



Our Lady of Mount Carmel St. Ann Parish

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LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00, 10:00, and 11:30 a.m.

DAILY MASS

Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m.

HOLYDAY MASSES

Vigil: 7:00 p.m.
Holyday: 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. or by private appointment.

PASTORAL STAFF

Msgr. F. Stephen Pedone, Pastor
Rev. Jesus Martinez, Associate Pastor
Most Rev. George E. Rueger, in residence
Deacon Gerry Montiverdi, Part-time Liturgical Assistant.

PARISH OFFICES AND STAFF

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Mr. Glenn MacGregor, Part-time Custodian
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents and Godparents must attend the Baptismal instruction session before the Baptism is celebrated. These sessions take place on the First Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Community baptisms are celebrated on the third Sunday of every month after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Private baptisms may also be arranged by calling the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

To prepare for this lifelong commitment, couples must begin marriage preparation twelve months before the proposed wedding date, according to the diocesan policy.

FAITH FORMATION

The Religious Education Program offers instruction to children and young people from Grade One through the high school years. Children are prepared for the reception of First Reconciliation and then First Holy Communion and young people for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation in high school, including those who attend Catholic schools. Rel. Ed. Office: 508-791-6139.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

This process of sharing faith stories and studying the Bible and the teachings of the Church is open to anyone who is in need of receiving any one or all of the Sacraments of Initiation. -Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation or to anyone who wishes to enter into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

FAITH FORMATION TEAM

Mrs. Joan D'Argenis D.R.E./Youth Director
Maria Sciannameo RCIA Director

LITURGICAL MUSIC MINISTRY

Mr. Scott Olson, Organist
Mr. Michael Garceau, Organist/Wedding Ministry

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Council meets on the third Tuesday of every month. The Council is committed to assisting the pastor in various liturgical celebrations and parochial and diocesan fundraisers and to pursuing its own charitable endeavors.

ORGANIZATIONS

Guild of Our Lady of Sorrows
Beato Angelo D'Acri Society
The Gene J. DeFeudis Italian Cultural Center
Mt. Carmel Golden Years Club

PRO-LIFE CONTACTS

Pro-Life Office, Mrs. Allison LeDoux: 508-929-4311
Respect Life Parish Representative: Louise Faiola: 508-756-1150
Visitation House: 508-798-0762
Problem Pregnancy: 888-310-7217

ILLNESS

Arrangements can be made to have Holy Communion brought those who are homebound due to illness, age, or impairment of any kind or to celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing and Reconciliation with them. Please notify the parish office with the necessary information.

PARISH REGISTRATION

To become a registered member of the parish, please call the office. One of the secretaries will gladly assist anyone and complete the registration over the phone or through the website.

REPORTING THE ABUSE OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

To report the abuse of a child or a teenager, please contact Mrs. Frances Nugent, Director of the Diocesan Office of Healing and Prevention at 508-791-7171. You may also call Gloria Caprioli, our parish coordinator for prevention and education, at 508-344-7718. Lastly, you may call Msgr. F. Pedone at 774-243-1154.

**WEEKEND COLLECTION
11/15/2014 & 11/16/2014**

4:00 PM Mass	\$954.00
8:00 AM Mass	\$925.00
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,269.00
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,155.00
Shared Envelopes	\$125.00
Total Mass Collections	<u>\$4,428.00</u>

Special Collections:

Weekend Envelopes –mailed in	\$738.00
Children’s Envelopes	\$44.35
Fuel	\$461.00
All Saints	\$10.00
Christmas	\$10.00
Christmas Flowers	\$30.00
Religious Education	\$25.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$5.00
Religious Retirement	\$7.00
Immaculate Conception	\$7.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$7.00
Capital Campaign	\$90.00
Candle Offering	\$283.00
On-Line Giving	\$232.50
Total	<u>\$1,949.85</u>

Restricted Funds	\$102.00
Unrestricted Funds	<u>\$6,275.85</u>
Total	<u>\$6,377.85</u>

The Finance Committee has determined that we need to collect \$9,400 each week to meet our current expenses. Thank you for your continued support of Our Lady of Mount Carmel-St. Ann parish.

**CHURCH BUILDING TO BE
CLOSED TEMPORARILY**

I was informed this past week that the church building is not safe and poses a serious danger should something fall from the bell tower, front wall or choir loft. In consultation with Bishop McManus, I have decided that the church must be closed due to safety concerns. Beginning Monday, November 24th, all Masses, all Lord’s Day Masses, weekday Masses, and funerals will be celebrated in the parish center. The façade and the front wall of the church appear to be moving due to buildup of ice and snow through the years, as well as the constant vibrations from the 290 interstate. The support beams for the church tower and steeple have extensive cracks and erosion. We have hired architects and structural engineers to begin a forensic investigation of the integrity of the front of the church building, the beams supporting the steeple and the stability of the choir loft. If economically feasible, we will attempt an interim repair to the church’s front wall and steeple mounts. If not economically feasible, we will have to examine other options. It is entirely possible that we may not be able to return to using the church, especially if the cost to repair it, even temporarily, is prohibitive and beyond the parish’s financial means. I believe that it is never wise to “throw good money after bad.” I would appreciate your prayers especially during this time when we, as a parish, will have to make difficult decisions about our future.

Monsignor Pedone

DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY, PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH. A HAPPY AND SAFE THANKSGIVING TO ALL!!

MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON THANKSGIVING DAY AT 7:00 AM AS USUAL IN THE PARISH CENTER.

WINTER WEATHER POLICY



As the days grow colder and snow is in the forecast, the signs of the coming winter are around us. In the issue of safety, we want to restate the policy for weekday Mass when the weather is threatening. On those weekdays when Worcester schools cancel or delay opening due to inclement weather, the 7:00 am Mass is also cancelled.

LOOKING FOR CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING ON CHARTER TV?

Local Diocesan Programming is now on Charter Channel 193; Boston’s Catholic TV is on Channel 101, and EWTN is on Channel 18.

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

When the Son of Man comes in glory, may we be among those who have fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger, and clothed the naked. For Jesus tells us clearly that it is those who have demonstrated good stewardship by sharing their gifts with the less fortunate who will receive God’s blessing and inherit the kingdom.

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**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Saturday, November 22, 2014—4:00 p.m.
Carmella Messenger (11th Anniversary) by Family
Antonette Capurso by Daughter Rose and Family

Sunday, November 23, 2014—8:00 a.m.
Henry Covello by wife
John Macaruso III (First Anniversary) by Family

Sunday, November 23, 2014—10:00 a.m.
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Doyle by Family
Eleanor D'Elia (Month's Mind) by Family

Sunday, November 23, 2014—11:30 a.m.
Peter Waitkus and daughter Francine Waitkus by
 wife and mother Rose Waitkus Oliver
Richard Hosking (First Anniversary) by Family

Monday, November 24, 2014—7:00 a.m.
All Souls

Tuesday, November 25, 2014—7:00 a.m.
Parishioners Intentions

Tuesday, November 25, 2014—6:30 p.m.
James and Jeffrey Collins by Parents

Wednesday, November 26, 2014—7:00 a.m.
Teresa B. Scaglione (6th Anniversary) by
 Grandchildren

Thursday, November 27, 2014—7:00 a.m.
Dora, Joseph and Morris Mastrototaro by daughter

Friday, November 28, 2014—7:00 a.m.
The Sick of the Parish

Saturday, November 29, 2014—4:00 p.m.
Mary and Michael Caccialino by Family

Sunday, November 30, 2014—8:00 a.m.
Anna and Anthony Sharameta by Family

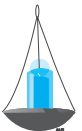
Sunday, November 30, 2014—10:00 a.m.
Leno Caputo by Wife and Children
**Antonetta and Francesco Caputo and Giovanni
 Maria DelloStritto** by Antonia Caputo and
 Family

Sunday, November 30, 2014—11:30 a.m.
Anthony, Louisa and Italo D'Agostino by Family
Kleber Burgos (6 month Anniversary) by Yolanda
 Burgos and Family
Mary DiVirgilio (Month's Mind) by Family



Please pray for the sick of our parish: Carolyn Simko, Anna Perro, Francis Caffone, Susan Stomski, James Dionne, Donna Grasseschi, Lena Sbrogna, Michael Crossen, Vinnie Gianfredo, Lori Blackwell, Carmella Szklarz, Matteo Fiore, Matthew Hicks, Henry Penny, Patrick Loconto, Eleanor Lupisella, Butch Rano, Mary O'Connor, Paul Heffron, Christina Rovezzi, Christopher Collazo, Eleanor Gaudenzi, Eileen Biziewski, Patricia Naples, Paula & Arthur Mari, Beverly Sacco, Cornelius O'Connor, Clara Merola, Ellen Biancheria and Ava Grace Mackenzie. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

**THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY LAMPS
 ARE DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
 OF:**



Peter Waitkus and daughter Francine Waitkus
 By Wife and Mother Rose Waitkus Olivieri

Virginia Mondor
 By Mondor Family

Joseph and Katherine Riggieri
 By daughter Dolores

**MAHATMA GANDHI'S SEVEN DANGERS TO
 HUMAN VIRTUE**

- (1) Wealth without work
- (2) Pleasure without conscience
- (3) Knowledge without character
- (4) Business without ethics
- (5) Science without humanity
- (6) Religion without sacrifice
- (7) Politics without principle

PIES FOR SALE



The American Heritage Girls will be selling pies on Nov. 23rd after ten o'clock Mass as a fundraiser for Mt. Carmel's own troop. Pies will be \$15 for pumpkin, chocolate cream, apple and others. Thank you for supporting our troop! Anyone who wishes more information about enrolling their girls is welcome to ask at the table or email Alessandra Soares at ahgma0716@gmail.com

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel – St. Ann
Golden Years Club**

Program for the Month November 2014

November 25, 2014

10:00 A.M. Socializing
12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social.

December 16th – Christmas Party – 12:00 Noon – Mount Carmel Center. Dinner and music by Tony D. Donation \$17.00. For more information please contact Gladys 508-798-8071 or Leona at 508-852-4375. Deadline for reservations is December 2nd.

REMINDER --- PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING
FOOD FOR THE POOR --- FOOD FOR OUR FOOD BANK---DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK HAVE BEEN VERY LOW---IF MEMBERS DONATE ONE ITEM EVERY TUESDAY FOR THE FOOD BANK IT WILL BE VERY HELPFUL.

**MARCH FOR LIFE REGISTRATION
INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE!**

Plan now to attend the 42nd annual March for Life in Washington, DC on **Thursday, Jan. 22, 2015!** Buses will leave from St. Paul's Cathedral on Wed., Jan. 21 following the Respect Life Mass at 7:30 p.m., and will travel to the Basilica of National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC in time for Thursday a.m. Mass followed by the March for Life at noon. Buses will return by 1 am on Jan 23 to Cathedral immediately following the March, Cost is \$70 per seat for registrations postmarked by Dec. 31, and \$85 thereafter. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis until all seats are full. For more details and to download registration forms, visit www.worcesterdiocese.org/respectlife or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311/508-929-4311 or ale-doux@worcesterdioecese.org. Can't attend this year but want to help? Consider making a donation that will help defray expenses for students in need.

WORCESTER LODGE 168 SONS of ITALY

will hold its annual Christmas PARTY on
Saturday, December 6, 2014
6:30 pm Dinner @ 7:15pm
At Our Lady of Mt. Carmel-St. Ann Center
Mulberry St., Worcester, MA
ALL are Welcome
\$35 pp. BYOB
MUSIC! DANCING! RAFFLES! FUN!
For tickets and more information call:
MARIA @ (508) 842-7604

**CAN YOU HELP WITH THE
PARISH'S WEBSITE?**

We are currently looking for volunteers to help keep the parish website at www.mtcarmel.ws updated with current and interesting information. If you are interested, please contact David Soares at dasoares8@charter.net or 508-754-4588. **You do not need special technical skills/ web programming experience to help.**

PARISH FOOD PANTRY

Our own food pantry is getting very low on non-perishable food items. Through your generosity, we are able to help families in our local area with food. Your donations make a big difference to some one who is hungry. Many thanks!

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL-ST. ANN PARISH IN YOUR WILLS, BEQUESTS, YOUR ESTATE PLANNING AND UPON THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE.
MANY THANKS!

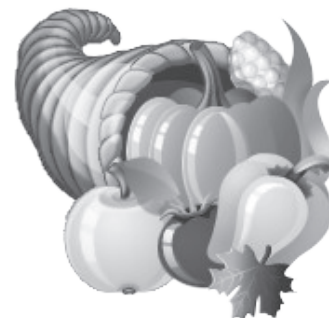
A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God, source and giver of all things,
we give you thanks on this Thanksgiving Day
for the beauty of the whole of creation.

We give you thanks for the blessings
of family and friends: both those
gathered around this table and those
who are present only in our hearts.

We give you thanks for this food,
prepared by loving hands,
and for the graces you provide to nourish
our bodies, minds and hearts
so that we might better serve you.

Help us to be faithful stewards
of all that has been given us.
May we reflect that which we have received
to all we meet,
especially the less fortunate
in our midst.



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 7 – Trip to LaSalette Shrine and Wrights Chicken Farm –. Bus will leave at 1:30 p.m. Cost - \$30.00

December 13—Annual New York Trip - Cost - \$50.00

December 14 at 9:30 a.m. Nativity Pageant – We are inviting all babies that were born in the year 2014 to come dress as baby animals to be a part of the Nativity Pageant.

Basketball for ages 5 -8 will start Tuesday, November 18 from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

We have had a number of families sign up for Thanksgiving Baskets. If anyone is able to help with donations of turkeys, vegetables and trimmings, your donations will be greatly appreciated. These items should be brought to the office on Sunday, November 23 or Monday, November 24. Please let me know in advance if you can donate a turkey, so I will know for sure we have enough turkeys and not too many.



NOVEMBER HOUSECLEANING MONTH

We would like to help all families prepare their house for the holidays. However, items that many of us take for granted that are needed to clean the house, (examples, pledge, SOS pads, Ajax, Pine sol) are unaffordable for many. If each student brought in one item, we could help many families. Again, we are only asking help from those who can help.

ANNUAL MASS TO REMEMBER OUR CHILDREN

On **Monday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m.** at St. George Church, Brattle Street, Worcester, you are invited to attend the Pieta annual mass to honor and remember all of our children who have died. Please invite any families who have lost a child. Sponsored by Pieta Support Group for Bereaved Parents. For more information, please call Terry Gentile at 508-434-0731 or Sue Stevens at 508-852-4887 508-852-4887, or email pieta3@gmail.com.

THANKSGIVING VIGIL – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 AT 6:30 P.M.

Children are invited to come dressed as Pilgrims or Native Americans at this special Mass. This Mass reminds us what Thanksgiving is all about **Giving Thanks** for all that we have. At this Mass we will have our annual food drive to help replenish our food bank. We ask that you bring non-perishable food and please check the expiration date. We try having this Mass on a Tuesday for the last two years, per the request of parents, who were extremely busy on Wednesday (the night before Thanksgiving.) It worked and therefore we will continue having this Mass on a Tuesday. Please make every effort to attend.

DECEMBER 2—6:30 P.M.

Nativity gathering at the parish center. Join us for hot chocolate and Christmas carols as we start the Christmas season with the placing of our Nativity scene.

SPRED SPECIAL RELIGIOUS DEVELOPMENT

SPRED is Faith formation for those who learn differently. Do you know a child, teen or adult who has developmental, or learning disabilities? The Diocese of Worcester is implementing a program to serve this population.

SPRED (Special Religious Development) will provide small faith communities dedicated to the religious development on its members. SPRED will prepare participants for the sacraments as needed. The small groups will begin this fall. SPRED meetings are available in Worcester, Fitchburg, Westborough, and Webster.

For more information or to sign up now. Contact: Carolyn Oberhelman at [978-422-8512](tel:978-422-8512) or carolynprinceton@aol.com

ON-LINE GIVING

We appreciate your contributions to the church community and would especially like to recognize those who are now using our Online Giving service.

To get started or to learn more about Online Giving, please click the Online Giving link on our church website at mtcarmel.ws. If you would like help, please call Lisa at 508-797-4546 or e-mail us at lisaolmc@gmail.com

TAKE FIVE FOR FAITH

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2014

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Rich king, poor king

At the height of church power in the Middle Ages, popes lived like princes ruling vast earthly domains. That changed in modern times with the rise of secular nations. After Italy united and claimed Rome as its capital in 1870, popes considered themselves “prisoners in the Vatican.” In response to the loss of temporal power, the Feast of Christ the King was instituted to assert Christ’s sovereignty. But Jesus made it clear his Kingdom is not of this world. In our own day, Pope Francis says he longs for a church that is poor. This is the kind of church presided over by Christ the King. Join his realm.

TODAY’S READINGS: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46 (160). “Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.”

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

FEAST OF ANDREW DŨNG-LAC, PRIEST, MARTYR, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Big sacrifices pay off

How much are you willing to give? Some make the ultimate sacrifice and give their very lives. Andrew Dũng-Lạc was a priest and one of 117 saints martyred in Vietnam during persecutions there in the 19th century. Three U.S. archbishops returning from Vietnam in 1989 said, “The church in Vietnam is alive and vigorous, blessed with strong and faithful bishops, dedicated religious, and courageous and committed laypeople . . . The church in Vietnam is living out the gospel in a difficult and complex situation with remarkable persistence and strength.”

TODAY’S READINGS: Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5; Luke 21:1-4 (503). “. . . those others have all made offerings from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood.”

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

FEAST OF CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGIN, MARTYR

Healing saints

Saint Catherine of Alexandria is one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers, a group of saints who are venerated together because of their effective intercession against illness and who became popular during the Black Plague of the Middle Ages. Catherine, a virgin martyred—after one failed attempt—by a Roman emperor in the fourth century, is invoked against sudden death. Other saints in the group (and their patronage) include Blaise (illness of the throat), Barbara (fever), Elmo (intestinal ailments), and Denis (headaches). The intercession of these saints can be sought for comfort when sick.

TODAY’S READINGS: Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11 (504). “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end.”

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Gratitude is the best preparation

There are lots of things you can’t prepare for in life. For good or ill, some things just happen. The way you respond, however, is a different story. In those cases, even when the unknown and unexpected befalls you, practice makes perfect. In those moments, the way you live your life takes control. If you live in gratitude, you will respond with gratitude; if you carry bitterness, you will respond in anger. Being in practice today can make all the difference tomorrow. It’s then that you’ll be called to demonstrate the faith that you strived to practice all along.

TODAY’S READINGS: Revelation 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19 (505). “Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking.”

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

THANKSGIVING DAY

Simple gifts

If you’ve ever returned home from a hospital stay, particularly if the condition has been perilous or you have narrowly avoided a serious accident, you may have had the experience of suddenly seeing everything in a new way. Coming near to loss reveals how precious and unique are the things we take for granted. But we want to see this not only when threatened with loss. Rabbi Abraham Heschel said, “Just to be is a blessing. Just to live is holy.” Beyond pilgrims and pumpkin pie, it humbles us today to realize such holiness, such blessing.

TODAY’S READINGS: Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Luke 21:20-28 (506). “He fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him.”

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Power of the pen

Everyone these days is constantly bombarded with an overwhelming amount of written communications—email, texts, social media. There’s so much of it, it’s impossible to even absorb it all, and then it disappears into the digital ether. So it’s hard to put much credence in any of it. But words do matter, and they have staying power. The Roman poet Horace wrote, “*littera scripta manet*”—the written word remains. Some words, God’s Word, not only endure, they change the world—and continue to do so every day. Don’t let those words get lost in the shuffle.

TODAY’S READINGS: Revelation 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Luke 21:29-33 (507). “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.”

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

The promise is being fulfilled

The phrase “*Maran atha!*” appears only once in the New Testament; yet, for early Christians, it was the way they greeted one another. Meaning “the Lord is coming,” *Maran atha* served as a hope-filled greeting and reminder under repressive Roman rule. Imagine greeting everyone you know with those words. What hope would spring forth? Navigating the day-to-day, you can forget the imminence of God. Sometimes it just takes the reminder of an encounter to renew hope in all Jesus promised and continues to promise. Jesus is coming—why not greet the world with the hope of that promise!

TODAY’S READINGS: Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36 (509). “Be vigilant at all times.”

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