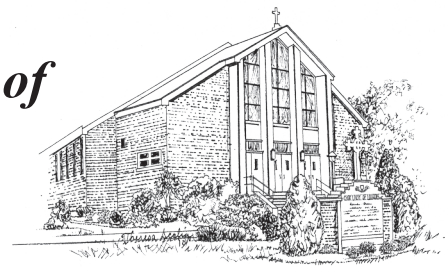




*Welcome to:
The Parishes of Our Lady of
Mount Carmel-St. Ann
and Our Lady of Loreto*



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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MASS SCHEDULE

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

DAILY MASS

Monday, Tuesday, and Friday at 8:00 a.m.
in the Parish Center Chapel

HOLY DAY MASSES

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

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Phyllis Lynch, Secretary

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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.



Friday, January 1,
the Solemnity of Mary, the
Holy Mother of God,
is a Holy Day of Obligation.
Mass will be celebrated at
Loreto on
Thursday, December 31
at 4:00 pm
and
Friday, January 1
at 10:30 am

The Second Vatican Council stated: "Clearly from earliest times the Blessed Virgin Mary is honored under the title Mother of God. In the 13th or 14th century, January 1 began to be celebrated in Rome as the feast of the Circumcision of the Lord and the Octave of the Nativity, while still oriented toward Mary and Christmas. Pope John XXIII's 1960 rubrical and calendrical revision removed the mention of the circumcision of Jesus and called January 1 simply the Octave of the Nativity. The 1969 revision of the liturgical year and the calendar states: "January 1, the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, and also the commemoration of the conferral of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. In his Apostolic Letter, *Marialis Cultus*, Pope Paul VI explained: "This celebration, placed on January 1...is meant to commemorate the part played by Mary in this mystery of salvation. It is meant also to exalt the singular dignity which this mystery brings to the holy Mother...through whom we were found worthy to receive the Author of life."

DAILY MASS

Because of very low numbers attending, daily Mass at Our Lady of Loreto Chapel will be suspended. It will resume during the Season of Lent.

SANCTUARY CANDLE REMEMBRANCE AT LORETO

DECEMBER 28—JANUARY 3
CHURCH SANCTUARY CANDLE

Deceased Members of the Tufano Family By Julia Tufano

Rest in Peace

We, the parish community of Our Lady of Loreto, extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of Vincent S. Pace and Nicholas Verdolino, Jr. May God grant them peace forever and bring comfort to their families and friends.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

*May 2016 bring you
peace, love and blessings!*

'Happy New Year!

From

*Msgr. Pedone, Father Martinez,
Father Caldarella, Deacon Paul
and parish staff*

Mark Your Calendar

- Mon., Dec. 28 - 3:00 pm—Prayer Group @ Lourdes
- Tues., Dec. 29- 7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus @ Loreto
- Thurs., Dec. 31 - 4:00 pm—Vigil of Holy Day @ Loreto
- Fri., Jan 1 - 10:30 am—Solemnity of Mary @ Loreto
- Sun., Jan. 3 - 10:30—11:45 am—Religious Education for Grades 1-9 @ Lourdes

YEAR OF MERCY

It is reported that a student once asked the famous anthropologist Margaret Mead, "What is the earliest sign of civilization in any given culture?" According to the story, the questioner likely expected Mead to say a tool, a weapon, a piece of pottery, an artifact of domestic life, etc.

Instead, the anthropologist answered: "A healed femur" (the big leg bone between the hip and the knee). A healed femur shows that someone took care of the injured person. Someone else had to step in to carry out the work of hunting and gathering until the individual's fractured leg healed. For Mead, the first sign of civilization was the evidence of compassion.

Pope Francis has called for the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy to make that primordial sign of civilization plain and far-reaching in the world again.

Fr. Peter John Cameron, O.P.

Volunteers Needed

Christmas is upon us. Jesus is born in our hearts. It is a season of love and giving and caring for others especially those in need. Patients on hospice are people in need. Holiday time is especially difficult for those in Nursing Homes and those on Hospice Care. Not only are they affected but so are their families who can't always be there for them. Can you spare one or two hours a week volunteering with patients at the end of life? Notre Dame Hospice is looking for kind, compassionate people. Volunteers can wheel patients around in wheelchairs, sit with them and talk, read the newspaper or books to them, play games, do puzzles or just sit quietly and hold their hand or pray for them. What a wonderful way to begin the NEW YEAR spending time with those at the end of their life who are often lonely and sometimes frightened because they know they don't have much time left here on earth. Challenge yourself to do more for others and be rewarded at the same time. We are also looking for volunteers to help out in our office by doing secretarial or office work. If you think you would feel comfortable volunteering with patients or in our office please contact, Linda Corby, Volunteer Coordinator at ND Hospice 508-852-5505.

Loreto Financial Stewardship
For the week ending December 20, 2015
Income

Offertory	\$2,860.00
Fuel	382.00
Funeral Stipends	300.00
Christmas Flowers	157.00
C-Note Donation	100.00
Maintenance	68.00
Religious Retirement	62.00
Donation—Other	50.00
Mass Stipends	45.00
Immaculate Conception	28.00
Religious Education	5.00
Candles	4.00
TOTAL	\$4,061.00

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

Clergy Benefit Plan (Health Insurance—Priests)	\$12,140.00
Electricity (Entire Campus)	885.57
Natural Gas (Church & Rectory)	443.57
Salaries & Wages	436.00
Payroll Taxes (November)	344.49
Telephone, Internet & Cable (Entire Campus)	291.91
Organists	250.00
Funeral Stipends	200.00
Repairs & Maintenance	123.95
Supplies	25.00
TOTAL	\$15,140.49

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 26, 2015

4:00 pm—*Theresa Saulnier* By Frank Saulnier & Family And
William & Irene McBride By Family

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
DECEMBER 27, 2015

10:30 am – *Brian Dionne (38A)* By Dionne Family And
Joseph Tufano (37A) By Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2015

THE HOLY INNOCENTS

8:00 am – *Living & Deceased Parishioners*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2015

ST. THOMAS BECKET

8:00 am – *Souls in Purgatory*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2015

VIGIL FOR HOLY DAY

4:00 pm - *Holy Day Mass*

FIRST FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2016

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

10:30 am - *Holy Day Mass* - For the intentions of
Merlin & Maria Banzuela on their 25th Anniversary

FIRST SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 2016

STS. BASIL THE GREAT & ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN
4:00 pm - *Carmella "Dolly" Reno (1A)* By Family

Confessions: 3:00 pm at Loreto

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3, 2016

10:30 am – *Joseph Aromando & Deceased members of the*
Toscano Family By Family

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 and for Confirmation are 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
12/12/2015 & 12/13/2015**

4:00 PM Mass	\$1,280.00
8:00 AM Mass	\$795.00
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,352.00
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,222.00
Shared Envelopes	\$336.00
Total Mass Collections	<u>\$4,985.00</u>
Special Collections:	
Weekend Envelopes –mailed in	\$1,823.00
Children’s Envelopes	\$23.05
All Souls	\$2.00
All Souls	\$7.00
Catholic Schools	\$5.00
Christmas	\$115.00
Christmas Flowers	\$692.00
Ecumenical Council	\$5.00
Fuel	\$186.00
Good Friday	\$5.00
Immaculate Conception	\$538.00
Religious Retirement	\$1,098.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$32.00
Capital Campaign	\$367.00
On-Line Giving	\$200.00
Candle Offering	\$245.00
Total	<u>\$5,343.05</u>
Restricted Funds	\$1,475.00
Unrestricted Funds	<u>\$8,853.05</u>
Total	<u>\$10,328.05</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.

Due to the New Years holiday, the bulletin was submitted to the printer earlier than usual. Collection totals for 12/19/2015 and 12/20/2015 will appear in next weekends bulletin.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Pancake Breakfast will be held January 31 after the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses. Cost is \$4 per person. Meal includes pancakes, sausage and juice. Hope to see you there.

LA BAFANA

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

NEW YEAR’S DAY – THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD – A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MASS SCHEDULE

Masses will be celebrated at **4:00 pm** at both Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Churches on **Thursday, December 31st**. On **Friday, January 1st**, Masses will be celebrated at **10:00 am** at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and at **10:30 am** at Our Lady of Loreto Church.

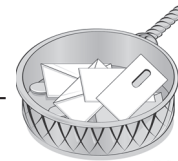
FRIDAY, JANUARY 1ST, NEW YEAR’S DAY – PARISH OFFICES AT BOTH OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL AND OUR LADY OF LORETO WILL BE CLOSED.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

May the new year, 2016, be a time of blessings, good health and joy for all!

There will be no CCD on Sunday, December 27.

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.

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 26, 2015—4:00 p.m.

Maria, Mary and Patsy Sacco by Family
Carmella Piccinino (15th Anniversary) **Armando Piccinino** (6th Anniversary) and **Robert Piccinino** (11th Anniversary) by Family

Sunday, December 27, 2015—8:00 a.m.

Henry, Mary and Anthony Pascarelli by Family
Eleanor B. D'Elia by Family

Sunday, December 27, 2015—10:00 a.m.

Clara Merola by Family
Lorna Johnson (Month's Mind) by Andrea DiLeo

Sunday, December 27, 2015—11:30 a.m.

Rose M. Gerdauskas (10th Anniversary) by Daughters, Marie and Pat and son-in-law Arthur
Rita Ritacco and Mary Dunn by Aunt

Monday, December 28, 2015—7:00 a.m.

Parishioners Intentions

Tuesday, December 29, 2015—7:00 a.m.

The Sick of the Parish

Wednesday, December 30, 2015—7:00 a.m.

Parishioners Intentions

Thursday, December 31, 2015—4:00 p.m.

Joseph Grimaldi by Mary and Suzanne
Richard Grimaldo by Grimaldo Family

Friday, January 1, 2015—10:00 a.m.

Lucia & John Natale and their daughter Marie L. Caprioli by Family

Saturday, January 2, 2015—4:00 p.m.

Angelina Giorgio (Month's Mind) by Anna Desrosier

Sunday, January 3, 2015—8:00 a.m.

The People of the Parish

Sunday, January 3, 2015—10:00 a.m.

Martha Lonardo, Dominic Picirillo and Carmine Picirillo by Carmen & Esther Lonardo
Frank Sicammacco and Paul Welch by Sophie Welch

Sunday, January 3, 2015—11:30 a.m.

Elizabeth L. Conte by John Conte
Claire Cantiani by Donna and Steve Grasseschi



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, Virginia Czubrynsk, Karen Remian, Chester DiLeo and Nelson Carlson. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

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

Ralph Notarangelo
By Family

Vera Sbrogna
by husband Gus

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

Program for the Month December 2015

December 29, 2014

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

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

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

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

Women's Guild Meeting **January 19 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Parish Center.

TAKE FIVE FOR FAITH

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2015**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH****Say yes to the unknown**

It is good and right to hold Jesus' family in the highest esteem. But in reality we have very few details about their daily lives. When we search scripture for clues we learn that Joseph and Mary each said *yes* to the unknown as they accepted the responsibility of parenthood. In truth, that is the situation encountered by every parent. We embrace the gift of life and do our best to parent and bring our children closer to God. But it is not a clear science. It is indeed entering the unknown with a sacrificial *yes* that allows every parent to share in the creative work of God. On this third day of Christmas, give the gift of gratitude to a parent you know.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 or Colossians 3:12-21 ; Luke 2:41-52 (17). "Son, why have you done this to us? You see that your father and I have been searching for you."

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28**FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS****Let them be heard**

"Children should be seen and not heard." Aristophanes voiced this maxim in 423 B.C. By the 15th century, a clergyman's sermon amended it to "A maiden should be seen but not heard," and four centuries later Thackeray agreed that "little girls" are properly silent. B.W. Bellamy's 1915 *Table Rules for Little Folks* restores the original idea that children are best seen and silent. However you say it, this idea leaves the most vulnerable members of society open to bullying, violence, and abuse. On this fourth day of Christmas, give the gift of your attention to children.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18 (698). "A voice was heard in Ramah . . . Rachel weeping for her children, and she would not be consoled."

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29**FEAST OF THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP, MARTYR****Speak truth to power**

In 1162, King Henry II of England appointed his good friend Thomas Becket as archbishop of Canterbury, which was the most powerful church position in the country. The king was hoping Becket would be his political puppet, but Becket realized his duty and out of principle refused to yield control of the church in England to the throne, and because of his stance he was martyred. When you're given responsibilities, remember that you're responsible to the people you serve, not the ones who got you there.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35 (202). ". . . whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him."

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30**SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD****In praise of praise**

Criticism is easy to dispense. We can always find the dust on the relative's bookshelves, the imperfection in the child's homework, the moral fault in our neighbor. But how often do we offer praise where praise is due? The epistle writers of the New Testament take equal time to strengthen and encourage the community with words of affirmation and to steer it with corrections. On this sixth day of Christmas, give the gift of encouragement to someone who hasn't heard it lately.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40 (203). "I am writing to you, young men, because you have conquered the Evil One."

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31**SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD****Sharing the light of faith**

How do we talk about our faith to others? Some may cringe: "Heavens, what a question!" Proselytizing is a game we'd prefer to leave to religious hustlers, and rightly so. But the witness of our faith is something to share generously, starting with our families and friends. If you had a plate of amazing cookies, wouldn't you eagerly bring them out to pass around? How much more the Good News of God's love and forgiveness? On this seventh day of Christmas, give the gift of a favorite Bible verse to someone you love.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18 (204). "He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him."

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2016**OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD****Celebrate all that is new**

The feast of Mary as Mother of God occurs this year at the start of the new calendar year. Both are times of new beginnings. We celebrate Mary, who through her "yes" has borne Emmanuel, "God with us," marking a new moment in history. We also celebrate the New Year, with many of us resolving to make some kind of change for the better. How might Mary inspire you to newness this year? How might you inspire others? On this eighth day of Christmas, give the gift of gratitude for Mary's example of openness to God's calling.

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21 (18). "And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2**FEAST OF BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZUS, BISHOPS, DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH****Holiness can be a family affair**

Several giants of the Early Church, including today's saints Basil and Gregory Nazianzus, were inspired by Basil's older sister Macrina (whose brothers also included two other saints, Gregory of Nyssa and Peter of Sebaste). Macrina deeply influenced her family with her asceticism. With the help of her younger brother, Peter, Macrina turned the family estate into a monastery and convent, providing a peaceful shelter for study and meditation. What inspiration can you draw from family members as you resolve to deepen your commitment to Christ in this new year dedicated to mercy?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28 (205). "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.'"

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