



*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

Mailing address: 28 Mulberry St., Worcester, MA 01605

Parish telephone: 508-797-4546

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

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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.



First Communion, First Penance and Confirmation Candidates

We ask you to hold in your prayers our young people who are preparing to receive the sacraments of Penance, First Communion and Confirmation this year. 1st Penance will be on Saturday, April 8 at 8:30 am. Confirmation will be on Sunday, April 23 at 3 pm at St. Paul's Cathedral. And 1st Communion will be during the 11:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 7. This is an exciting time for these young people and for all of us as their Christian family.

1st Communion and 1st Penance

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| Domenic Caffone | Isabel Lupafya |
| Joseph Casillo | Jack Lusignan |
| Isabella Correira | Nicolas Moura |
| Jameson Fanbeck | Anthony Oliveri |
| Anthony Gallati | Alessandro Soares |
| Casey Lopez | Sophia Vargas |

Luciano Vigliotti

Confirmation

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| Madison Cesaitis | Isabella O'Toole |
| Michael Cesaitis | Rayanna Petrone |
| Brandon Charest | Dante Romeo |
| Kyle DiPilato | Emma Romeo |
| Jared Fournier | Raymond Sarfo |
| Gabrielle Franzoso | Vincent Sasso |
| Brian Le | Anthony Sena |
| Michael Letendre | Marco Trotto |
| Arianna Molinari | Alana Trotto |

Nicholas Zecco

Upcoming Events

Now-May 1—Spend a Day at Notre Dame Academy
for 7th grade and transfer students. Call Office of Admissions at 508-757-6200, ext. 229 or email admissions@nda-worc.org.

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.

Blessing of Throats

Friday, February 3 is the feast of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. The traditional blessing of throats will take place **next weekend** following all of the Masses on February 4 and 5. Allow a little extra time for your family plans if you wish to avail yourself of this traditional Catholic blessing.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DEACON?

Find out everything you wanted to know about the Diaconate program for the Diocese of Worcester. If you are a male, college graduate (or have an equivalent to a degree) and are between the ages of 31 and 60, and have an interest, now is your opportunity to get some answers. Spouses are welcome and urged to attend with you.

Saturday, February 11, 2017
St. Anne Parish Center
130 Boston Turnpike
Shrewsbury, MA 01545
10:00 AM

Contact: Diaconate Office: 508-929-4335

Loreto Financial Stewardship

For the week ending January 22, 2017

Income

Offertory	\$2,878.00
Fuel	573.00
Maintenance	151.00
Candles	58.00
New Year's (Solemnity of Mary)	36.00
Donations	20.00
Mass Stipends	20.00
Religious Education	20.00
Christmas	5.00
TOTAL	\$3,761.00

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

Natural Gas (Church & Rectory)	\$1,064.72
Electricity (Entire Campus)	939.85
Snow Plowing	762.50
Calendar Raffle Winners	425.00
Payroll Taxes (December)	366.87
Salaries & Wages	294.00
Organists	250.00
Rectory—Food & Household	234.68
Internet Access & Cable	232.04
Equipment Lease	174.68
Repairs & Maintenance	123.95
Telephone (Entire Campus)	119.97
Supplies	119.90
TOTAL	\$5,108.16

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

Mark Your Calendar

Tues., Jan. 31 - 7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus @ Loreto Center
Fri., Feb.3 - 7:30 am-noon—Exposition, Adoration and Benediction in Center Chapel
Sat., Feb 4 - 9am-3pm—God’s Plan Seminar (Marriage Prep) @ Loreto Center
Sun., Feb. 5 - 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 dependant 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**

01/15/17	Linda Angers	\$100.00
01/16/17	Carlen Audette	50.00
01/17/17	Carolyn Moore	50.00
01/18/17	Brianna Donaghy	50.00
01/19/17	Richard Ferraro	50.00
01/20/17	Claire Morello	50.00
01/21/17	Ben Correira	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 continue a series of articles adapted from www.aggiecatholicblog.org to address these questions and to put us in a true Lenten frame of mind.

Who Forgives Sins?

Only God has the authority to forgive sins. Yet, this authority is mediated through others. The Jews questioned why Christ was forgiving sins, because they did not realize He was God. We must not forget that Jesus was also a man. He passes on this authority to forgive sins to his apostles. After the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples who were gathered in the upper room, scared out of their minds and confused. Christ comes and breathes the Holy Spirit on them and then commissions them to forgive sins.

The apostles are sent as the Father has sent Jesus—with the authority to forgive sins. But, how could they know which sins to forgive and which to retain if the sins were not confessed? This is why the book of James says this: *“Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.”* James 5:16.

In the context of this verse, a person is told to *“summon the presbyters of the church”* (James 5:14). Presbyter is the Greek word for priest (or elder). Therefore, based on the Biblical evidence, we see forgiveness of sins is explicitly tied to confession to a priest, who has the authority to forgive sins, which is given by Christ. Christ thus heals the relationship through the priest and we are reconciled to both God and His Church and in doing this, we are healed, thus becoming who we truly ought to be.

Rest in Peace

We, the parish communities of Our Lady of Loreto and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of Corrado “Nino” Sasso and Sandra Brouillard. May God grant them peace forever and bring comfort to their families and friends.



**WEEKEND COLLECTION
OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL
1/21/2017 & 1/22/2017**



January 26, 2017

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Many dioceses here in the United States face challenges due to priest shortages, lack of funds, remote geography, or impoverished parishes. The **Catholic Home Missions Appeal** supports these dioceses that struggle to make ends meet and to serve the many needs of their parishioners. Through last year's grants of \$10.2 million, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal supported evangelization, catechesis, ministry formation, and other areas of faith development and pastoral programs in needy dioceses. Forty-two percent of all dioceses in the United States are considered home missions. As a result of the generosity of parishioners like you, this appeal impacts the lives of nearly 9 million Catholics.

The Diocese of Laredo is located in southern Texas, along the Texas-Mexico border. Many in this diocese live on the margins of society, either as immigrants or as people living in poverty, and it is a challenge for the diocese to keep up with the needs of its people. With your contributions, the diocese reaches out to some of the most marginalized people—those in prison. Many detainees are returning to the Catholic faith and are in need of God's mercy. Your gifts provide liturgical and educational supplies, help priests offer the Eucharist and other sacraments, and support volunteers' and ministers' outreach to over 10,000 men and women in detention facilities. Your generosity brings Christ's message of love, compassion, and reconciliation to this often forgotten population.

Thanks to your contributions, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal can continue to provide catechesis, lay leadership training, funding for seminarian education, and other essential pastoral outreach in home mission dioceses. I encourage you to be generous on the weekend of February 5 to help strengthen the Church at home. Your support will truly make a difference. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

4:00 PM Mass	\$479.00
8:00 AM Mass	\$349.00
10:00 AM Mass	\$431.00
11:30 AM Mass	\$240.00
Total Mass Collections	<u>\$1,499.00</u>

Special Collections:

Weekend Envelopes –mailed in	\$45.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$20.00
Fuel	\$45.00
Initial Offering	\$10.00
Maintenance	\$25.00
On-Line Giving	\$190.00
Total	<u>\$335.00</u>

Restricted Funds	\$20.00
Unrestricted Funds	<u>\$1,814.00</u>
Total	<u>\$1,834.00</u>

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

**BLESSING OF THROATS –
FEAST OF SAINT BLASÉ**

In commemoration of the feast of St. Blasé, patron saint of throats (February 3rd), we will bless throats at all Masses next weekend, February 4th and 4th. The blessing of throats is a sacramental, similar to the imposition of ashes and blessing of palms, among others. According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "Sacramentals are sacred signs instituted by the Church. They prepare us to receive the fruits of the sacraments and sanctify different circumstances in life." (CCC par. 1677)

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Several years ago a group of men began to meet biweekly in an effort to discuss their struggles to live out their faith. Men have unique challenges, and often that stress can cause us to forget what really matters. We meet for 1 hour, share scripture, and encourage each other to live as the spiritual leaders that God wants us to be. God does not call the equipped but He does equip the called. We are just a group of men who take that call seriously. If you want to know more please contact Rick Annunziata at [508-826-7732](tel:508-826-7732) or by email at RSA06@charter.net

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!



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.



MASS INTENTIONS

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 Ciolfi By Luisa Polselli

Sunday, January 29, 2017—10:00 a.m.

Adolfo Ortiz By Banzuela Family
Intentions of Helen Ogbonna By Family

Sunday, January 29, 2017—11:30 a.m.

Grace Rana, Ann Silvestris, Mary Arena, Yolanda Palermo, Julio Pedone and Ellen Biancheria
Joan Castagna by Castagna Family

Monday, January 30, 2017—7:00 a.m.

Parishioners Intentions

Tuesday, January 31, 2017—7:00 a.m.

The Sick of the Parish

Wednesday, February 1, 2017—7:00 a.m.

The Deceased of the Parish

Thursday, February 2, 2017—7:00 a.m.

Parishioners Intentions

FIRST FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2017

7:30 am—Noon—Exposition of the Holy Eucharist and Benediction in the Loreto Parish Center Chapel

Saturday, February 4, 2017—4:00 p.m.

The People of the Parish

Sunday, February 5, 2017—8:00 a.m.

The Sick of the Parish

Sunday, February 5, 2017—10:00 a.m.

Louis Camarra, Jr. By Sylvia & Gary Gerardi
David D'Argenis by wife Joan and daughters

Sunday, February 5, 2017 -11:30 a.m.

Bobby Pugliese, Jr. (11A) By Family
Angelo "Buddy" Sabatalo (17A) By Wife, Jean & Family



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 31, 2017

10:00 A.M. Socializing

12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social

OPEN HOUSE AT ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL

St. Stephen School will hold its Open House on **Sunday, January 29 from 1-3 p.m.**; the snow date will be Saturday, February 4 from 1-3 p.m. We look forward to welcoming students for grades Pre-K3 through grade 7 and their families. St. Stephen School is located at 355 Grafton Street in Worcester. For more information, please contact the school at 508-755-3209 or visit our website at www.st-stephen.net.



Nino Giamei, Grand Knight of Our Lady of Mt. Knights of Columbus recently accepted the Columbian award from District Deputy Normand Armstrong. This is the 10 time in the council's 12 year existence that it has received this award which recognizes councils that have achieved exemplary service in 6 different categories.

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

Vera Sbrogna
By Husband Gus

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

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

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.

RED SOX TICKETS

Red Sox tickets for Friday, May 12. They are playing against Tampa Bay Rays. Game is at 7:10 pm. We are leaving at 4:30 p.m. The cost will be \$48 including tickets and the bus. If interested send an email to joan_dargenis@yahoo.com

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:3) This one confuses even Stewards. Replace the word "humble" for "poor" and it makes more sense. People that are humble recognize their dependence on God and trust that He will provide all that they need. Unfortunately, for many of us, pride and ego enters our lives and we think we can live without God. Remember – God first in all circumstances.

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