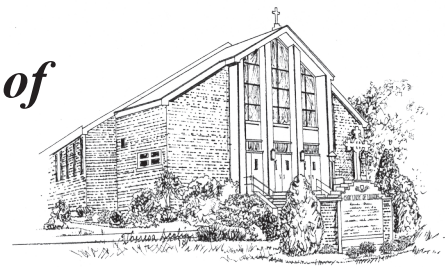




*Welcome to:
The Parishes of Our Lady of
Mount Carmel-St. Ann
and Our Lady of Loreto*



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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Religious Education: 508-791-6139

Parish e-mail: lisaolmc@gmail.com

Parish Website: www.mtcarmel.ws

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8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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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.



Celebration of Christmas at Loreto

Join us on Thursday, December 24 at 4 pm for our celebration of the Great Vigil of Christmas. Following the reading of the Proclamation of Christmas, there will be a Procession to the crèche with children dressed as Mary and Joseph, angels and shepherds. *O Holy Night* will be sung at the crib. *The Night Before Christmas* will be read and candy canes distributed to the children at the end of Mass. The music will be spectacular.

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Friday, December 25
10:30 am
Christmas Day Celebration

The Waters of Baptism



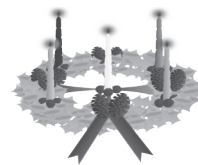
Lucas Frank Gallati, son of Katherine Gallati, was initiated into Loreto's Christian family through the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, December 5. The parish family of Our Lady of Loreto welcomes him.

O Antiphons

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the 8th century. They are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

- December 17 **O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!**
- December 18 **O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!**
- December 19 **O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!**

Celebrate Advent by Lighting a Candle



Sign up to have your family come forward to light the candles on our Advent wreath. This is a wonderful way to participate in this old centuries - old Advent tradition.

Thank You to the following people who have made donations to Our Lady of Loreto Memorial Fund in memory of Julianne Turo:

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Mrs. Vivian Rodgers | Mr. & Mrs. Francis Penny |
| Joanne & Bruce Fortin | The Nigro Family |
| Carol Seager | Romeo & Annette Turo |
| Wendy & James Diamantopoulos | |
| Jennifer & Paul Davies | |

A Huge Thank You for Your Generosity

Staff from St. Agnes Guild will come on Monday, Dec. 14 to pick up the mountain of gifts purchased and attractively wrapped by you. All 150 tags were taken from the tree with many people taking two, three or more tags. Thanks again for all that you do.

YEAR OF MERCY

Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith... We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it. Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.

At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives. For this reason I have proclaimed an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy as a special time for the Church, a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective...

With our eyes fixed on Jesus and his merciful gaze, we experience the love of the Most Holy Trinity.

Misericordiae Vultus 1-3,8
Pope Francis

SANCTUARY CANDLE REMEMBRANCE AT LORETO

DECEMBER 14-20
CHURCH SANCTUARY CANDLE
Eddie Frissora By Diane, Frank & Family

Mark Your Calendar

Mon., Dec. 14 - 9 am-3 pm— UMass Care Mobile @ Loreto
3:00 pm—Prayer Group @ Lourdes
Tues., Dec. 15 - 5:30 PM—Finance Committee @ Loreto
7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus @ Loreto
Sun., Dec. 20 - 9:30 am—Christmas Pageant @ Lourdes for all Religious Education students. No other Religious Education Classes today.

Gaudete Sunday

Gaudete Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of Advent. The Introit for Gaudete Sunday is taken from Philippians 4:4,5: *“Gaudete in Domino semper”* (“Rejoice in the Lord always”). On Gaudete Sunday, having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little, and the priest wears rose vestments. The change in color provides us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation—especially prayer and fasting—for Christmas. For the same reason, the third candle of the Advent wreath, first lit on Gaudete Sunday, is rose-colored.

Loreto Financial Stewardship

For the week ending December 6, 2015

Income

Offertory	\$2,828.00
Maintenance	462.00
Christmas Flowers	360.00
Rental Income	200.00
Fuel	140.00
Mass Stipends	55.00
Donations	50.00
Candles	32.00
Religious Education	20.00
TOTAL	\$4,147.00

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

Expenses

Salaries & Wages	\$4,132.66
Office Computer Equipment	1,320.00
Grounds & Fall Cleanup	540.00
Rectory Food & Household	391.18
Altar Servers Outing	297.02
Organists	250.00
Rubbish Removal	138.60
Deacon Retreat	118.80
TOTAL	\$7,188.26

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 12, 2015

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

THIRD 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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

8:00 am – Intentions of the Ogbonna Family By Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2015

8:00 am – Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2015

8:00 am—Guerra & Fenuccio Families By Anna Fenuccio

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2015

4:00 pm—Rose Milluzzo (1A) By Children And Armando Polselli By Family

Confessions: 3:00 pm at Loreto

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 20, 2015

10:30 am – Joseph Artuso By Wife & Family And Diane Porcaro Paldino (1A) By Husband & Children

Members of the family requesting the Mass are asked to bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar. Please make yourselves known to the Hospitality Ministers and position yourselves when it is convenient to join the Offertory Procession.



2015-2016 Religious Education News for Our Lady of Loreto

Classes for Grades 1 - 9 on Sunday mornings immediately following the 9:30 Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes (10:30—11:45 am). Contact Joe Caforio at 978-808-8583 or Deacon Paul at 508-753-5001 if you would like more information or for a registration form.

All public school students need to be enrolled in Religious Education classes. In addition, all public, parochial and private school students need to be enrolled in Grade 2 (First Penance & Communion) classes.

**WEEKEND COLLECTION
OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL
12/5/2015 & 12/6/2015**

4:00 PM Mass	\$801.00
8:00 AM Mass	\$865.00
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,933.00
11:30 AM Mass	\$796.00
Shared Envelopes	\$386.00
Total Mass Collections	<u>\$4,781.00</u>
Special Collections:	
Weekend Envelopes –mailed in	\$2,077.00
All Souls	\$5.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$10.00
Catholic Schools	\$5.00
Christmas	\$325.00
Christmas Flowers	\$1,198.00
Ecumenical Council	\$5.00
Fuel	\$89.00
Immaculate Conception	\$152.00
Religious Education	\$20.00
Religious Retirement	\$62.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$15.00
World Mission Sunday	\$5.00
Capital Campaign	\$617.00
On-Line Giving	\$401.00
Candle Offering	\$227.00
Total	<u>\$5,213.00</u>
Restricted Funds	\$699.00
Unrestricted Funds	<u>\$9,295.00</u>
Total	<u>\$9,994.00</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.

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.

NATIVITY PAGEANT

Sunday, December 13 at 9:30 a.m. We are inviting all babies that were born in the year 2015 to come dress as baby animals to be a part of the Nativity Pageant.



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.

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.**

If you are not sure if you have already submitted the census, please call the parish office at 508-797-4546 or email lisaolmc@gmail.com.

Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, December 13 after the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses in the Parish Center.





MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 12, 2015— 4:00 p.m.

Lydia Bastidas de chum 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

Monday, December 14, 2015—7:00 a.m.

Parishioners Intentions

Tuesday, December 15, 2015—7:00 a.m.

The Sick of the Parish

Wednesday, December 16, 2015—7:00 a.m.

Parishioners Intentions

Thursday, December 17, 2015—7:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Mass for Carlee Nina Vasquez by
Family

Friday, December 18, 2015—7:00 a.m.

Barbara Battelle (9th Anniversary) by Family

Saturday, December 19, 2015—4:00 p.m.

Kelly Cesaitis-Curry (First Anniversary) by Parents
Joan Mero, Joyce Mills and Janet Eros by John
Mero

Sunday, December 20, 2015—8:00 a.m.

Charles D'Elia by Family

Sunday, December 20, 2015 —10:00 a.m.

Agnes Gallo by Gladys Bello
Michel Dellostritto (3rd Anniversary) by Wife Josie
and Children

Sunday, December 20, 2015 —11:30 a.m.

Nikki and Joe Gangai by daughter Marlene and
son-in-law Steve Perno

Ronald Daigle by Rose, Hank and Angelo Leone



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:

Monsignor Rocco Piccolomini

(Birthday Remembrance)

Elaine Grosse

(Birthday Remembrance)

By Mary DiSilvestro

Jane Generelli

(Birthday Remembrance)

by sister Mary Ann and brother-in-law Dan

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 in the rear of the church. Your donations make a big difference to some one who is hungry. Many thanks!



OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL – ST. ANN PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Program for the Month December 2015

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.**

1/5/16 – New Year's Eve Party and Tony D'Angelo &
Symphonettes

Mt. Carmel Golden Years

Christmas Party Dinner

Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 12:00 noon

Price: \$17

**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. Children under 10—\$20. Cost
includes bus, LaSalette and Wrights Chicken Farm

Basketball for ages 5 -8 every Tuesday from
5:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Contact
Joan D'Argenis for more information. 508-797-
4546 or joan_dargenis@yahoo.com



**There will be no CCD on Sunday,
December 20 and December 27.**

LA BAFANA

We will have a visit from La Bafana on Sunday, January 3
at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

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.

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 .

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