



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.

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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 & Director of Adult Education

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
3/21/2015 & 3/22/2015**

4:00 PM Mass	\$1,029.00
8:00 AM Mass	\$726.00
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,247.00
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,107.00
Shared Envelopes	\$185.00
Total Mass Collections	<u>\$4,294.00</u>

Special Collections:

Weekend Envelopes –mailed in	\$659.00
Fuel	\$69.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$291.00
Good Friday/Holy Land	\$20.00
Initial Offering	\$5.00
Easter	\$77.00
Easter Flowers	\$484.00
Capital Campaign	\$140.00
On-Line Giving	\$280.50
Candle Offering	\$247.00
Total	<u>\$2,272.50</u>

Restricted Funds	\$451.00
Unrestricted Funds	\$6,115.50
Total	<u>\$6,566.50</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.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Many thanks to all who have donated or pledged to the 2015 Partners in Charity Appeal. This annual appeal for the Diocese of Worcester serves 28 charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries. Through your generous support, we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Worcester County through outreach, formation, evangelization and worship. Our goal again this year is \$50,000. The last two years you as a parish successfully exceeded this goal. We are again asking for your generous and faithful support to this vital diocesan campaign. If you haven't yet pledged or donated, envelopes for this purpose are in the pews. Once completed, they can be dropped into the collection basket, mailed to or dropped off at the parish center. We need everyone's help to make our goal. Again, many thanks!

PARISH FESTIVAL

We will commemorate our parish feast, August 21st, 22nd and 23rd. A committee has been formed under the leadership of Nick Maruca. Any one interested in helping is asked to attend a meeting at the parish center on Monday, March 30th beginning at 7:00 pm. We need everyone's help and all all welcome!!!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PASSION WEEKEND – MARCH 28TH -29TH - REGULAR WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, MARCH 30TH – 7:00 AM MASS; CONFESSIONS WILL HEARD FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 PM.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31ST – 7:00 AM MASS
TENEBRAE SERVICE AT 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST – 7:00 AM MASS; CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 PM.

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND – NO 7:00 AM MASS;
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD – NO 7:00 AM MASS; STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 3:00 PM; COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION AT 7:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH – NO 4:00 PM MASS;
EASTER VIGIL BEGINS AT 7:30 PM. **PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE.**

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH – MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 8:00, 10:00 AND 11:30 AM.

PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, APRIL 2ND AND 3RD DUE TO THE EASTER HOLIDAY.

PALM SUNDAY

“Pilate again said to them, ‘Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?’ And they cried out again, ‘Crucify him.’” (MARK 15:12-13) Jesus told us “whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Pray for the courage to stand up for those in need of our help.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 28, 2015—4:00 p.m.

Robert Carelli (First Anniversary) and **Andrew & Rose Collaro** by Family
Maria, Nicola & Nino Viapiano by Gino

Sunday, March 29, 2015—8:00 a.m.

Phyllis Cogoli and Mildred Gabriella by Sister

Sunday, March 29, 2015—10:00 a.m.

Julia & Samuel Marchese, Theresa & Patsy Pezzella by Family

Sunday, March 29, 2015—11:30 a.m.

Theresa Mastrogiacomo by Son
Donald B. Gullbrand, Jr. (7th Anniversary) by Wife
Mary Ann Nivala (7th Anniversary) by Sister

Monday, March 30, 2015—7:00 a.m.

The People of the Parish

Tuesday, March 31, 2015—7:00 a.m.

Chris Cocaine by Parkway Diner

Wednesday, April 1, 2015—7:00 a.m.

The Soul of Vincente

Thursday, April 2, 2015—7:30 p.m.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 3, 2015—7:30 p.m.

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 4, 2015—7:30 p.m.

Mario Quarta (8th Anniversary) by Tony & Ann Marie Quarta
Linda Gallacchio (First Anniversary) by Family

Sunday, April 5, 2015—8:00 a.m.

Theresa Groccia (5th Anniversary) by Family

Sunday, April 5, 2015—10:00 a.m.

Amelia & Joseph Conte by John Conte and Family

Sunday, April 5, 2015—11:30 a.m.

Camilla & Concetta Finocchi by Family

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!



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

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

Vera Sbrogna
By husband, Gus

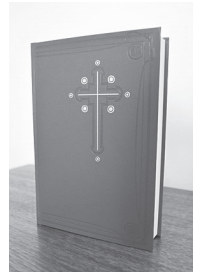
Theresa Buccigliaglia
(Birthday Remembrance)
By Rita

TENEBRAE SERVICE

Please join us on **Tuesday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m.** for a special Tenebrae Service featuring the Seven Last Words of Jesus. What better way to spend an evening during Holy Week.

NEW HYMNALS

The new Worship IV and Gather III hymnals have arrived and are on display at the entrances of the church. Please consider donating a set as a gift from or in memory of a loved one. We will have a special nameplate printed for this purpose, which will be affixed to the hymnals. The cost is \$40.00 for both hymnals, which must be purchased together.



PARISH FOOD PANTRY

Through your generosity, we are able to help families in our local area with food. Please drop off food items in the white cart near the shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Your donations make a big difference to some one who is hungry. Many thanks!



A LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

March 27, 2015

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The news about the Middle East has been bleak over this past year including war in Gaza, persecution of Christians in Iraq and Syria, refugees flooding into Jordan and Lebanon, and escalating tension and violence in Jerusalem and the West Bank. During this Holy Week we are challenged by the Scriptures to see the light of hope amidst darkness and despair. How have we responded as disciples of Christ to follow in his footsteps? Holy Week is about finding hope from despair and, as Pope Francis reminds us, "Let us become bearers of hope."

Christians living in the Holy Land struggle to live their faith and to be stewards of the sacred places as Christians arrive in pilgrimage day after day. Schools and parishes are signs of peace and hope as they conduct pastoral ministries, including religious formation and education. Shrines in Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem and many other locations welcome Christian pilgrims, as well as provide housing and food for the poor.

Catholics worldwide are being invited by Pope Francis to support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by making a donation to the **Good Friday Collection**. Keeping Christianity alive in the Holy Land is the urgent goal of the Church. In fact, the call to support the community in the Holy Land dates back to the days of St. Paul when he called upon various communities to support their brothers and sisters in Jerusalem.

Please be generous in this year's Good Friday collection in your parish. Visit www.myfranciscan.org to learn more about the good work made possible thanks to your response to this pontifical collection.

May God continue to bless you during this Holy Season.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus Bishop of Worcester

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation for Easter flowers in memory of a loved one and you did not receive an Easter flower envelope in your packet of offertory envelopes, additional envelopes are available in the church.



**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL – ST. ANN
GOLDEN YEARS CLUB
Program for the Month March 2015**

March 31, 2015
No Golden Years

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GOLDEN YEARS CLUB**

Program for the Month April 2015

April 7, 2015

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

April 14, 2015

10:00 A.M. Socializing
10:30 A.M. Board Meeting Golden Years Club
11:00 A.M. Business Meeting Golden Years Club
12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social.

April 21, 2015

9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. VNA "Keep Well Clinic" – Blood Pressure Etc.
10:00 A.M. Socializing
12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social.

April 28, 2015

10:00 A.M. Socializing
11:00 A.M. Paper Sale – No broken packages.
12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social.

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Looking for Catholic Programming ? **WCCA TV** , formerly Ch. 13 but now found on **Ch. 194** in Worcester airs Diocese Specials every Tuesday at 8pm. Also streaming live online on Tuesdays at 8pm at wccatv.com .

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

The following students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Paul's Cathedral on April 12th at 3:00 p.m. Please pray for them.

Julia Christina **Lucia** D'Alessandro
 Sophia Mia **Juliana** DePasquale
 Michael David **John** Fichtner
 Nicholas Alexander **Michael** Keyes
 Alessandro Giuseppe **Anthony** Romeo
 Antonio Wayne **Jerome** Romeo
 Gianluca **Fidelis** Romeo
 Patrick John **Luigi** Travaglio-Romeo
 Gianna Marie **Teresa** Ruggieri
 Gianna Marie **Lucy** Sasso
 Samuel John **Paul** Serafin
 Maggie Lee **Anthony** Terlizzi
 Mario Andrew **John** Terlizzi
 Olivia Rachel **Michael** Terlizzi
 Rose **Katherine** Zamarro Beiter
 Ariella Robin **Anne** Zwicker

CAROLE KING THE MUSICAL

Sunday, September 20

Providence Performing Arts Center

Tickets: \$88.00 includes show and bus

I will need people to pay in advance, but wanted to secure good seats. So I took a chance and ordered the tickets now. They go on sale to the public next week.

Long before she was **Carole King**, chart-topping music legend, she was Carol Klein, BROOKLYN girl with **Passion** and **Chutzpah**. She fought her way into the record business as a teenager and, by the time she reached her twenties, had the husband of her dreams and a flourishing career writing hits for the biggest acts in rock 'n' roll. But it wasn't until her personal life began to crack that she finally managed to find her true voice. BEAUTIFUL tells the inspiring true story of King's remarkable rise to stardom, from being part of a hit songwriting team with her husband Gerry Goffin, to her relationship with fellow writers and best friends Cynthia Weil and Barry Mann, to becoming one of the most successful solo acts in popular music history. Along the way, she made more than BEAUTIFUL music, she wrote the soundtrack to a generation.

During this season of Lent we are asked to take time to reflect and meditate on our lives and our relationship with God. Following is a meditation/reflection to the soul by Saint Gregory of Nazianzus. You may find this helpful during your journey through Lent as we look forward to Easter!

"You have a task, my soul,
 A great task if you so desire.
 Scrutinize yourself seriously-
 Your being, your destiny;
 Where you come from and where you must rest.

Seek to know whether it is life that you are living
 Or if it is something more.
 You have a task, my soul, So Purify your life!

Please consider God and His mysteries,
 Investigate what existed before this universe
 and
 What it is for you.
 Where you come from and
 What your destiny will be.
 This is your task, my soul,
 Therefore, Purify your life!

MEDITATION ON THE EUCHARIST

"The Eucharist is alive. If a stranger who knew nothing about the Eucharist were to watch the way we receive, would he know this? When you and I approach the Eucharist, does it look like we believe we are about to take into our bodies the living person, Jesus Christ, true God and true man? How many times, Lord, have I forgotten that the Eucharist is alive! As I wait in line to receive you each day, am I thinking about how much you want to unite yourself with me? Am I seeing your hands filled with the graces you want to give me? Am I filled with awe and gratitude that you love me so much as to actually want to come to me in this incredibly intimate way? Or am I distracted, busy with other thoughts, preoccupied with myself and my agendas for the day? How many times, Jesus, have I made you sad, mindlessly receiving you into my body, into my heart, with no love and no recognition of your love? How many times have I treated you as a dead object? The Host that we receive is not a thing! It's not a wafer! It's not bread! It's a person – He's alive!"

— 7 Secrets of the Eucharist.

Palm Sunday



TAKE FIVE FOR FAITH

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2015

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

This is his body

What would happen if, in contemplating this overwhelming day, we set aside the images of cruelty, betrayal, denial, whips, thorns, and nails and consider *passion* as the expression of the deepest emotions of the heart, that which drives a person to hand her or himself over to another without reservation: "Do with me what you will. I am yours." Jesus' Passion is not only his agony, but the handing over of his whole self—even to violence and death—in order to be faithful to the beloved. You. How loved you are!

TODAY'S READINGS: Procession: Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16 (37); Mass: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philipians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1—15:47 (38). "She has done a good thing for me."

MONDAY, MARCH 30

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Jesus has '70s swagger

For young Catholics in the early 1970s, the release of the rock album *Jesus Christ Superstar* was a game changer. The Passion set to contemporary lyrics highlighting the political and philosophical differences between Jesus and Judas made the gospel relevant to a generation awash in social turmoil. Some found the very human portrayal of Jesus offensive—it took the Vatican until 1999 to endorse the musical. But it is good for us hurting humans to be reminded every now and then that Jesus "gets us"—the pain, confusion, and betrayals we face. He's been there and lived to tell the tale, as have his disciples in new ways with each generation. It's your turn now.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11 (257). "Then Judas the Iscariot said, 'Why was this oil not sold for three hundred days' wages and given to the poor?'"

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Enter stage left—the betrayer

Why is a story of betrayal central to our Holy Week experience? Was it really necessary? Is Judas the villain of the story, or perhaps simply a convenient scapegoat? Truth be told, we are all "the betrayer" in one way or another, in that even having heard the Good News, we forget it, neglect it, ignore it, overlook it, more often than we care to admit. Oh well. That is why we indeed need a savior. And though it may seem our betrayals kill him, the story of salvation has a different ending. Stay tuned this week.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38 (258). "Amen, amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me."

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Slippery slope

The character Faust, of German legend, sold his soul to the devil in return for unlimited knowledge and worldly pleasures. No one in real life (or in their right mind) would agree to such a stark trade, but no one is ever offered that much and at so high a price either. Temptation is much more subtle, as are the small ways you rationalize choices that compromise your values, and therefore it is that much harder to guard against. Remember that your integrity, your character, your self-worth—your soul—is priceless.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25 (259). "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?"

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (HOLY THURSDAY)

Take a closer walk

The Triduum—beginning with the liturgy on the evening of Holy Thursday and ending with evening prayer on Easter Sunday—is the church's most sacred trifacta, after the Trinity of course! These moments are part of the one paschal celebration in which we, along with all of creation, journey with Christ through passion, death, burial, and resurrection. As you move from the joyous beginning of Holy Thursday into the quiet stillness of evening, take time to gather your own joys and struggles—and those of the rest of the world—and walk closely with Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15 (39). "This day shall be a memorial feast for you."

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION (GOOD FRIDAY); DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Cross your heart

Solemnity, prayer . . . and delicious baked goods? It must be Good Friday. There are many ways that people throughout the world honor this sacred day of remembering the death of Jesus. A custom in England, Ireland, and in many countries is to bake hot cross buns. These sweet pastries are typically scored or iced with a cross. Whatever you do this day—bake, work, pray, fast, care, smile, mourn—remember that you and all of creation are blessed with the sign of the cross.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1—19:42 (40). "Let us confidently approach the throne of grace."

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

HOLY SATURDAY

You've arrived!

Many consider the Easter Vigil the most beautiful liturgy of the year. And for good reason—we celebrate not only the Resurrection of the Lord (as if that were not enough!) but our own arriving, our own awakening from the slumber of half-faith into the full light of Easter. Perhaps the words of the great poet T.S. Eliot express it best: "We shall not cease from exploration / And the end of all our exploring / Will be to arrive where we started / And know the place for the first time." Happy Easter!

TODAY'S READINGS: Vigil: Genesis 1:1—2:2; Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 14:15—15:1; Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Mark 16:1-7 (41). "On the first day of the week, they came to the tomb."

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