



*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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in the Parish Center Chapel

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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

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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.

Christmas at Loreto

We wish to thank everyone who helped to make our Christmas Eve celebration a memorable family liturgical experience. Special thanks to the six children who participated in our pageant – Ainsley MacDonald (Mary), Michael Mitchell (Joseph), Anthony Gallati and Maxwell Mitchell (Shepherds), and Madison & MaKenna Nance (Angels). Also special thanks to the musicians – Joan Vincasa and Brittney Morello. We thank our altar servers who assisted in the sanctuary with dignity and reverence. We thank those who decorated the sanctuary. And, of course, thanks to so many of you who filled our church. The Christmas season is all about the peace and joy of the newborn Jesus. Our Christmas Eve liturgy radiated that peace and joy.

Mark Your Calendar

Mon., Jan 4 - 3:00 pm—Prayer Group @ Lourdes
 Tues., Jan. 5- 7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus @ Loreto
 Wed., Jan. 6 - 6:30-9:30 pm—Deacon Class @ Loreto
 Sun., Jan. 10 - Religious Education Family Celebration @ 9:30 am Mass @ Lourdes followed by Coffee and... after Mass

Loreto Financial Stewardship

For the week ending December 27, 2015

Income

Christmas	\$2,172.00
Offertory	1,802.00
Funeral Stipends	600.00
Fuel	201.00
Donations—Other	200.00
Religious Retirement	136.00
Expense Reimbursement	74.97
Immaculate Conception	65.00
Mass Stipends	40.00
Memorial Donations	25.00
Maintenance	25.00
Christmas Flowers	12.00
Candles	11.00
TOTAL	\$5,363.97

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	\$1,254.00
Christmas Flowers	536.00
Organists	500.00
Religious Retirement	420.00
Funeral Stipends	400.00
Cantors (December)	30.00
Supplies	2.15
TOTAL	\$3,142.15

The Finance Committee has determined that we need to collect \$5,380 weekly to meet our financial obligations.

Loreto Finance Committee Meeting

At its meeting on Monday, December 14 the Loreto Finance Committee reviewed the financial report submitted by Joe Sama, parish bookkeeper, for the period 9/1/15 through 11/30/15. It shows Total Receipts of \$36,638 and Total Disbursements of \$37,755, a deficit of \$1,117. Cash available in checking and savings accounts is \$35,716, a much improved cash flow due in large part to the "C-Note" Sunday collection of \$13,850 and other sources of savings (lower heating costs, lower clergy expenses, etc.). The average weekly offertory in this fiscal year is slightly higher (by \$150 per week) than last fiscal year's weekly offertory, a positive trend that we hope will continue. Total outstanding debt is now \$709,619. \$527,872 of this amount is the loan on the Parish Center and the balance on the loans from the Chancery to pay for a new church boiler and electrical repairs in the church.

The Committee decided to pay off (to the Chancery) the Clergy Benefit Plan liabilities of \$4,300 (FY2015) and \$7,840 (FY2016) and to apply proceeds from the C-Note collection toward the repair of the Parish Center roof. Work has begun on the roof and should be completed soon.

Respectfully submitted,
 Michael Sacco, CPA, MST
 Chairman

Thanks for your Christmas Generosity

Msgr. Pedone, Fr. Martinez, Fr. Caldarella and Deacon Paul want to thank so many of you for your generous gifts at Christmas. Know that we deeply appreciate your generosity and we hold you in our hearts in prayer. God bless you!

YEAR OF MERCY

Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life; rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise, God, whose very own you are, will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will carry you in his arms. Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same understanding Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day. He will either shield you from suffering or will give you unflinching strength to bear it. Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.

Saint Francis de Sales



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Mt 2:10-11

Epiphany of the Lord

"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." These Magi did not know the person they were seeking to honor. They had not met Jesus, but had embarked upon a long and arduous journey in order to come into his presence. Although they were not from among the Jewish people who had received the ancient promises of a Messiah, they were nonetheless anticipating his arrival. And when they found him, "they were overjoyed." Their quest had come to its moment of fulfillment when "they saw the child with Mary his mother."

For those of us who have been raised Christian since our infancy, it's important to reflect on the joy of the Magi. They found Christ as a result of great effort and expense. The very trials of their journey, and the hope that was fulfilled when it was successful, made them appreciate their encounter with Jesus in a profound way as "they prostrated themselves... and offered him gifts." Converts to the faith may have a kind of advantage in comprehending the experience of the Magi. But cradle Catholics may need to exert a bit more effort to share in the wonder. Even when Jesus has always been a part of someone's life, it is still important to stand in awe of him. On the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, we meditate on what it means to "find" Jesus. For some of us, this means remembering a conversion experience, but for others it means imagining what life would be like without him, and then rejoicing in the fact that he is truly with us. No matter how we found the Lord, we too should fall down on our knees in adoration and offer him the precious treasures of our lives: our fervent devotion and our will to serve him.

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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.

Mass Intentions for Our Lady of Loreto

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 2016

4:00 pm—Carmella "Dolly" Reno (1A) By Family And Deceased Members of the Cozzolino Family By Family

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 3, 2016

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2016

4:00 pm—Kelli Chenevert Palumbo (22A) By Family
Confessions: 3:00 pm at Loreto

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 10, 2016

10:30 am – Marie & William Prince and Jim Grasseschi
By Diane

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.

Rest in Peace

We, the parish community of Our Lady of Loreto, extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of Maureen Karalus, Peter Pavone and Deacon Nicholas CarraDonna . May God grant them peace forever and bring comfort to their families and friends.



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
12/19/2015 & 12/20/2015**

4:00 PM Mass	\$895.00
8:00 AM Mass	\$925.00
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,154.00
11:30 AM Mass	\$918.00
Shared Envelopes	\$210.00
Total Mass Collections	<u>\$4,102.00</u>
Special Collections:	
Weekend Envelopes –mailed in	\$2,527.00
Children’s Envelopes	\$60.35
Christmas	\$170.00
Christmas Flowers	\$392.00
Fuel	\$530.00
Immaculate Conception	\$27.00
Religious Education	\$5.00
Religious Retirement	\$79.00
Capital Campaign	\$50.00
On-Line Giving	\$220.00
Candle Offering	\$262.00
Total	<u>\$4,322.05</u>
Restricted Funds	\$129.00
Unrestricted Funds	<u>\$8,295.35</u>
Total	<u>\$8,424.35</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 Christmas, 12/26/2015 and 12/27/2015 will appear in next weekends bulletin.

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NOTE OF THANKS

I want to thank all those who sent gifts, cookies, flowers and Christmas greetings to me, Father Martinez and Bishop Rueger. We appreciate your kindness and your generosity. Many thanks, also, to Mary DiSilvestro and Mark Gerardi for decorating our altar and sanctuary so beautifully. Thanks go out to our cantors and organists, lectors, altar servers, especially to Anna Mae Gentile who organized them, to our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and collectors and to all who attended our Christmas Masses. Blessings and best wishes to all!

Monsignor Pedone

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 you did not receive 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.

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 3, 2016—8:00 a.m.

The People of the Parish

Sunday, January 3, 2016—10:00 a.m.

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

Sunday, January 3, 2016—11:30 a.m.

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

Monday, January 4, 2016—7:00 a.m.

Parishioners Intentions

Tuesday, January 5, 2016—7:00 a.m.

The Sick of the Parish

Wednesday, January 6, 2016—7:00 a.m.

Parishioners Intentions

Thursday, January 7, 2016—7:00 a.m.

The People of the Parish

Friday, January 8, 2016—7:00 a.m.

Parishioners Intentions

Saturday, January 9, 2016—4:00 p.m.

Felix & Carolyn DiSilvestri and their Children by Family
Emilio Minardi by Wife and Family

Sunday, January 10, 2016—8:00 a.m.

William & Alice Soucy by Bob & Camille Soucy
Michael Sputo (Birthday Remembrance and First Anniversary) by Wife and Son

Sunday, January 10, 2016—10:00 a.m.

Maria (Gazzillo) Farino and Francesco Gazzillo by brother Peter Gazzillo and Family
Giacomo Foggia by Wife and Children

Sunday, January 10, 2016—11:30 a.m.

Theresa Kwiatkowski (5th Anniversary) by Family
Susan G. Porcaro (3rd Anniversary) by son Michael



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.

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

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!



MYSTERY TRIP

The Mystery Trip will be on January 24, 2016. More information will follow soon.

THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY LAMPS ARE DEDICATED TO THE WELL BEING OF:

Richard Battelle
 By wife Jean

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, JANUARY 3, 2016

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Bless our home

We Catholics are great believers in the sanctity of time, person, and place. We honor special feasts, declare some glorious souls as saints, and worship in holy space. We even bury our dead in consecrated earth. Today we observe the annual Blessing of the Home—surely among the most significant spaces in our lives. Gather some objects that symbolize the holiness of home: a kitchen dish, a souvenir from a shared vacation, a family heirloom. Offer personal prayers to bless your home and each of its members for the year ahead.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12 (20).* "Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you."

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

FEAST OF ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS

Surf the transitions!

Imagine being born to one identity, only to lose it to compelling forces. Elizabeth Bayley was born in New York a citizen of the British Empire. Yet shortly thereafter, the Revolutionary War reorganized her family's loyalties toward a new realm. In a similar way, her devotion to the Church of England was tested after her husband's death on the shores of Italy. Wandering through Italy's Catholic churches, Elizabeth Bayley Seton was magnetically attracted to the beauty of the Eucharist. Catholicism became her destiny. Be fearless in seasons of transition.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25 (212).* "Beloved, do not trust every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they belong to God."

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

FEAST OF JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP

Power for the people!

Power often corrupts. So we watch politicians rise and fall, and religious leaders are not exempt from the temptations of unchallenged authority. Count Bishop John Neumann among the good leaders. Small in stature, he was large in courage and conviction. Mid-19th-century European immigrants in America were in need of spiritual leaders, and Neumann answered the call with zeal, being willing to walk 15 miles through rugged territory to confirm a single child. He collaborated with religious sisters and lay leaders to serve his sprawling Philadelphia diocese. Whatever authority you have, put it at the service of the common good.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44 (213).* "When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them."

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

FEAST OF ANDRÉ BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS

Don't let narrow-mindedness limit your vision

An epidemic breaks out, a religious brother volunteers to attend the sick, and amazingly, no one he attends dies. People flock to his monastery where his prayers bring comfort and relief to multitudes. He takes no credit and attributes all the healing to Saint Joseph. What's not to like about the story of Saint André Bessette of Quebec? Yet people complained: Some believed he was a charlatan, others objected that "diseased" people put those at the monastery and its school "at risk." Not-in-my-backyard thinking can crop up in the holiest of situations, where people in great suffering are finding relief. Reason to pause the next time you are ready to complain about something that affects your comfort zone.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52 (214).* "He saw that they were tossed about while rowing, for the wind was against them."

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

Celebrate the un-holidays

In the Walt Disney animation of *Alice in Wonderland*, Alice stumbles upon a party where everyone's singing "A very merry un-birthday to you!" Wouldn't it be great to celebrate your birthday every day without getting older? Well, perhaps we can call this time an "un-Christmas"—not the big day anymore, but the effect of the Incarnation continues to unfold in you. Its significance can't be grasped in just a day. And Christmas Day is only the *beginning* of the season, *not* the conclusion. Let its mystery seep into your soul and move you to see Christ in others. Without tinsel or Santa, can you make a little Christmas happen for someone today?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 4:19-5:4; Luke 4:14-22a (215).* "He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all."

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

Theology on tap

Water is a precious resource. It can be easy to forget the scarcity of clean water when every tap in our society flows freely. Yet, 750 million people lack access to clean water. That's well over twice the population of the United States. Water gives and helps sustain life, it cleanses and purifies as well. It was central to Jesus' ministry and is central to the ministry of the church. Without it, what would Baptism look like? Today, remember the new life given in the waters of Baptism and help conserve water so that others might simply live.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16 (216).* "This is the one who came through water and Blood, Jesus Christ."

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

Live outside the box

There's a popular saying going around on social media these days: "Life begins where your comfort zone ends." If anyone lived that adage, it was John the Baptist, and he challenged everyone to do the same. Even the very place where John conducted most of his ministry and baptized Christ—on the Jordan side of the Jordan River—is an unpleasant spot: hot, dusty, full of flies. In the New Testament, Jordan was called Peraea, which means simply the "land beyond." John was willing to go the distance for his mission. Are you?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30 (217).* "He must increase; I must decrease."

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