



*Welcome to:
The Parishes of Our Lady of
Mount Carmel-St. Ann
and Our Lady of Loreto*



MASS SCHEDULE

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.

HOLY DAY 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.

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in the Parish Center Chapel

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8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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MINISTERIAL STAFF

Rev. Msgr. F. Stephen Pedone, Pastor

Rev. Jesus E. Martinez, Assoc. Pastor

Most Rev. George E. Rueger, in residence

Gerald Montiverdi, Deacon

Joan D'Argenis, Director of Religious Education

Maria Sciannameo, RCIA Director

Mr. Scott Olson, Organist

Mr. Michael Garceau, Organist/Wedding Ministry

Gloria Caprioi, Safe Environment Coordinator

Lisa Fenuccio, Administrative Assistant

Phyllis Lynch, Secretary

Paul T. Audette, Deacon

Mr. Michael Sacco, Mr. Joseph Sama - Finance

Ms. Joan Venincasa, Mr. John DaSilva,

Mr. Michael Garceau - Music

Ms. Virginia Lelakis, Safe Environment

Ms. Julia Tufano - Office

Mr. John Oliver, Hospitality Ministry

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

To schedule a baptism at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, please call 508-797-4546. To schedule a baptism at Our Lady of Loreto Church, please call 508-753-5001.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

To schedule a wedding at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, please call 508-797-4546. To schedule a wedding at Our Lady of Loreto Church, please call 508-753-5001.

ILLNESS

Arrangements can be made to have Holy Communion brought to 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 call 508-797-4546 or 508-753-5001.

PARISH REGISTRATION

To become a registered member of either parish, please call 508-797-4546 or 508-753-5001.



Loreto's Annual Christmas Giving Tree

Our Lady of Loreto is once again this year supporting the children from the Guild of St. Agnes with our annual Christmas Giving Tree. Wrapped gifts need to be brought to church by December 13. Thank you for your generosity. Only 30 (of the original 150) tags were left on the tree after last weekend.

Celebrate Advent by Lighting a Candle

We at Loreto continue to observe the Centuries - old Advent wreath tradition. We invite you and your family to come forward at the beginning of each Mass during Advent to light the candles on the wreath. A sign-up sheet has been placed on the table in the vestibule of the church to reserve the Mass at which you and your family would like to come forward. This is a wonderful way to participate in this old tradition.

The Waters of Baptism



Louis Matthew Mercadante, son of Kristopher Mercadante and Heather Hall, was initiated into Loreto's Christian family through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, November 29. The parish family of Our Lady of Loreto welcomes him.

NOVEMBERFEST FINANCIAL REPORT:

Thank You to all who made this event a success!!!

REVENUES:

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Grand Raffle | \$2,989.00 |
| All Other Revenue | <u>7,028.27</u> |
| Total Revenue | \$10,017.27 |

EXPENSES:

| | |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Grand Raffle Prizes | \$1,850.00 |
| All Other Expenses | <u>1,587.84</u> |
| Total Expenses | \$3,437.84 |

NET INCOME: \$6,579.43

GRAND RAFFLE WINNERS:

| | | |
|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| 1st Prize | Bernadette Ostromecki | \$1,000.00 |
| 2nd Prize | Richard Clemente | 500.00 |
| 3rd Prize | Susan Clemente | 250.00 |
| 4th Prize | Ernest & Mary Grace Martone | 50.00 |
| 5th Prize | Rita Czechowski | <u>50.00</u> |
| | | \$1,850.00 |

SEMINARIAN GIFT TAGS

The names of our diocesan seminarians have been added to our Giving Tree. Many of our seminarians come from foreign countries and all are grateful for the gifts they receive, especially at Christmas. A gift card to CVS or Staples allows a seminarian to purchase needed personal items or class supplies. Each envelope on the tree contains the seminarian's name and address and can be mailed to him with your gift. Please do not send cash.

CONGRATULATIONS to the young people from Our Lady of Loreto who were Confirmed by Bishop McManus on Sunday, November 22nd at St. Paul's Cathedral as part of a multi-parish ceremony. They are:

| | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Logan Calcagni | Tyler Robertson |
| Anthony Clemente | Nicholas Sasso |

May the power of the Holy Spirit be your constant guide throughout your lives.

UMass Memorial Ronald McDonald Care Mobile

Are You Uninsured?

Do You Need Medical or Dental Services?

If Yes, Come See Us in the parking lot of Our Lady of Loreto Parish on Monday, December 14 from 9 am—3 pm

We offer preventive dental and health care services including: dental health care and Worcester Public Schools Dental Screening, physical exams, sports physicals, immunizations, outreach and more.

We provide medical and dental care for children and families even if they have no insurance or are unable to pay.

Flu shots provided free of charge and without an appointment.

To make an appointment, call 508-334-6073

For more information, contact: Nardy Vega at 508-341-9416

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE AT OUR LADY OF LORETO CHURCH

**Christmas Eve – Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 pm
Christmas Day – Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 am**

Calendars for 2016 (compliments of Mercadante Funeral Home) are in the vestibule of the church this weekend at Loreto. Also, Advent booklets are available for you to take home and use during this season. Please help yourselves!

SANCTUARY CANDLE REMEMBRANCE AT LORETO

DECEMBER 7-13

CHURCH SANCTUARY CANDLE

Theresa Saulnier By Diane, Frank & Family

Mark Your Calendar

Mon., Dec. 7 - 3:00 pm—Prayer Group @ Lourdes
6:00 pm—Vigil Mass in church
Tues., Dec. 8 - 8:00 am—Holy Day Mass in church
7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus @ Loreto
Sat., Dec. 12 - 1:00 pm—First Penance Service @ Lourdes for next spring’s 1st Communion candidates
Sun., Dec. 13 - 10:30 - 11:45 am –Religious Education for Grades 1-9 @ Lourdes
Mon., Dec. 14 - 9 am-3 pm– UMass Care Mobile @ Loreto
Tues., Dec. 15 - 5:30 pm—Finance Committee @ Loreto

Rest in Peace

We, the parish community of Our Lady of Loreto, extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Margaret Fulginiti . May God grant her peace forever and bring comfort to her family and friends.



Loreto Financial Stewardship

For the week ending November 29, 2015

| | <u>Income</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Offertory | \$2,068.00 |
| Rental Income | 550.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | 386.00 |
| Thanksgiving | 131.00 |
| Special C-Note Weekend | 100.00 |
| Maintenance | 77.00 |
| Expense Reimbursement | 74.97 |
| Fuel | 42.00 |
| Mass Stipends | 20.00 |
| Candles | 18.00 |
| Religious Education | 5.00 |
| TOTAL | \$3,471.97 |

Excluding monies restricted to specific needs, we paid the following bills with this week’s deposit and from our reserve in the checking account:

| | <u>Expenses</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Salaries & Wages | \$354.00 |
| Organists | 300.00 |
| Campaign for Human Development | 183.00 |
| Cantors (November) | 90.00 |
| Envelope Monitoring | 50.77 |
| Supplies | 23.72 |
| TOTAL | \$1,001.49 |

The Finance Committee has determined that we need to collect \$5,380 weekly to meet our financial obligations.

Mass Intentions for Our Lady of Loreto

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2015

4:00 pm—*Celio Ferreira (2A)* By Carol MacDonald And *Intentions of Merlin Banzuela* By Family

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 6, 2015

10:30 am – *Armando & Victoria Rossi (A)* By Family And *Jack, Nancy & John Macaruso* By Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015
ST. AMBROSE

6:00 pm – *Holy Day Vigil Mass in church - Living & Deceased Parishioners*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2015
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:00 am – *Holy Day Mass in church—Souls in Purgatory*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2015
ST. DAMASUS

8:00 am—*William J. Novick (10A)* By Wife, Vera & Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

4:00 pm—*Lucy Sjosten (B)* By Family And *Jack & Madeline Eaton and Ruth & Josephine Hilton* By Nephew

Confessions: 3:00 pm at Loreto

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 13, 2015

10:30 am – *Joseph Turo (15A) & Julianne Turo (Month’s Mind)* By Family And *AnnMarie Clemente Cavalieri (BD)* By Family



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a holy day of obligation. Mass for the holy day at Our Lady of Loreto will be held at 6:00 pm on Monday, December 7, the vigil of the holy day, and at 8:00 am on Tuesday, December 8. The Feast is celebrated nine months before the Nativity of Mary, which is celebrated on September 8. It is the patronal feast day of the United States. In the Constitution *Ineffabilis Deus* of December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX pronounced and defined that the Blessed Virgin Mary “in the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin.”

**WEEKEND COLLECTION
OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL
11/21/2015 & 11/22/2015**

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 4:00 PM Mass | \$1,001.00 |
| 8:00 AM Mass | \$1,222.00 |
| 10:00 AM Mass | \$1,342.00 |
| 11:30 AM Mass | \$430.00 |
| Shared Envelopes | \$90.00 |
| Total Mass Collections | <u>\$4,085.00</u> |
| Special Collections: | |
| Weekend Envelopes –mailed in | \$3,910.00 |
| Children’s Envelopes | \$1.05 |
| All Saints | \$5.00 |
| Campaign for Human Development | \$776.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | \$90.00 |
| Fuel | \$51.00 |
| Religious Education | \$15.00 |
| Capital Campaign | \$222.00 |
| On-Line Giving | \$295.00 |
| Candle Offering | \$229.00 |
| Total | <u>\$5,594.05</u> |
| Restricted Funds | \$998.00 |
| Unrestricted Funds | <u>\$8,681.05</u> |
| Total | <u>\$9,679.05</u> |

11/28/2015 & 11/29/2015

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|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 4:00 PM Mass | \$812.00 |
| 8:00 AM Mass | \$796.00 |
| 10:00 AM Mass | \$1,173.00 |
| 11:30 AM Mass | \$1,149.00 |
| Shared Envelopes | \$205.00 |
| Total Mass Collections | <u>\$4,135.00</u> |
| Special Collections: | |
| Weekend Envelopes –mailed in | \$425.00 |
| Children’s Envelopes | \$20.00 |
| All Saints | \$25.00 |
| Campaign for Human Development | \$25.00 |
| Christmas | \$65.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | \$640.00 |
| Fuel | \$155.00 |
| Immaculate Conception | \$10.00 |
| Solemnity of Mary | \$5.00 |
| Religious Education | \$67.00 |
| Religious Retirement | \$5.00 |
| Capital Campaign | \$55.00 |
| On-Line Giving | \$200.00 |
| Candle Offering | \$215.00 |
| Total | <u>\$1,912.00</u> |
| Restricted Funds | \$85.00 |
| Unrestricted Funds | <u>\$5,962.00</u> |
| Total | <u>\$6,047.00</u> |

The Finance Committee has determined that we need to collect \$9,400 each week to meet our current expenses.

MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH BUILDING

The building inspector for the City of Worcester has notified us that we must immediately take safety measures for the front of the church building by erecting protective staging and netting to capture most of the smaller debris that continues to fall from the façade. The cost of this endeavor is \$58,429. There must absolutely be no admittance or exit through the church’s front doors.

A suggestion was made to remove the bell tower completely and to cap it because its supporting concrete girders are eroding. The cost of this is estimated at \$122,745. To repair the façade, bell tower and strengthen the supports to the choir loft would cost the parish an estimated 1.4 million dollars. This doesn’t include the extensive repairs, which have to be made to the church’s interior. All this is money we do not have. As you can see from the parish financial report, we do not receive enough in our collections to pay even our regular bills.

Both the Pastoral Council and Finance Committee have recommended to me that we only take the necessary precautions to make the front of the church safe.

We have been talking about what to do with our failing church building, along with our parish center that needs, according to estimates, 1.4 million dollars of work, for years. The time has now come to act. After the first of the year, we and the Diocese will be making decisions about the future of our buildings and our parish. Of course, I will keep you completely informed.

Monsignor Pedone

GIVING TREE



Once again to remind our parishioners that we will be collecting gifts for children in need for Christmas through the Rainbow Child-Development Center, the YWCA Young Mother’s Club, Nazareth Home for Boys and individual families. Different colored tags have the first names of the children for whom we are buying, their ages and the suggested gifts. Gifts should be placed in a **gift bag** (not wrapped) with the original tags that had come from The Giving Tree. The tags are important since the color of a tag identifies the agency that had submitted the names and will distribute the gifts. You may also see some tags, which simply say “a grocery gift card from a family of 4 or 5 or 6.” (Please remember that toy guns, war games, pretend weapons or violent video games are inappropriate gifts at any time for anyone.) Mt. Carmel parishioners have always responded to the Giving Tree with awesome generosity. We know that you will be as big-hearted as always. Thank you and God bless you!

The gifts from the Giving Tree should be delivered no later than Tuesday, December 15.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 5, 2015—4:00 p.m.
Carolina and Andrea Marcello Migliorelli by Rita

Sunday, December 6, 2015—8:00 a.m.

The People of the Parish

Sunday, December 6, 2015—10:00 a.m.
Dominic Lanzillotti by Francis & Ann Frederico
Frances Pascucci by Carmine and Esther Lonardo
Gladys Bello (In honor of her 100th birthday) by Mary Ann and Carmelita Bello

Sunday, December 6, 2015—11:30 a.m.
Eileen R. (Villatico) Grosse by Dolores Riggieri
Seanislaio, Luisa, Tommaso and Carmela by Paladino Family

Monday, December 7, 2015—7:00 a.m.
Parishioners Intentions

Monday, December 7, 2015—5:00 p.m.—Vigil Mass for
Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary
Parishioners Intentions

Tuesday, December 8, 2015—7:00 a.m.—*Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Parishioners Intentions

Tuesday, December 8, 2015—12:15 p.m.—*Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Parishioners Intentions

Wednesday, December 9, 2015—7:00 a.m.
The Sick of the Parish

Thursday, December 10, 2015—7:00 a.m.
Parishioners Intentions

Friday, December 11, 2015—7:00 a.m.
The People of the Parish

Saturday, December 12, 2015—4:00 p.m.
Lydia Bastidas by Family
Frank Scioscia

Sunday, December 13, 2015—8:00 a.m.
Antonio Ventriglia by daughter Giovanna
Salem Francis (Birthday Remembrance) by wife Deborah

Sunday, December 13, 2015—10:00 a.m.
Deceased of Feola Family, Antoinetta Rossetti, Rosalba Puca by D'Andrea Family
Morris, Dora and Joseph Mastrototaro by Sophie Welch

Sunday, December 13, 2015—11:30 a.m.
In Honor of St. Lucy: Given for Lucy DiLeo by Family
Anthony Sr., Florence, Anthony Jr., Alesio, Carl, Janet and Kathleen Rano by son Francis
Deceased Members of the Pedone, Silvestris, Rana, Biancheria, Palermo and Arena Families



Please pray for the sick of our parish: Anna Perro, Francis Caffone, Susan Stomski, Donna Grasseschi, 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 Mari, Sim Simone, Cathy Coffey, Mary Ciuffredo, Mildred Bassan, Vincent Pusateri, Debbie Caffone, Carol Youngstrom, Juana E. Pignataro, Joseph Lapomardo, Joseph Ginskus, Philip Powers, Ethel Toney, Marcia DiLeo, Johnny Mero, Virginia Czubrynsk, Karen Remian, Chester DiLeo and Angelina Giorgio. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

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

Michael Bodinizzo
 By wife Terry and children

Today (Sunday) at the 8:00 Mass, Philip and Mary Maurice will be installed as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for our parish. Congratulations to them!

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church on **Monday, December 7th at 5:00 pm**. On the day of the solemnity, **Tuesday, December 8th, Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 am and 12:15 pm**. At Our Lady of Loreto Church, Mass will be celebrated at **6:00 pm on Monday, December 7th** and at **8:00 am in the church, Tuesday, December 8th**.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE AT OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH

Christmas Eve – Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 pm and Midnight
 Christmas Day – Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 am.

PARISH CENSUS

Letters with census forms have been mailed to the households from which there has been no response to the earlier letter we sent out in June. **PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED CENSUS FORM TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 21ST. OTHERWISE WE WILL ASSUME YOU NO LONGER WISH TO CONTINUE YOUR MEMBERSHIP HERE AT OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL AND YOUR YOUR NAME(S) WILL BE REMOVED FROM OUR CENSUS LIST.**

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

Program for the Month December 2015

December 1, 2015

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

December 8, 2015

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

December 15, 2015

12:00 Noon Christmas Party
11:30 A.M. Doors Open

December 22, 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.

December 29, 2014

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

**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.**

**LASALETTE SHRINE AND
WRIGHTS CHICKEN FARM**

December 13—Trip to Lasalette Shrine and Wrights
Chicken Farm. Bus will leave Mount Carmel at 1:30 p.m.
Cost is \$30 per person.

WINTER WEATHER POLICY

As we get deeper into winter, we know that snow and ice are right around the corner. With that in mind, and for the sake of safety, when Worcester schools cancel or delay class, morning Mass at both Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Churches is canceled. Please listen to WTAG or WSRS for no school announcements.

Holy Name Jr/Sr H.S. Presents: “A Christmas Sleigh Ride”, featuring their Chorus, Dance and Music Programs, Wed., Dec 9 @ 12:00, Thurs., Dec. 10 @ 7:00 pm, Sat., Dec. 13 @ 2:00 pm. Free and open to the public!! Reception following Saturday Performance. Call 508-753-6371 for more details.

ITALIAN CLASSES

This semester we are offering three levels of classes for adults. Italian for Beginners 1, this class is intended for people who have had no exposure to Italian. A Beginner 11 is intended for those who have completed Beginners 1 and are not ready of Intermediate. Intermediate Italian for those that have completed Beginners Italian I and II. Beginners 1 will be offered on Tuesday, Intermediate will be held on Thursday, Beginners 11 will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Cost: \$130.00 non-members and \$100.00 members of The Gene J. DeFeudis Italian American Cultural Center. Classes run for ten weeks and will begin the week of January 19. For more information email Joan at joan_dargenis@yahoo.com



On Monday, December 21, 2015 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel KofC again be hosting their Annual Posada at 6:30pm. A Posada is a traditional family-oriented Christmas event popular in Latin America. Combining readings, songs, and a reenactment, the Posada (Spanish for inn) recounts the story of the first Christmas, when Mary & Joseph traveled to Bethlehem but found no room at the inn. The Posada tradition was developed by Franciscan missionaries centuries ago as a means of explaining Christmas. The event ends with a procession to the center where there will be light refreshments and a piñata for the children. All members of both parishes are warmly invited to attend.

NEW ENVELOPE COMPANY

We have recently switched to another company that will provide our parishioners with offertory envelopes. Your January and February envelopes will be from our new company, Our Sunday Visitor. If by the end of December you do not receive your January and February envelopes or if there is an error, please contact the Parish Office at 508-797-4546 or lisaolmc@gmail.com.

We hope this will be an easy transition and appreciate your patience.

**Nativity Pageant
Sunday, December 13 at 9:30 a.m.**

End of Bulletin

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