begins:

Tue. Sept. 8 at 7:00 p.m. Teacher's Meeting (Rectory)
Tue. Sept. 15, 3:00 to 4:15 p.m. Grades 1 through 5 (School)
Sun. Sept. 20, 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Grades 6 through 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.

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.