



# 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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Mr. Francis Heffron, Head Custodian  
Mr. Glenn MacGregor, Part-time Custodian  
Mr. Walter Borek, Part-time Church Caretaker

## 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 & Director of Adult Education

## 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  
5/23/2015 & 5/24/2015**

4:00 PM Mass	\$1,093.00
8:00 AM Mass	\$960.00
10:00 AM Mass	\$924.00
11:30 AM Mass	\$681.00
Shared Envelopes	\$125.00
Total Mass Collections	<u>\$3,783.00</u>

Special Collections:

Weekend Envelopes –mailed in	\$1,096.00
Ascension	\$34.00
Catholic Communications	\$15.00
Peter’s Pence	\$5.00
Nepal Earthquake Relief (Second collection)	\$815.00
Capital Campaign	\$140.00
On-Line Giving	\$272.50
Candle Offering	\$290.00
Total	<u>\$2,667.50</u>

Restricted Funds	\$975.00
Unrestricted Funds	\$5,475.50
Total	<u>\$6,450.50</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.

**PARISH CENSUS**

Beginning in June, we will take up a census of the parish by mail. According to our records, we have approximately 1600 registered households but less than 200 households who are active and supporting the parish. Every registered household will receive a letter and a form that must be returned to remain registered in the parish. These forms will also be available at the entrances to the church to allow those who wish to be parishioners to register.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

- Msgr. F. Stephen Pedone – [fpedone@charter.net](mailto:fpedone@charter.net)
- John Conte, Chair – [john.conte@verizon.net](mailto:john.conte@verizon.net)
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**PARTNERS IN CHARITY**



WE HAVE GONE OVER GOAL!!!  
To date, you as a parish have donated or pledged \$50,387. Our goal is \$50,000. I am grateful to all who participated for your generosity to this important appeal. May God bless you for your goodness and kindness!

Monsignor Pedone

**SAVE THE DATES**

**Our parish festival will be held August 21-23, 2015 on our parish grounds.**

**SPONSORSHIP CERTIFICATES**

We often receive requests from parishioners who have been asked to serve as a godparent at a baptism or a sponsor at confirmation. In order for us to issue these certificates, certain rules apply: (1) You must be a baptized and confirmed Catholic; (2) You must be a registered member of this parish, who contributes financially to the parish and attends Mass here regularly; (3) If married, you were married before a Catholic priest. If these criteria are not met, regretfully we cannot issue the certificate.

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

“The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ...” (Romans 8:16-17) If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn't we work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn't we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time, talent and treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God. Do we treat it that way?

As a reminder our parish follows 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 Frances Nugent, Victim Services Coordinator for our diocese 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, May 30, 2015—4:00 p.m.

**Frank Tomaiolo and Jean Tomaiolo-Harney** by Rosemarie Walsh

**Kleber Burgos** (First Anniversary) by Burgos Family

Sunday, May 31, 2015—8:00 a.m.

**Fina Romano and Cheryl (Romano) Patterson** by Family

Sunday, May 31, 2015—10:00 a.m.

**In Loving Memory of the Incutto Family and their Spouses** by their Children

Sunday, May 31, 2015—11:30 a.m.

**Deceased Members of the Cappabianca Family**

Monday, June 1, 2015—7:00 a.m.

**For the Soul of Larry Ombico** by The Ortiz Family

Tuesday, June 2, 2015—7:00 a.m.

**Marie Pecorelli** by husband and children

Wednesday, June 3, 2015—7:00 a.m.

**Eileen Grosse** (Month's Mind) by Friends

Thursday, June 4, 2015—7:00 a.m.

**Albert Mari** by family friend Dolores

Friday, June 5, 2015—7:00 a.m.

**The People of the Parish**

Saturday, June 6, 2015—4:00 p.m.

**Frances Walkowiak** (First Anniversary) by Janice, Annette and Theresa

**Samuel Del'Olio, Andrea Lucrezia, Giuseppe Lapolito and Rose Morin** by Family

Sunday, June 7, 2015—8:00 a.m.

**Barbara A. Pedone and Julio M. Pedone** by children

Sunday, June 7, 2015—10:00 a.m.

**Philip & Josephine Panzero and Joseph Bellino** by daughters and parents

**Vincent Sclamo** by Family

Sunday, June 7, 2015—11:30 a.m.

**Ann Cogoli Hayden** (103rd Birthday Remembrance) by Family

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!



**Please pray for the sick of our parish:** Anna Perro, Francis Caffone, Susan Stomski, James Dionne, Donna Grasseschi, Lena Sbrogna, Michael Crossen, 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 & Arthur Mari, Beverly Sacco, Sim Simone, Cathy Coffey, Mary Ciuffredo, Mildred Bassan, Vincent Pusateri, Jeffrey Berthiaume and Debbie Caffone. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

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

**The Incutto Family**

**Eileen Grosse**  
By Ginger Rinaldi

**Vera Sbrogna**  
By husband Gus



**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!



**ST. THOMAS MORE LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP**

Each year the St. Thomas More Society of our Diocese awards a scholarship of not less than \$3000 to a law student attending an accredited law school in the fall. Applicants or parents must be registered and active members of a parish in the Diocese of Worcester. Applicants may be in any year of law school studies. Applications may be obtained by visiting the diocesan website, [www.worcesterdiocese.org/st-thomas-more-society](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/st-thomas-more-society), by mailing requests to: St. Thomas More Society, Chancery Office, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609 or by calling Julie Schroeder at 508-929-4345. Applications are due on or before June 30, 2015. Should anyone wish to contribute to the scholarship fund, donations will be greatly appreciated and you can make contact at the above address or phone number.

## A LETTER FROM BISHOP McMANUS

May 28, 2015

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We live in a world that relies more and more on access to news and information at our fingertips, from smartphones to portable computers – and now even on watches! No one understands better how media can be an opportunity to carry out our mission as the Catholic Church than our Holy Father, Pope Francis. His embracing all forms of media to deliver his message has enabled him to capture the attention and imagination of the world and we are all beneficiaries of his efforts. In turn, he encourages all local dioceses, parishes and Catholic institutions to do the same.

This June, I invite you to contribute directly to our Catholic Communications Campaign which supports the delivery of the Daily Mass, devotional and informational programming, and other special events through various media including cable TV, radio, media relations, streaming videos, websites on the internet and social media. Part of your donation supports our local efforts through the Office of Communications/TV Ministry. The remainder supports national efforts on behalf of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, including this year's significant media support for the papal visits to New York City and the UN, Washington, D.C. and the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia.

Last Sunday, the Church celebrated Pentecost during which we heard how sharing the Good News effectively was empowered by the Holy Spirit, as the apostles proclaimed the message of Christ's resurrection to all who gathered, regardless of their native tongue. By baptism all believers have been commissioned to share that Good News of salvation. In the days of the apostles this good News was preached in the public square; today that forum is "virtual" as much as face-to-face. We must be vigilant in adopting any and all available means to share the message of God's love for all people, following the example of our Holy Father.

**Please give generously to the Catholic Communications Campaign to be taken up at all Masses on June 6 & 7.** If you would like to learn more about how we are utilizing your donations I invite you to visit [www.worcesterdiocese.org](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org).

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester

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

## Program for the Month June 2015

**June 2, 2015**

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

**June 9, 2015**

10:00 A.M. Socializing  
10:30 A.M. Board Meeting Golden Years Club  
11:00 A.M. Business Meeting Golden Years Club  
12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social.

**June 16, 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.

**June 23, 2015**

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.**

**CAROLE KING THE MUSICAL**

Sunday, September 20

Providence Performing Arts Center  
Tickets: \$88.00 includes show and bus

I will need people to pay in advance, but wanted to secure good seats. So I took a chance and ordered the tickets now. They go on sale to the public next week.

Long before she was **Carole King**, chart-topping music legend, she was Carol Klein, BROOKLYN girl with **Pasion** and **Chutzpah**. She fought her way into the record business as a teenager and, by the time she reached her twenties, had the husband of her dreams and a flourishing career writing hits for the biggest acts in rock 'n' roll. But it wasn't until her personal life began to crack that she finally managed to find her true voice. BEAUTIFUL tells the inspiring true story of King's remarkable rise to stardom, from being part of a hit songwriting team with her husband Gerry Goffin, to her relationship with fellow writers and best friends Cynthia Weil and Barry Mann, to becoming one of the most successful solo acts in popular music history. Along the way, she made more than BEAUTIFUL music, she wrote the soundtrack to a generation.

Please contact Joan D'Argenis for tickets at 508-797-4546 or [joan\\_dargenis@yahoo.com](mailto:joan_dargenis@yahoo.com)

**DINING FOR THE YOUTH**

The Our Lady of Mt. Carmel CYC program will be hosting a series of Dining Evenings to help support our Summer Youth and Family Programs. **Tuesday, June 3 – Texas Roadhouse – 535 Lincoln Street, Worcester - 4:00 – 9:00 p.m.** **June 9 – Pepe’s – 274 Franklin Street - 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.** **June 30—Dairy Queen—328 West Boylston Street in West Boylston—5:00—8:00 p.m.**

We really need your support! So please mark your calendars. Everyone goes out to eat often, most at least once a week. We are looking into having a DQ evening also.

**More information and flyers will follow.** You will need a flyer when attending to show you are there for Mt. Carmel. If anyone has any ideas, please contact me. So far the ideas have been wonderful. All of the restaurants will give us a table to place near the front door. To sell raffles and other items.

**TEXAS ROADHOUSE FUNDRAISER NIGHT**

Please help spread the word ! A separate invitation will follow and must be presented the evening of the event.

**Who:** The Texas Roadhouse will partner with our community.

**What:** The Texas Roadhouse will offer the restaurant as a place to hold a “Fundraiser Night”. The Texas Roadhouse will offer a minimum of 20% donation of the total sales of any guest who presents a PRE-DISTRIBUTED invitation on the day of the event to their server. All invitations must be given PRIOR to the guest’s arrival at the Texas Roadhouse on the day of the event. NO DISTRIBUTION OF INVITES INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE RESTAURANT THE DAY OF THE EVENT WILL BE ALLOWED. IF SUCH ACTIVITY OCCURS, DONATIONS MAY BE JEPORDIZED.

**When: Wednesday, June 3 - 3:30 - 9:00 p.m.**

**Where:** The event will be held at the Texas Roadhouse on Lincoln Street in Worcester, Ma during regular business hours of 3:30-9:00. Take-out orders ARE ELIGIBLE. The distribution of all invitations will be left up to the organization involved.

**Why:** All funds raised will be used expressly for the stated needs of the organization and a minimum of 20% of the collective sales from invited guests will be mailed to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Youth program.

**VACATION BIBLE AND SUMMER PROGRAM**

**Ages 5-10**

**July 7-30**

**9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

Please contact Joan D’Argenis at [joan\\_dargenis@yahoo.com](mailto:joan_dargenis@yahoo.com) or 508-797-4546 for more information.

**SUMMER PROGRAM**

The following are a list of supplies needed for our summer program. All donations are needed and appreciated.

**Black Plastic Sheeting (for slip and slide), glue sticks, Elmer’s glue, popsicle sticks, colored construction paper, kick balls, jump ropes, hula hoops, gimp - plastic strings for crafts, beads, yarn, shells, board games, red, white, blue nail polish, red, white, blue hair streaking spray, face paint, finger paint, 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> place ribbons (are available at the dollar store and lparty)**

Last year we made some changes to our summer program, that was a huge success. We would like to continue in the same direction this year. We will offer cooking lessons, Art and Building Stories, BOOKMAKING! Drama workshop, clay modeling, sewing classes, etiquette classes, sport skills, photography classes, dance classes, yoga classes, painting classes. We obvious need help to run these mini workshops. We are looking for volunteers. Perhaps some grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, older siblings, professional and non-professionals. There will also be plenty of time for kids just to be kids. We have planned some great outdoor activities, such as a Mini - Olympic day and a nautical day (water activities). Shirley and Anthony George have already volunteered for the Mini-Olympic day.

**EVENING OF BEAUTY FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN**

Monday, June 29

4:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Invidium Salon

274 Franklin Street

Fundraiser for the Summer Program Youth Program at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Hair Stylists –Pasquale Totaro from San Remo, Luigi Romeo from Invidium Salon, Gina Cariglia from Gina’s Hair Salon

Massage Therapist – Chip Sena

Women Hair Design – (Cut and Blow Dry) - \$20.00

Children and Men Hair Style - \$10.00

Manicures - Erin McMahan—\$8.00

Massages - \$1.00 per minute (20 minute max)

For appointments Joan at [508- 733-9870](tel:508-733-9870) or email at [joan\\_dargenis@yahoo.com](mailto:joan_dargenis@yahoo.com)

We are still in need of Hairdressers and Manicurists if you can help please let me know.

**TAKE FIVE FOR FAITH**

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2015**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

**The perfect trifacta**

One simple analogy used to explain the Trinity is the example of H<sup>2</sup>O, which we know in its liquid form as water, its frozen form as ice, and its boiled form as steam—same substance, different manifestations. While the biblical authors didn't develop a formal theology of the Trinity, they came to know God manifested as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The fact that Matthew called for believers to be baptized "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" sealed the deal for later theologians. Pour yourself a glass of water and ponder the perfect logic of the Trinity.

*TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20 (165). "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."*

**MONDAY, JUNE 1**

**FEAST OF JUSTIN, MARTYR**

**Driving while Catholic**

Identifying as a believer in a secular culture has never been easy. Do you wear articles signifying your faith? Do you put the bathtub Madonna on the lawn; display Saint Christopher on the dashboard; hang a cross in the living room? Former philosopher Justin embraced Christianity and taught his new creed with great fervor. Tobit, a devout Jew in an alien land, kept his faith despite great risk. Today we begin a continuous reading of the Book of Tobit. Make time this week for a great story about an angel, a demon, a boy, and his dog. See what God can do when we keep the faith!

*TODAY'S READINGS: Tobit 1:3; 2:1a-8; Mark 12:1-12 (353). "I, Tobit, have walked all the days of my life on the paths of truth and righteousness."*

**TUESDAY, JUNE 2**

**FEAST OF MARCELLINUS AND PETER, MARTYRS**

**Bury the dead**

Little is known about the lives of the fourth-century martyrs Marcellinus and Peter. They are remembered for being executed in a hidden place in order to deny them a proper burial, but two Christians found their bodies and gave them that burial. Burying the dead is one of the Corporal Works of Mercy. It is done to honor the body and respect the dignity of the deceased. You can help bury the dead by attending funerals and assisting others with the many expenses, large and small, of laying loved ones to rest.

*TODAY'S READINGS: Tobit 2:9-14; Mark 12:13-17 (354). "Where are your charitable deeds now? Where are your virtuous acts?"*

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3**

**FEAST OF CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS**

**A faithful life is not always an easy life**

In 19th-century Uganda, Charles Lwanga was one of a group of 22 young men aged 13 to 30 who were pages in the service of their Bagandan ruler. Their service included the expectation that they would submit to the ruler's demands for sexual favors. Charles and his companions refused and he defended the others whom he catechized while in prison. All were martyred on June 3, 1886. Eight decades later, all were canonized by Pope Paul VI, who remarked that "being a Christian is a fine thing but not always an easy one." Charles is a patron of Catholic youth, converts, and the victims of torture.

*TODAY'S READINGS: Tobit 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Mark 12:18-27 (355). "Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him."*

**THURSDAY, JUNE 4**

**In the company of angels**

In scripture, angels are more than spirit beings that can take human form. They can be symbols of the encounter with God. Think of the stories where angels are with people, walking and talking with them. Often people do not immediately recognize that they are in the company of angels, the messengers of God. As you think about your everyday life, who are your "angels"? Who are the people whose compassion, love, justice, and joy witness to God's presence in your midst?

*TODAY'S READINGS: Tobit 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Mark 12:28-34 (356). "When they had entered Media and were getting close to Ecbatana, Raphael said to the young man, 'Brother Tobiah!'"*

**FRIDAY, JUNE 5**

**FEAST OF BONIFACE, BISHOP, MARTYR**

**The gospel truth: care for creation**

Boniface, a Benedictine monk, left his homeland in England to preach the gospel in present-day Germany. Boniface was an effective missionary who faced countless challenges with courage and perseverance. At one point in his ministry he wrote to the English people asking for their help and prayers for "those who are of one blood and bone with you." On this day designated by the United Nations as World Environment Day, we honor the spirit of Saint Boniface as we choose a specific action to care for this earth that we share with all of humanity.

*TODAY'S READINGS: Tobit 11:5-17; Mark 12:35-37 (357). "Before them all, Tobit proclaimed how God had mercifully restored sight to his eyes."*

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6**

**FEAST OF NORBERT, BISHOP, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER**

**About-face to faith**

Born an aristocrat, Saint Norbert loved luxury and pleasure. It took getting thrown from a horse in a thunderstorm and being knocked unconscious for Norbert to repent. There was nothing cushy about his life after that. He became a priest, reformer, and founder of a religious order; he fought heresy, endured attacks, and rose to prominence. Taking the easy way is undeniably appealing, but conflict and difficulty reveal what you're really made of. You might not have a transformative experience as dramatic as Norbert's, but you can see challenges as opportunities to become better.

*TODAY'S READINGS: Tobit 12:1, 5-15, 20; Mark 12:38-44 (358). "Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets."*

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