

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone." Gossip has become a modern pastime. We publish magazines with the latest celebrity chatter, and create websites and blogs that reverberate with "opinions" about public and private personalities alike. Many people utilize social media to rant about the behavior of others, and the good old-fashioned coffee break still provides ample opportunity to reveal the offenses we have suffered or to dish out dirt about people who aren't present.

Although it can take many forms, at its core, gossip is about tarnishing people's reputations without giving them a chance to defend themselves. Today, Jesus recommends a different approach. He encourages us to deal directly with people, which in effect means to treat them with dignity and respect. Rather than making preconceived judgments about another's behavior, Jesus asks us to talk to the person involved ... first. Instead of running around venting our frustrations elsewhere, or even "tattling" on someone who has legitimately wronged us, we are called to address our concern head-on, with charity and compassion.

As Jesus suggests, "If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." In other words, by speaking directly to those who have offended us, we actually have the chance to resolve the situation before it grows out of proportion. Of course this doesn't always work; that's why Jesus mentions the other steps to take if necessary. But we will be the ones to blame for the continuation of the conflict unless we follow the Lord's advice and give peace a chance.



MASSES OF THE WEEK

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

7:00 am Dolores A. Dietz
(Thomas P. Cummings, Sr.)

TUE. (Sept. 9) St. Peter Claver

7:00 am Charles Krzan, Sr.
(Joseph Cherochak, Jr.)

WED: (Sept. 10) Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am John Murphy, Joseph DePietro Jr.,
John Pica III (The Murphy Family)

THU: (Sept. 11) Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Capt. Vincent Brunton, FDNY
(Thomas Brunton)

FRI: (Sept. 12) Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am (30th Day) Lucille M. Ward
(Rita and William Wesnak)

SAT: (Sept. 13) St. John Chrysostom

1:30 pm *Armstrong/Cardone Nuptial Mass*

4:00 pm (Anniv.) John and Catherine McCormick
McCrone (Regina Rinaldi)

5:30 pm Dr. Herbert M. McDonald (Wife)

SUN: (Sept. 14) The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Eboli & Kohut
Families (Eboli Family)

9:30 am Thomas J. Fidium, Sr.
(Paul and Mary Smith)

11:30am (Anniv.) Catherine Rinaldi
(Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fazio and Family)

5:00 pm Mark Paskert (Wife, Maureen, daughters
Ashley and Loren, and family)



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

Family Communion Breakfast—Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Holy Name Society's 88th Annual Family Communion Breakfast will be held **Sunday, September 7 after the 9:30 a.m. Mass, with special guest Jim Coles, Sports Director WNEP 16, at La Buona Vita, 200 Reilly Street, Dunmore.** Adults \$10; Children \$8. Tickets can be purchased after masses until the time of the event, or by calling Tom Stasko at 570-817-1821, Sam Valenza at 570-357-8258 or in the Rectory office.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
Collection for the Weekend of August 30/31, 2014
\$11,760.07
Collection for the Weekend of August 31/Sept. 1, 2013
\$10,606.32

This weekend, September 6/7, the second collection will be for the Care and Education of Priests. Please give generously in support of your diocesan priests.

The second collection last weekend, August 30/31 for the Church in Eastern Europe including collection for the Church in Lithuania, Poland and Slovakia amounted to **\$487.74**. Thank you for your generous 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**—(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.

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

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.

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.**

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.*

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
Pennsylvania Single Catholics
 for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

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.

* **Tuesday, September 9** from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Peckville. Contact 570-383-2777 to register.

* **Wednesday, September 24** from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Moscow. Please call 570-842-4561 to register.

Mass and Anointing of the Sick—Saturday, September 13 at 11:00 a.m. at Mary, Mother of God Parish (Holy Rosary Church, 316 William Street, Scranton). A luncheon will follow in the school auditorium. North Scranton Parish Nurses will conduct a free health screening. A ramp is available.

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. Visit online: www.pathstone.org



Keystone Chapter UNICO, Dunmore will host an Applebee's Flapjack Breakfast Fundraiser at Applebee's Grill and Bar

at Viewmont Mall, Saturday, September 13 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. For tickets, call Mary Ann at 570-344-3737 or Dot at 570-586-1820. Proceeds will benefit Meals on Wheels.

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 9/11 Memorial Committee of Lackawanna County, a non-profit, non-partisan group, will hold a ceremony at the 9/11 monument located at McDade Park on **September 11 from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.** The public is invited to attend. Bishop Bambera will give the



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!



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.

Choir News—Rehearsals will begin **Wednesday, September 10 at 7:15 p.m.** Current choir members as well as anyone interested in singing with the choir are welcome to attend the rehearsal. Details may be obtained from Geri Seitzinger, Choir Director at 570-343-0309. Please consider joining this meaningful ministry.

 *Wedding Banns*

Third Time: *Robert Armstrong,
United Methodist Church, Throop*
First Time: *Melissa Cardone, OLMC*
 Matthew Spencer
 Kathleen Harrington, OLMC

 **Congratulations and Best Wishes to**
Thomas and Elizabeth Timlin Sohns
who were united in marriage recently.
May God continue to be a part of their married lives together.

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 11 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.

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 \$29,225.00 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/over</i>	<i>\$200-499</i>	<i>\$100-199</i>	<i>\$50-99</i>	<i>Under \$50</i>
Name _____					
Address _____					
Envelope #: _____					
<i>(Please clip and return to rectory or place in collection basket)</i>					

Ministers of the Liturgy Schedule—Weekend of September 13/14, 2014

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
4:00 P.M.	Frank Rainey	Andy and Ann Marie Fazio, K. Gerrity	Andrew Durkin, Ryan Carey
5:30 P.M.	Wendy Worobey	N.Rinaldi, T.Kelley, T.Carlucci	Dean Sweeney
7:00 A.M.	Marjorie George	Steve Eboli	Hannah Ptasinski
9:30 A.M.	Dorothy Kelly	E.Murphy, Pat & Jim Conway	Nicholas and Dominick Panunzio
11:30 A.M.	Sandy Jones	S.Vinskofsky, T.Devanney, M.R. Malia	Aubrey and Abigail Gallagher, Sierra Sherman
5:00 P.M.	Joseph Michalczyk	Connie DeSando	Alyssa Shonk, Jacob Gatto