



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



**MASS SCHEDULE**

**All Masses are celebrated at Our Lady of Loreto Parish, 33 Massasoit Road, Worcester**

**LORD'S DAY MASSES**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00, and 11:30 a.m.

**DAILY MASS**

Monday through Thursday 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.

**To schedule Mass Intentions please call 508-797-4546.**

**24 Mulberry St., Worcester, MA 01605**

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Deacon Paul (home) - 508-886-2856

Liturgical Music - 508-865-5748

**MINISTERIAL STAFF**

Rev. Msgr. F. Stephen Pedone, Pastor

Most Rev. George E. Rueger, in residence

Gerald Montiverdi, Deacon

Joan D'Argenis, Director of Religious Education

Maria Sciannameo, RCIA Director

Mary DiSilvestro, Sacristan

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Phyllis Lynch, Secretary

Paul T. Audette, Deacon

Mr. Michael Sacco, Mr. Joseph Sama - Finance

Ms. Joan Venincasa, Mr. John DaSilva,

Ms. Sanghee Kim- Music

Ms. Virginia Lelakis, Safe Environment

Ms. Julia Tufano - Office

Mr. John Oliver, Hospitality Ministry

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

To schedule a baptism please call 508-797-4546 or 508-753-5001.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

To schedule a wedding please call 508-797-4546 or 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.

**“COFFEE AND... “**



Join us after the  
10 am Mass in our Parish Center  
for coffee, a sweet treat and  
good conversation!!

Next week, Mt. Carmel’s American Heritage Girl Troop will be selling bags of coffee after all Masses on Dec. 4th. They have partnered with Red Barn Coffee to sell ground coffee in five flavors, perfect for the holidays! We will brew the coffee for the “Coffee and...” after the 10:00 Mass, so please come have a taste and support Christian Scouting and our mission to raise up our young girls into faithful young women!

**Advent Prayer**

Ever faithful God,  
your prophets foretold the coming of the light.  
In your name they promised  
that the eyes of the blind would be opened.  
We confidently await the coming of your Son,  
and the day when he will gather all people  
to live in your light, for ever and ever. Amen.  
~Proclaiming All Your Wonders

*“For you do not know which day your Lord will come.”  
Matthew 24:42*

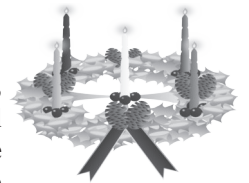
People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given.

**Thank you for your food donations!**

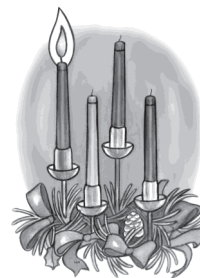
We thank the many parishioners who make generous donations of non-perishable food throughout the year, but especially during this year’s Thanksgiving Food Drive. The food has been delivered to the Urban Missionaries of Our Lady of Hope on Canterbury St. here in Worcester and will support people in need in the city. God bless you for once again putting your faith into action.

This week’s bulletin does not contain a financial report for Our Lady of Loreto for the week ending 11/20/16 due to an early bulletin deadline. Two weeks of financial reports will be included in the December 4 bulletin.

**Celebrate Advent by Lighting a Candle**



Throughout the season of Advent, the traditional Advent wreath will be set up in Loreto’s sanctuary. 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 book 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 for you and your family to participate in this centuries-old Advent tradition.



1st Sunday of Advent

"Stay awake! Be prepared." The advice is clear enough. And chances are, most of us are inclined to follow this fervent instruction from the Lord. We'd like to be vigilant. We'd like to be ready. When the ultimate Advent comes-when Jesus returns-we don't want to be the one left standing alone in the field. But on its own, the desire to be alert isn't necessarily enough to keep us from drifting off into a spiritual siesta. Consider the apostles in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus gave them a similar instruction to the one he gives today: "Keep watch" (Mt 26:38). And what happened? They fell asleep. "The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak" (26:41). How about us? Can we really stay awake? Indeed, the season of Advent presents a challenge: Jesus asks us to be ready to greet him at any hour. Though our spirit may be willing, can our "flesh" pull it off? Especially in this month of holiday hustle and bustle, how can we stay constantly focused on welcoming Christ?

Saint Paul gives us a hint in today's epistle: "Put on the armor of light...Put on the Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom 13:12, 14). Just as light prevents physical sleep, so too the light of Christ prevents spiritual slumber. When we invite Jesus' Spirit into our hearts, it's like keeping a vigil light flickering in the window of our souls. We may go about our business, but that expectant flame never burns out. So when Jesus comes again-even like a thief in the night-he will find us ready and waiting.

Mark Your Calendar

Tues., Nov. 29 - 7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus @ Loreto Center  
 Fri., Dec. 2 - Family Trip to Wright's Farm and LaSalette Shrine  
 Sun., Dec. 4 - Religious Education classes @Loreto Center  
 8:30 - 9:45 am - Pre-K - Grade 4 followed by Mass for all grades  
 11 am-12:15 pm - Grades 5-10



**Prayer to the Holy Spirit  
 for all who work for the Church**

O Holy Spirit, Creator, graciously aid and inspire those who are engaged in fulfilling the mission of the church, who work to build thy Kingdom by teaching and evangelizing others. Grant that by thy supernatural power, they may be strengthened and confirmed against the assaults of the Enemy. By thy mercy and grace, renew the spirit of thy servants to whom thou has entrusted this labor, that in thee all their works may glorify the Father and His only begotten Son, Christ the Lord.

*From Novena to the Holy Spirit*

**Volunteers Needed**

Notre Dame Pedi Pals is looking for kind, compassionate people to spend time with a child with a life limiting illness and/or their sibling(s) by tutoring, playing games, helping with events or making meals for families when they return home from hospital trips. Challenge yourself and be rewarded at the same time. If you would feel comfortable volunteering please contact, Valerie Blanchard at ND Pedi Pals 508-852-5505.

**VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED**

There are parishioners who no longer drive but would like to attend Mass. If anyone is able to bring someone to Mass, let us know. At this time, there is a particular need for someone living in Millbury. Call the Loreto office for more information. Maybe someone would like to coordinate this ministry?

Christmas Giving Trees



Both of our parishes will continue our traditions of supporting the poor at Christmas by having two Giving Trees in the Loreto vestibule. One will support the children from the Guild of St. Agnes. The tree is decorated with 150 tags. Wrapped gifts may be brought to church on the weekends of December 3/4 and December 10/11. Gifts will be displayed at the entrance of our sanctuary.

The second tree will support struggling families in our neighborhood, the children at the Rainbow Pre-School Center, young pregnant mothers through the YWCA and other local charities.

Although the St. Agnes Guild tree is a Loreto tradition and the second tree a Mt. Carmel tradition, we invite Mass goers to take tags from either – or both—trees.

What a wonderful way to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Christmas.

*Pray...Pray...Pray...*

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Dec. 1, 7:00 pm—Night at the Movies: Apparition Hill**  
 @ Showcase Cinema North, an emotionally charged “cinematic pilgrimage”. Call Patti at St. Joseph—St. Pius X office, 508-859-8083.

**Dec.4, 2pm—Diocesan Multi-Cultural Advent Concert**—Sacred Heart—St. Catherine of Sweden Parish, 596 Cambridge St., Worc. Free event with “Coffee And...” after music in the church hall.

**Dec. 10, 9:30 am—1:00 pm “Women of Faith” Morning of Prayer**—St. Anne Convent, 720 Boston Post Road, Marlborough. “Keep your lamp trimmed and Burning”, presentation, prayer, reflection and discussion. \$10 at the door. Pre-register by Dec. 5: Sr. Yvette Bellerosevettelbellerose@gmail.com, 774- 239-3372 or Ann Williams at nw63@gmail.com, 508-481-8176.

**Miramar Retreat Center—December Retreats**  
 121 Parks St., Box M, Duxbury, MA 02331  
 miramarma@aol.com, 781-585-2460

**Dec. 7, 9:30 am-1pm—Mini Retreat for Women**, lunch included.

**Dec. 9-11—Advent Retreat**—Prepare for Christmas

**Dec. 18, 10 am-3 pm**—Healing the Heart, Tending The Emotions, lunch included.

**WEEKEND COLLECTION  
OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL  
11/19/2016 & 11/20/2016**

Due to the early submission of this bulletin the weekend collection totals for 11/19 and 11/20/2016 were not available. The amounts will appear in the December 4 bulletin.

Thank you for your support of Our Lady of Mount Carmel—St. Ann Parish.

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**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

During the month of November, the Church remembers and prays for her beloved dead. Again this year, we are making available "The Book of Remembrance" and we invite you to enter the names of your deceased loved ones. The book will be placed next to the Paschal Candle. We will pray for them at every Mass in November. *Requiescant in pace.*

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**COFFEE SALE**

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**WINTER WEATHER POLICY**

As we approach the month of December, 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 is canceled. Please listen to WTAG or WSRS for no school announcements.




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**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

The Mass schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day is as follows:

**Christmas Eve – Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>: Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 and 6:30 PM**

**Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>: Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 and 10:00 AM**

**SEASON OF ADVENT**

This weekend begins the season of Advent. It is a season of hope and preparation, as signified in the lighting of the candles of the Advent wreath, for the celebration of Christmas, of Jesus coming into our world and taking on our human nature. This is called the Incarnation. This is a blessed time to examine our relationship with Jesus and seek ways to make it deeper. Much of the violence we see in our world today is a direct result of so many turning away from God or relegating Him to a far less important place in our lives. Many people don't seem to have time for God but seem to have a lot of time for other things that, when viewed in terms of eternity, don't mean too much. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let us commit ourselves to spending more time in prayer, attending Mass during the week, going to confession, making more room in our lives for God who loves us unconditionally and wants us to spend eternity with Him. May this holy season of Advent be a time of peace and special graces for you and your loved ones.

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**INTENSIVE TRAINING FOR CATHOLIC  
EVANGELIZATION**

Sent to Share God's Mercy & Message is Open to all who are interested. Develop practical skills for sharing our Catholic faith and the message of Jesus with the power of the Holy Spirit--in everyday life, organizations, groups, ministries, and our parish. Six Saturday training sessions over five months. Begins **January 21, 2017 from 9 am to 2 pm** at St. Ann Parish Hall, 130 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury. \$60.00 per person. Sessions include: prayer, presentations, readings, small group sharing, skills-training, practice, and "people" homework. Presenters: John and Therese Boucher, evangelization consultants, trainers & writers, [www.catholic-evangelizer.com](http://www.catholic-evangelizer.com). Visit [www.worcesterdiocese.org/intensive-training-for-catholic-evangelization](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/intensive-training-for-catholic-evangelization). Registration and payment due Jan. 6, 2017. For more information contact Kathy Barrett at 508-929-4335 or [kbarrett@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:kbarrett@worcesterdiocese.org).

As a reminder Our Lady of Loreto and Our Lady of Mount Carmel-St. Ann follow the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester in screening those who work with children in our care and in helping victims of abuse find healing. If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a Church employee or volunteer in the past, please contact The Office for Healing and Prevention at 508-929-4363 (direct line & confidential voicemail). If you are concerned about a current case of abuse, please contact the local civil authorities immediately.



**MASS  
INTENTIONS**

Saturday, November 26, 2016—3:00 p.m.—Confessions

Saturday, November 26, 2016—4:00 p.m.

**For the intentions of Mendrick & Tess Ortiz** By Banzuela Family

**Christopher McCarthy** by Charles D'Elia, Jr. and Anne Constantine

Sunday, November 27, 2016—8:00 a.m.

**The Sick of Our Lady of Loreto and Our Lady of Loreto parishes**

Sunday, November 27, 2016—10:00 a.m.

**For the intentions of Marc Banzuela** By Banzuela Family

**Leno Caputo** by Wife and Children

**Antonetta and Francesco Caputo and Giovanni Maria**

**DelloStritto** by Antonio Caputo and Family

**Phyllis Bouvier** (Month's Mind) by Nickie Sasso

Sunday, November 27, 2016—11:30 a.m.

**Marie Pecorelli** (2nd Anniversary) by Family

Monday, November 28, 2016—7:00 a.m.

**Parishioners Intentions**

Tuesday, November 29, 2016—7:00 a.m.

**Susan Stapinski** By Husband, Paul

Wednesday, November 30, 2016—7:00 a.m.

**Parishioners Intentions**

Thursday, December 1, 2016—7:00 a.m.

**Peace in the world** By Helen Ogbonna

**FIRST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2016**

**7:00 am - Communion Service followed by Exposition Of the Blessed Sacrament**

**11:45 am - Benediction**

Saturday, December 3, 2016—3:00 p.m.—Confessions

Saturday, December 3, 2016—4:00 p.m.

**Mary and Michael Caccialino** by Family

Sunday, December 4, 2016—8:00 a.m.

**Rinaldi and Tarallo Families**

Sunday, December 4, 2016—10:00 a.m.

**Luisa, Stanney & Tommaso Paldino** by Son  
**Francis Pascucci and Greg Travaglio** by Carmine and Esther Lonardo

Sunday, December 4, 2016—11:30 a.m.

**Parishioners Intentions**



**Please pray for the sick of our parish:** 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, Patricia Naples, Paula Mari, Sim Simone, Cathy Coffey, Mary Ciuffredo, Mildred Bassan, Vincent Pusateri, Debbie Caffone, Carol Youngstrom, Juana E. Pignataro, Joseph Lapomardo, Joseph Ginkus, Philip Powers, Marcia DiLeo, Virginia Czubrynski, Karen Remian, Chester DiLeo, Mike Scaglione, Sandra Powers, Robert Mazzola, Jennifer Bodinizzo, Martin Laine, Antoinette Raddi, Dianne Grasseschi, Loretta Sciafani, Robert Bacon, Susan Cardinal, Michael Corron, Sue Bellino and Maria Lilette-Ann Vasquez.. 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

**A SPECIAL ADVENT GIFT FOR YOU AND YOUR SPOUSE**

A Weekend of Discovery ... A Lifetime of Love  
When was the last time you did something special as a couple alone together?

Most couples are busy with work and family. It seems every moment of the day is planned and there's never enough time to get everything done. When was the last time you had a weekend alone together? Consider planning a weekend away, just the two of you, to renew your marriage relationship.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is a positive, renewing experience for couples that have a good marriage and want to make it even better!

Who is a Marriage Encounter Weekend for?  
Any married couple that desires a richer, fuller life together deserves a Weekend. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is designed to deepen and enrich the joys a couple shares together, whether they have been married only a short time or many years.

Join us at the upcoming  
Marriage Encounter Weekend at Miramar Retreat Center  
Duxbury, MA, December 2-4, 2016

Approved by the Office of Family Life Ministry: Archdiocese of Boston, Dioceses of Worcester, Springfield, Fall River, Manchester, and Providence  
Worldwide Marriage Encounter 800-710-WWME  
www.WWMEMA.org www.facebook.com/WWMEMA

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**December 2** - Wrights Chicken Farm and LaSalette  
Leave Our Lady of Mt. Carmel at 4:00 p.m.

**December 9, 10, 11** - Amish Country

For more information please e-mail Joan at  
joan\_dargenis@yahoo.com or call 508-797-4546

**ANNUAL NEW YORK  
CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP**

Saturday, December 17.

Cost - \$60.00

Email Joan at joan\_dargenis@yahoo.com or call the  
office at 508-791-6139

**The Italian American Cultural Center Presents**

**GRAND AMISH CHRISTMAS**

December 9-11, 2016

Experience an Amish Christmas in 2016

Featuring the show "Samson."

Day 1: Depart from Our Lady of Mount Carmel for Pennsylvania Dutch country. You will tour Philadelphia, then you'll travel to Lancaster where you'll stay at the Heritage Hotel. Enjoy dinner, an authentic Pennsylvania Dutch feast at Miller's Smorgasbord.

Day 2: After a hot breakfast you'll tour Lancaster. That afternoon you will be treated to Sight and Sounds Theatre's 'Samson' show. Dinner is included.

Day 3: After breakfast you'll tour Hershey, Pennsylvania. Tour cost is \$389.00 per person double, \$379 per person triple and for \$499 single.

Please contact Joan D'Argenis at  
joan\_dargenis@yahoo.com or 508-797-4546.

**THEATRE TRIPS**

The Lion King is scheduled for Sunday, March 5. The cost is \$85.00 which includes the ticket and bus.

Matilda is scheduled for Sunday, May 21. The cost is \$54.50 which includes the show and bus.

*"The greatest challenge of the day is : how to bring about a revolution of the heart, a revolution which has to start with each one of us?"*

*Dorothy Day*

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL – ST. ANN  
GOLDEN YEARS CLUB**

**Program for the November and December 2016**

**November 29, 2016**

10:30 – 11:30 AM Speaker: Dr. King  
Topic: Alzheimer's  
12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social.

**December 6, 2016**

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

**December 13, 2016**

12:00 NOON Christmas Party

**December 20, 2016**

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

**December 27, 2016**

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

Donations for Haiti will be accepted until the end of November. Drop off any Tuesday.

**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.**

**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. Level 1 will be offered on Tuesday, , Level 2 will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Level 3 will be held on Thursday. 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 17. For more information email Joan at joan\_dargenis@yahoo.com

**PARISH FOOD PANTRY**

Through your generosity, we are able to help families in our local area with food. Please drop off food items at the parish center. Your donations make a big difference to someone who is hungry. Many



# **End of Bulletin**

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