



# 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.

## PARISH OFFICES AND STAFF

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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

## 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 11/22/2014 & 11/23/2014

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, our bulletin had to be transmitted to the printer earlier than usual. Collection totals were not available at the time the bulletin was sent. All totals will appear in next weekend's bulletin.

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.

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve Day – Wednesday,  
December 24<sup>th</sup> - Mass will be celebrated  
as usual at 7:00 am**

**Christmas Eve – Mass will be celebrated  
at 4:00 pm and 12:00 Midnight**

**Christmas Day – Mass will be celebrated  
at 8:00 and 10:00 am**

**New Years Eve—Mass will be celebrated  
at 4:00 p.m.**

**New Years Day—Mass will be celebrated  
at 10:00 a.m.**

### LOOKING FOR CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING ON CHARTER TV?

Local Diocesan Programming is now on Charter Channel 193; Boston's Catholic TV is on Channel 101, and EWTN is on Channel 18.

## 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, 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** 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!



Please have all gifts to the Parish Center no later than December 14.

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## WINTER WEATHER POLICY

As the days grow colder and snow is in the forecast, the signs of the coming winter are around us. In the issue of safety, we want to restate the policy for weekday Mass when the weather is threatening. On those weekdays when Worcester schools cancel or delay opening due to inclement weather, the 7:00 am Mass is also cancelled.



### PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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**MASS  
INTENTIONS**

Saturday, November 29, 2014—4:00 p.m.  
**Mary and Michael Caccialino** by Family

Sunday, November 30, 2014—8:00 a.m.  
**Anna and Anthony Sharameta** by Family

Sunday, November 30, 2014—10:00 a.m.  
**Leno Caputo** by Wife and Children  
**Antonetta and Francesco Caputo and Giovanni Maria DelloStritto** by Antonia Caputo and Family

Sunday, November 30, 2014—11:30 a.m.  
**Anthony, Louisa and Italo D'Agostino** by Family  
**Kleber Burgos** (6 month Anniversary) by Yolanda Burgos and Family  
**Mary DiVirgilio** (Month's Mind) by Family

Monday, December 1, 2014—7:00 a.m.  
**Shirley Radziewicz** (10th Anniversary) by Children

Tuesday, December 2, 2014—7:00 a.m.  
**Robert W. Blood, Jr.** by Mr. and Mrs. Francis Mahoney

Wednesday, December 3, 2014—7:00 a.m.  
**Parishioners Intentions**

Thursday, December 4, 2014—7:00 a.m.  
**Jonelle Garofoli** (Birthday Remembrance) by Parents

Friday, December 5, 2014—7:00 a.m.  
**The Sick of the Parish**

Saturday, December 6, 2014—4:00 p.m.  
**Joseph Kwiatkowski** (5th Anniversary) by Family

Sunday, December 7, 2014—8:00 a.m.  
**Francis Pascucci** by Carmel and Esther Lonardo

Sunday, December 7, 2014—10:00 a.m.  
**Deceased of Feola Family, Antoinette Rosetti, Rosalba Puca** by D'Andrea Family

Sunday, December 7, 2014—11:30 a.m.  
**Theresa Groccia** (Birthday Remembrance) by Family  
**Rano Family: Anthony Sr., Florence, Anthony Jr., Kathleen, Alesio, Carl, and Janet** by Francis



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

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



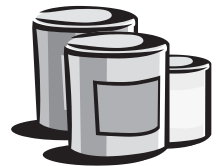
**Lucille Butler** (Birthday Remembrance)  
 By Rita DeLuca

**Michael Bodinizzo**  
 By Wife Theresa

**Paul F. Carelli** (27th Anniversary)  
 By Wife June and Children

**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!



**FAMILY REGISTRATION FORMS**

We are still in the process of updating our parish information database. If you have not already done so, please take a registration form from the entrance of the church and complete it as best you can and then return it either to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. If you have any questions please feel free to call the parish office at 508-797-4546 or e-mail Lisa at [lisaolmc@gmail.com](mailto:lisaolmc@gmail.com).

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

**Program for the Month December 2014**

**December 2, 2014**

10:00 A.M. Socializing  
 11:00 A.M. Nomination and Election 2015-2016  
 12:00 NOON Officers.  
 Lunch – Followed by Social.

**December 9, 2014**

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

**December 16, 2014**

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

**December 23, 2014**

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 30, 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.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS**

Envelopes are available in the vestibule of our church for Christmas flower donations. Please list the names in whose memory you want to make a donation. Please write names as clearly as possible. You can drop the envelope in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office. Many thanks for your generosity in helping us pay for the cost of decorating our sanctuary for Christmas. A complete list of contributions will be published in a future bulletin.

**MARCH FOR LIFE REGISTRATION INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE!**

Plan now to attend the 42nd annual March for Life in Washington, DC on **Thursday, Jan. 22, 2015!** Buses will leave from St. Paul’s Cathedral on Wed., Jan. 21 following the Respect Life Mass at 7:30 p.m., and will travel to the Basilica of National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC in time for Thursday a.m. Mass followed by the March for Life at noon. Buses will return by 1 am on Jan 23 to Cathedral immediately following the March, Cost is \$70 per seat for registrations postmarked by Dec. 31, and \$85 thereafter. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis until all seats are full. For more details and to download registration forms, visit [www.worcesterdiocese.org/respectlife](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/respectlife) or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311/508-929-4311 or [alexandroux@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:alexandroux@worcesterdiocese.org). Can’t attend this year but want to help? Consider making a donation that will help defray expenses for students in need.

**WORCESTER LODGE 168 SONS of ITALY**

will hold its annual Christmas PARTY on **Saturday, December 6, 2014**  
**6:30 pm Dinner @ 7:15pm**  
 At Our Lady of Mt. Carmel-St. Ann Center  
 Mulberry St., Worcester, MA  
 ALL are Welcome  
 \$35 pp. BYOB  
**MUSIC! DANCING! RAFFLES! FUN!**  
 For tickets and more information call:  
 MARIA @ (508) 842-7604

**CAN YOU HELP WITH THE PARISH’S WEBSITE?**

We are currently looking for volunteers to help keep the parish website at [www.mtcarmel.ws](http://www.mtcarmel.ws) updated with current and interesting information. If you are interested, please contact David Soares at [dasoares8@charter.net](mailto:dasoares8@charter.net) or 508-754-4588. **You do not need special technical skills/web programming experience to help.**

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!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**December 7 – Trip to LaSalette Shrine and Wrights Chicken Farm –** Bus will leave at 1:30 p.m. Cost - \$30.00

**December 13—Annual New York Trip -** Cost - \$50.00

**December 14 at 9:30 a.m. Nativity Pageant –** We are inviting all babies that were born in the year 2014 to come dress as baby animals to be a part of the Nativity Pageant.

**Basketball for ages 5 -8 will start Tuesday, November 18 from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.**

**NATIVITY PAGEANT – CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

**Sunday, December 14 at 9:30 a.m.** prior to the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Grades pre-K - Drummer Boys or Girls or Angels , K, 1, and 2 will be angels. Grade 3: Shepherds and animals, Grade 4 – Grade 6: Shepherds, Grade 6: Three Kings – 3 students. **All toddlers ages new born to 3 are asked to come dressed as baby animals. The shepherds should wear a bathrobe with a dish towel on their heads tied with a ribbon. Please come and show your support for our children.**

**The story of Christmas through the eyes of the Italian Renaissance presented by Donna Winant.**

**Wednesday, December 3 at 6:30 pm.**

**ANNUAL MASS TO REMEMBER OUR CHILDREN**

On **Monday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m.** at St. George Church, Brattle Street, Worcester, you are invited to attend the Pieta annual mass to honor and remember all of our children who have died. Please invite any families who have lost a child. Sponsored by Pieta Support Group for Bereaved Parents. For more information, please call Terry Gentile at 508-434-0731 or Sue Stevens at 508-852-4887 508-852-4887, or email [pieta3@gmail.com](mailto:pieta3@gmail.com).

**DECEMBER 2 6:30 P.M.**

**Outside Nativity Gathering - Tuesday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m.**



Please plan on joining us for Hot Chocolate, Cookies and Christmas Caroling. Mary Ann Bello and Donna Giuliano have agreed to play their guitars and lead us in song.

We are looking for donations of Christmas Cookies.

Many have already started to repair our Nativity figurines to be placed in the Stable. Tom Lawton along with Glen MacGregor will be putting up the Stable and Lights outside the building.

Lighting of the Mt. Carmel Christmas Tree will take place that evening also. We are asking the students to bring in one ornament with their name on it to place on the tree that evening. If you can not make it that evening please bring your ornament before December 2nd. Ornaments do not have to be store bought, but can be handmade. They can either have individuals names or a Family ornament.

There will also be a visit from Santa Claus.

**SPRED SPECIAL RELIGIOUS DEVELOPMENT**

SPRED is Faith formation for those who learn differently. Do you know a child, teen or adult who has developmental, or learning disabilities? The Diocese of Worcester is implementing a program to serve this population.

SPRED (Special Religious Development) will provide small faith communities dedicated to the religious development on its members. SPRED will prepare participants for the sacraments as needed. The small groups will begin this fall. SPRED meetings are available in Worcester, Fitchburg, Westborough, and Webster.

For more information or to sign up now. Contact: Carolyn Oberhelman at [978-422-8512](tel:978-422-8512) or [carolynprinceton@aol.com](mailto:carolynprinceton@aol.com)

## TAKE FIVE FOR FAITH

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2014

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Let it be resolved**

There is more than one way to track time. In fact, some 50 different calendars are in use around the world today. Though most of the world uses the Gregorian calendar to manage everyday affairs and secular matters, Christians mark sacred time using the Advent calendar. Today happens to be the first day in that calendar, the beginning of the liturgical year as well as the start of the season of Advent. How would you like to grow and deepen in your faith this coming year? Write down some “faith resolutions,” seal them in an envelope, and hold them in a special place for later review.

*TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37 (2). “Be watchful! Be alert!”*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

WORLD AIDS DAY

**Be a healing presence**

Whether it is Ebola or HIV, on World AIDS Day we remember those whose entire lives have been brutalized by disease and we recognize how interdependent we are, that ultimately we *are* our brothers' and sisters' keepers. Jesus once expressed amazement at the faith of one who—not even a follower of Jesus—nonetheless trusted in God's goodness on behalf of his servant. Jesus was amazed because that “outsider's” faith was great and encompassed even a social subordinate, a servant. We must “keep” our brothers and sisters who often feel excluded, isolated, or shunned just because they are sick.

*TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11 (175). “Only say the word and my servant will be healed.”*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

ADVENT WEEKDAY

**Who do you think you are?**

Genealogy is more popular than ever. There are websites that help trace family lineages and TV shows that explore the family histories of celebrities. Genealogy can be a fun and meaningful hobby that fosters a proud connection to ethnic heritage and honors past generations. Remember that you have a spiritual family tree as well, with its roots in biblical history. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke detail the lineage of Jesus—from his father Joseph back to King David, back to Abraham, and finally back to Adam. This is your heritage, too.

*TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24 (176). “A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom.”*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

FEAST OF FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST

**Behind every Ignatius is a Francis Xavier**

When we think of the founder of the Jesuits, Ignatius of Loyola comes to mind. But he didn't do it alone. Francis Xavier and others studied with him, prayed with him, and stood together with him at the forming of the Society of Jesus—with emphasis on the word *society*. You can do great things on your own, no doubt, but you can do even greater things working together with others who share your faith and can strengthen your vision and your commitment. That's the beauty of having a church community—you don't have to go it alone. We're all in this together.

*TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37 (177). “Jesus summoned his disciples.”*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

ADVENT WEEKDAY

**Life is good even when it's not perfect**

Where can you turn for strength when things seem to fall apart despite your best efforts? That happens to most of us at some time in life. What once seemed secure—a job, a relationship, faith—now looks tenuous. It's not easy to weather these storms or to find God in the midst of them. Anxiety and fear can loom large. It can help to remember the good in life—however small or distant it may feel. The act of focusing on good is a way to regain balance, to tap into the strength, grace, and love that God offers always.

*TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27 (178). “A nation of firm purpose you keep in peace; in peace, for its trust in you.”*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

ADVENT WEEKDAY

**Seeing is believing**

The way you see things has a big influence on how you live. If you think the world will never change, you probably won't ever notice when it does. Part of the invitation during Advent is to gain new perspective. As you wait for Christ's coming, maybe the invitation is to see with enlightened eyes. Isaiah speaks of a time when the blind will see, the deaf will hear, and the lowly will rejoice. What if that time is now? Transformation is already taking place. You simply need to be open enough to seeing, hearing, and *being* like never before.

*TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31 (179). “He touched their eyes and said, ‘Let it be done for you according to your faith.’ And their eyes were opened.”*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

FEAST OF NICHOLAS, BISHOP

**Can you keep a secret?**

Recognition fuels most gift-giving. That's why buildings are named after big benefactors. The practice of secret gift giving, so much associated with fourth-century Saint Nicholas—the archetypal Santa Claus—is beautiful because it is generosity at its purest. There is no payoff or payoff possible, even the warm feeling that comes from hearing “Thank you so much!” which we all appreciate when acting generously. Giving anonymously is both more challenging and more enriching than the usual gifting rituals because it puts our generosity to the true test. Can we give without any hope of return or any expectation of recognition? If we truly believe that God sees our every act, then we know that even our secret generosity is noted by the One who matters most.

*TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8 (180). “At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them.”*

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