



*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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Parish fax: 508-755-3506

Religious Education: 508-791-6139

Parish e-mail: lisaolmc@gmail.com

Parish Website: www.mtcarmel.ws

33 Massasoit Road, Worcester, MA 01604

Parish telephone: 508-753-5001

Parish fax: 508-754-1537

Religious Education - 508-753-5773

Parish e-mail - clergy@ourladyofloreto.net

Parish Hall - 508-799-2445

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

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,

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.



Become an Altar Server

We are very proud of our corps of altar servers, guided by Ginny Lelakis. Many of you have complimented them and commented to us about their dignity and reverence on the altar and how their actions enhance your experience of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Bishop McManus himself has noticed how well our altar servers carry out their ministry. Their ministry brings them into the sanctuary of the church – as close as possible to the sacred words and gestures that define our faith. And they become part of a group of young people who have made a strong commitment at their young age to dedicate themselves to the service of God. Ginny Lelakis is now recruiting young people to become part of this special group. Anyone who has received the sacraments of Eucharist and Penance is eligible. See Msgr. Pedone, Deacon Paul or Deacon Gerry if you have questions or if you want Ginny to add your name to her next training class. You can reach Ginny @ 508-792-2750.

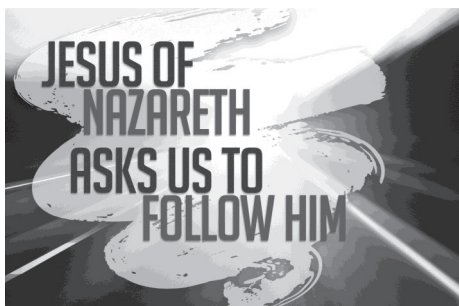
How about making a Cursillo weekend?

2017 dates are : **Men's—Feb. 9-12 & June 22-25;**
Women's—May 18-21 & October 12-15. All weekends will be held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. For additional information, please contact Carolyn Galgano @ 508-847-7005 or angels-3cma@gmail.com or Joan Laracy @ 774-239-2474 or joanlaracy@yahoo.com. Applications are available in the vestibule if the church.

Flu Season



Parishioners who are ill or suspect that they are ill with a contagious illness are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation. The exchange of the Sign of Peace may be offered without any physical contact—i.e. a simple bow.



First Friday at Loreto Church

First Friday devotions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, February 3, in the Loreto Parish Center Chapel. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins after the 7:00 am Communion service and ends with Benediction at 11:45 am. We invite you to spend a half-hour in adoration and reap many graces for doing so. A sign-up sheet for that purpose will be in the vestibule next weekend.

Adoration becomes seen as precisely the “gravitational pull” of the soul, as that activity which puts a man in his humanity face to face with his God. This stance of the creature before his Creator is the one that I think more than ever is needed today by the people of our world who so often have focused their attention on Man and have forgotten God who is their goal. It is absolutely necessary that many of us devote ourselves to adoration; we might say it is something needed by the mystical body.

Servant of God Madeleine Delbral

Loreto Financial Stewardship

For the week ending January 15, 2017

Income

Offertory	\$3,056.00
Maintenance	471.00
Funeral Stipends	300.00
Donations	250.00
Mass Stipends	120.00
Candles	76.00
Religious Education	46.00
Christmas	45.00
New Year's (Solemnity of Mary)	41.00
Fuel	39.00
Catholic Free Press	30.00
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TOTAL	\$4,474.00

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

Snow Removal & Sanding	\$640.00
Salaries & Wages	494.00
Calendar Raffle Winners	425.00
Heating Oil (Center)	414.05
Organists	250.00
Funeral Stipends	200.00
Advertisement	150.00
Catholic University	107.00
Water & Sewer (Entire Campus)	105.86
Repairs & Maintenance	90.00
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TOTAL	\$2,875.91

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

Mark Your Calendar

Mon., Jan. 23—9am-3pm—UMass Care Mobile @ Loreto
Tues., Jan. 24 - 7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus @ Loreto Center
Sun., Jan. 29 - 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

January is Respect Life Month

Give - that a Child might Live

Consider making a donation to Visitation House, Inc., a non-profit organization that houses pregnant women in crisis in Worcester, MA. Visitation House is privately funded and solely dependent on the generosity of donors like you. Since opening in 2005, they have welcomed 340 women to their home. Your financial support will insure the future of Visitation House and the future of babies, who might not have been born. Donations may be sent to:
 Visitation House, Inc.
 119 Endicott St., Worcester, MA 01610
 Thank You and God Bless You,
 Eve Lindquist, Executive Director

**Our Lady of Loreto Church
 Calendar Raffle Winners—2017**

01/08/17	Esther Zinkus	\$100.00
01/09/17	Carolyn Moore	50.00
01/10/17	Mary Taylor	50.00
01/11/17	Carol Masoero	50.00
01/12/17	Courtney Mello	50.00
01/13/17	Rose Porcaro	50.00
01/14/17	Rita Chapman	75.00

Congratulations to all!

**17th Annual Worcester Diocesan Catholic
 Men’s Conference
 Saturday, April 1, 2017
 Assumption College, Worcester**

Men of all ages, including teens and college students, are invited to this important annual Conference which includes talks from outstanding catholic leaders and celebration of Mass by Bishop McManus. Adult tickets are \$45 until March 15th, afterwards \$60; Students are always \$30. For a brochure or further information, call Julie Schroeder at 508-929-4345.

Why Go to Confession?

Believe it or not, the season of Lent is only about one month away. During Lent, Confessions will be heard on every Tuesday evening in the church. On one of those Tuesday evenings - March 28 - there will be a Penance Service with five priest/confessors. But some people ask: why should I have to go to Confession if I haven’t committed any terrible (mortal) sins? Why can’t I just tell God I am sorry in my private prayer?

This week we begin a series of articles adapted from www.aggieatholicblog.org to address these questions and to put us in a true Lenten frame of mind.

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 What does sin do? Sin causes a three-fold damage in our relationships—with God, with others and with ourselves. Most people easily see that sin can damage the relationship between us and God. This is why all Christians seek forgiveness of sins in some way. But this isn’t the only damage done. St. Paul tells us in several of his letters that we are all united to God in one body of Christ—the Church. One example of this teaching: *“We, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another.”* (Romans 12:5)

So, when we sin we can damage others. As Paul says in his long teaching on the Body of Christ in 1 Corinthians: *“If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.”* (1 Cor 12:26).

The third damage caused is to ourselves. We are created for goodness and holiness. When we sin, in a sense we become less of who we were created to be. This damage needs to be repaired also. This healing only happens when sin is forgiven.

Upcoming Events

Thurs., Jan. 26, 7:30 pm - Respect Life Mass at St. Paul’s Cathedral

Sat., Jan. 28, 5 pm - Parade of Soups at St. Roch’s, 332 Main St., Oxford. \$8 per person to sample soups, stews, chowders, bread, beverage and dessert.

Sun., Jan. 29, 1-3 pm - Open House at St. Peter Central Catholic Elementary School. There are openings in Grades Pre-K-7. Call 508-791-6496 or visit www.stpetercentralcatholic.com for more information.

Sun., Jan. 29, 12-2 pm - Open House at Assumption School, 17 Grove St., Millbury, for grades Pre-K-8. Call 508-865-5404 or visit www.assumption-cs.org for more information.

Sun., Jan. 29, 12:15-3 pm - Open House at Venerini Academy (snow day Wed., Feb. 1, 5:30-7 pm). Visit paul.jourcin@worcesterdiocesek12.org for more information.

**WEEKEND COLLECTION
OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL
1/14/2017 & 1/15/2017**



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

4:00 PM Mass	\$682.00
8:00 AM Mass	\$562.00
10:00 AM Mass	\$406.00
11:30 AM Mass	\$445.00
Total Mass Collections	<u>\$2,095.00</u>

Special Collections:

Weekend Envelopes –mailed in	\$390.00
Catholic University	\$12.00
Christmas	\$55.00
Fuel	\$147.00
Initial Offering	\$70.00
Maintenance	\$85.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$10.00
On-Line Giving	\$170.00
Total	<u>\$939.00</u>

Restricted Funds	\$12.00
Unrestricted Funds	<u>\$3,022.00</u>
Total	<u>\$3,034.00</u>

Thank you for your continued support of Our Lady of Mount Carmel-St. Ann parish.

Dear Friends,

I am happy to announce to you that Bishop McManus has decided to merge officially Our Lady of Mt. Carmel-St. Ann and Our Lady of Loreto Parishes to become one parish, which will be called Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish at Our Lady of Loreto Church. The name "St. Ann" will be dropped from the title of the new parish. The date of merger is February 1, 2017. This formal merger will allow us to move ahead as one parish as we plan for the future. The Bishop's decree of merger will be read at all Masses this weekend. The Mount Carmel campus will continue to run as it has been and scheduled events will continue to take place at Mount Carmel Parish Center.

The parish census of both parishes will also merge and all registered members of both parishes will be automatically registered in the new parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

In the next few days I will be writing to all registered members of the parish to explain about the merger.

I believe that this is an exciting time for us and is full of potential in our embracing and extending the Church's vital mission and the critical need for evangelization. We have much work to do together!

May our Lord Jesus inspire, bless and guide of efforts and may we draw strength from His Blessed Mother in all our future endeavors.

I respectfully ask for your prayers.

Monsignor Pedone

WINTER WEATHER POLICY



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. Cancellations are also posted on Channel 7 TV.

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." (Matthew 4:22) Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to Stewardship. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

BAKE SALE

The Dominican Sisters will be at Our Lady of Loreto selling their baked goods this Saturday, **January 21 and Sunday, January 22** after all Masses.



They will be selling their breads, brownies, and apple and blueberry pies. These are baked according to the Dominican Sisters. The proceeds from the sale will be used to buy medical supplies for their mission to support the lepers.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

DAILY MASS ON TV AND THE INTERNET

Tune in on Monday through Friday on Charter TV3 on channel 193 at 9 am for the local Daily Mass on cable celebrated by various priests from around our diocese. Also airs at 4:30 pm in Shrewsbury on Ch. 28, and 5 pm in Clinton area on Ch. 8.



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Saturday, January 21, 2017—3:00 p.m.—Confessions

Saturday, January 21, 2017—4:00 p.m.
Roland Pardini by Andrea and Matthew DiLeo
Vincent Pardini (Birthday Remembrance)

Sunday, January 22, 2017—8:00 a.m.
Parishioners Intentions

Sunday, January 22, 2017—10:00 a.m.
Frederick & Bridgette Obilor By Nosike family

Sunday, January 22, 2017—11:30 a.m.
The People of Our Lady of Loreto and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes

Monday, January 23, 2017—7:00 a.m.
Parishioners Intentions

Tuesday, January 24, 2017—7:00 a.m.
Lazarus & Helen Onwumere By Nosike Family

Wednesday, January 25, 2017—7:00 a.m.
Fr. Frank Listro, Jr., and Fr. Gerald Dorais by David and Barbara Lamacchia

Thursday, January 26, 2017—7:00 a.m.
Very Sbrogna by husband Gus
Helen Ebeuzoeme By Anyanwu Family

Saturday, January 28, 2017—3:00 p.m.—Confessions

Saturday, January 28, 2017—4:00 p.m.
The People of Our Lady of Loreto and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes

Sunday, January 29, 2017—8:00 a.m.
Lisa Cioffi By Luisa Polselli

Sunday, January 29, 2017—10:00 a.m.
Grace Rana, Ann Silvestris, Mary Arena, Yolanda Palermo, Julio Pedone and Ellen Biancheria Adolfo Ortiz By Banzuela Family
Intentions of Helen Ogbonna By Family

Sunday, January 29, 2017—11:30 a.m.
Joan Castagna by Castagna Family

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 thanks!



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, 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 Ginskus, Philip Powers, Marcia DiLeo, Virginia Czubrynski, Karen Remian, Chester DiLeo, Mike Scaglione, Sandra Powers, Robert Mazzola, Jennifer Bodinizzo, Martin Laine, Antoinette Raddi, Diane Grasseschi, Loretta Sciafani, Robert Bacon, Susan Cardinal, Michael Corron, Maria Lilette-Ann Vasquez, Belinda Sahagun and Thelma Ortiz. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

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

Program for January 2017

January 24, 2017

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

January 31, 2017

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

FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY

Friday – March 3—4:00– 6:30 p.m.
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel 28 Mulberry St -

Fish (Haddock) and Chips
 Baked Haddock with Baked Potato or Rice Pilaf
 Fish Chowder
 Macaroni and Cheese

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets will be available in the Mt. Carmel parish office or by emailing Joan at joan_dargenis@yahoo.com

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.

Ponder & follow the following advice given to us by the great St. Bonaventure, as we begin the new year....

"If you would suffer with patience the adversities and miseries of this life, be a man of prayer. If you would obtain courage and strength to conquer the temptations of the enemy, be a man of prayer. If you would mortify your own will with all its inclinations and appetites, be a man of prayer. If you would know the wiles of Satan and unmask his deceits, be a man of prayer. If you would live in joy and walk pleasantly in the ways of penance, be a man of prayer. If you would banish from you soul the troublesome flies of vain thoughts and cares, be a man of prayer. If you would nourish your soul with the very sap of devotion, and keep it always full of good thoughts and good desires, be a man of prayer. If you would strengthen and keep up your courage in the ways of God, be a man of prayer. In fine, if you would uproot all vices from your soul and plant all virtues in their place, be a man of prayer. It is in prayer that we receive the unction and grace of the Holy Ghost, who teaches all things."

— St. Bonaventure

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

We will be celebrating this special event at Our Lady of Loreto on **Sunday, February 12 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.** As part of the celebration we will list the names and years of the married couples in the bulletin that weekend. If you would like to have your name included please call the center at 508-791-6139 or email Joan at joan_dargenis@yahoo.com. Please include names, the anniversary date and number of years. We are looking for the couples who have been married fifty years or more to give them a special recognition at the Mass. We would like you to share your story or maybe your parents love story with us. Maybe you might share your unique marriage customs. Please help us make this a special occasion and also send a message to our children about the Sacrament of Marriage. Following the Mass a small reception will be held downstairs in the church.

PICNIC WITHOUT ANTS

Thursday, February 23 -- 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 a.m.

Bring your picnic lunch, blanket, beach chairs and toys to the Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish center. This is a fun day for all ages. We will have games such as sack races, and leap frog, crafts and fun, fun, fun! Ribbons will be given to the children as prizes.

**Feast of Saint Joseph
March 20
at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Center
Please contact Joan D'Argenis at 508-797-4546 or
j_dargenis@yahoo.com for more information.**

ITALIAN CLASSES

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

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.

PRO-LIFE MASS

All are invited to attend the Pro-Life Mass with Bishop McManus on Thursday, Jan. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Cathedral of St. Paul, 19 Chatham St., Worcester. Please join us as we remember the 44th tragic anniversary of Roe v. Wade and pray for an end to abortion and the conversion of our nation. We will also pray in a special way for all those who will be travelling to Washington, DC for the March for Life. All are welcome!

**Mandatory Confirmation Retreat
Grades 9 & 10 - TBA
First Communion – May 7, 2017
First Penance –April 8, 2017
Confirmation – April 23, 2016 at Saint Paul's
Cathedral**

ADULT CONFIRMATION

This ceremony is for baptized Roman Catholics who have received First Communion but were never confirmed. The Adult Confirmation ceremony will be celebrated by Bishop McManus at St. Paul Cathedral on Sunday, February 12, 2017 at 3:00 pm. If you are interested in being confirmed, please see Msgr. Pedone, Deacon Audette or Deacon Montiverdi.

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