

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish at Our Lady of Loreto Church



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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 Thursday 7:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

Vigil: 6:00 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 appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

To schedule a baptism please call 508-753-5001.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least a year in advance. A program of preparation is required for all couples planning to marry in the church. To schedule a wedding 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 508-753-5001.

PARISH REGISTRATION

To become a registered member of the parish, please call 508-753-5001 or register on-line at www.mtcarmel.ws.

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**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish at Our Lady of Loreto Church
PRAYER FOR PARISH SPIRITUAL RENEWAL**

Lord God, You love us with an everlasting love, and You choose us to share Your love with others. We

ask that You rekindle in our hearts a new spirit of faith, of prayer and of reconciliation. Inspire us to search out and find ways of bringing one another closer to You. We pray for all who form our parish community, that we remain faithful to Your teaching, that we remain steadfast in our prayer, both personal and communal, that together with You and the Holy Spirit, our parish may be renewed and transformed. All this we ask in the name of Jesus and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please cut out and pray daily.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception



Friday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a holy day of obligation. Mass for the holy day will be held at 6 pm on Thursday, December 7, the vigil of the holy day, and at 7 am and 12:15 pm on Friday, December 8. The feast is celebrated nine months before the Nativity of Mary, which is celebrated on September 8. It is the patronal feast day of the United States. In the Constitution *Ineffabilis Deus* of December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX pronounced and defined that the Blessed Virgin Mary “in the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin.”

AND THE WINNER IS.....

Congratulations to Marie Cecchini who won this year’s “Thanksgiving in a Basket” Raffle sponsored by the Mount Carmel Knights of Columbus.



1st Sunday of Advent

Another Advent is here! Do you remember what you did during Advent last year to prepare for the coming of Jesus? Did you feel a sense of anticipation while being watchful and alert? You can be honest.

In Mark’s Gospel reading for this Sunday, Jesus speaks of a man who leaves on travels and before he departs he puts his stewards in charge, so that upon his return his home will be ready. You and I are those whom Jesus has put in charge. We each have our own work to do. If we are not preparing using our own unique gifts and talents, who will do our work? Perhaps we think we can do that later, or maybe next year. But if no one knows when he is coming, how do we gauge how much time we have to complete our work?

Most of us get so caught up in holiday shopping, making travel plans, preparing for guests, and attending holiday parties that even if we meant well, the motivation we had on day one of the Advent season slowly slips away. This year, let us resolve to be good stewards and be about our Lord’s work. He trusted us enough to leave us in charge. He must believe we are up to the task

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Celebrate Advent by Lighting a Candle



The traditional Advent wreath has been set up in Loreto’s sanctuary. We invite you and your family to come forward at the beginning of each Mass during Advent to light the candles on the wreath. A sign-up book has been placed on the table in the vestibule of the church to reserve the Mass at which you and your family would like to come forward. This is a wonderful way for you and your family to participate in this centuries-old Advent tradition.

Pray...Pray...Pray...

Christmas Giving Trees

Our parish continues to support the poor at Christmas through our Giving Tree tradition.

Due to your incredible generosity, all tags placed on our Giving Trees last weekend have been claimed. Additional tags to support our diocesan seminarians have been placed on the tree.



Please return your gifts, wrapped or in gift bags, with the tags firmly attached on the outside no later than Sunday, December 17.

What a wonderful way to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Christmas!

This Week in Our Parish

- Tues., Dec. 5 - 7 pm - Knights of Columbus
- Fri., Dec. 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Sat., Dec. 9 - Christmas Posada immediately Following the 4 pm Mass
- Sun., Dec. 10 - Religious Education classes:
 8:30 - 11 am: Pre-K - Grade 4
 11 am - 12:15 pm - Grades 5-10
 1:30 pm - Wright's Chicken Farm and La Salette Shrine



On Saturday December 9, 2015 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel KofC will again be hosting their Annual Posada immediately after the 4pm mass. A Posada is a traditional family-

oriented Christmas event popular in Latin America. Combining readings, songs, and a reenactment, the Posada (Spanish for inn) recounts the story of the first Christmas, when Mary & Joseph traveled to Bethlehem but found no room at the inn. The Posada tradition was developed by Franciscan missionaries centuries ago as a means of explaining Christmas. The event ends with a procession to the center where there will be light refreshments and a piñata for the children. All members of the parish are warmly invited to attend.

“COFFEE AND...”

The “Coffee Shop” is OPEN!
 Join us for conversation and a Sweet Treat after the 10:00 Mass



Ministry Assignments for Dec. 9 & 10

Dec. 9 @ 4 pm

Lector - Flo Dionne
 Ministers - Chet & Marcia DiLeo

Dec. 10 @ 8 am

Lector - Sandra SanClemente
 Ministers - Joe Sama

Dec. 10 @ 10 am

Lector - Ginny Lelakis
 Ministers - Elizabeth Santley & Chizoma Nosike

Dec. 10 @ 11:30 am

Lector - Juanita Pignataro
 Ministers - Steve Grasseschi & Brian Le

Please arrange for a substitute if you cannot fulfill your assignment. Thank you for the good work that you do!

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE – DECEMBER 24TH

Because Christmas Eve falls on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we need to make a change in the weekend Mass schedule for that weekend only. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday at 4:00 pm as usual and on Sunday at 8:00 and 10:00 am. **THERE WILL BE NO 11:30 AM MASS THAT SUNDAY.**

Christmas Eve Masses will be celebrated at 4:00 pm and Midnight.

Christmas Day Masses will be celebrated at 8:00 and 10:00 am

NEW YEAR’S – MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE

Masses will be celebrated according to the usual weekend schedule.

Mass on Sunday, New Year’s Eve will be celebrated at 4:00 pm.

Masses on New Year’s Day will be celebrated at 8:00 and 10:00 am.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

On Sunday, February 4, 2018, Bishop McManus will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults who were baptized Catholics but never confirmed. If you are interested in becoming a candidate for this ceremony, please see Monsignor Pedone, Deacon Audette or Deacon Montiverdi.

Financial Stewardship

For the week ending November 26, 2017



Income

Offertory	\$4,022.00
Security Deposit	1,500.00
Fuel	1,011.00
Parking Revenue	700.00
Offertory—Mail	562.00
Funeral Stipends	300.00
Rental Income	200.00
Campaign for Human Development	41.00
Maintenance	40.00
Candles	32.00
Donations	25.00
All Souls	20.00
Religious Education	11.00
Mass Stipends	10.00
All Saints	7.00
TOTAL	\$8,481.00

Expenses

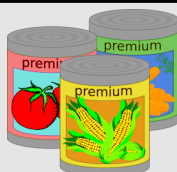
Church Lighting—LED Replacements	\$5,190.00
Supplies	666.91
Campaign for Human Development	294.00
Retiree Health Insurance	212.00
Organists	200.00
Repairs and Maintenance	112.90
Funeral Stipends	100.00
Permit	25.00
TOTAL	\$6,800.81

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The performance of the Nativity Pageant presented by the CCD classes will be on Sunday, December 17 at 9:30 a.m. All parents, relatives and friends are invited to join us. It is important that the children arrive early so that we can be prepared. We also invited all the children who are not part of our CCD program ages 3 – 8 to be part of our pageant. They can join the group of angels. If you need a costume, we have extra angel costume that you can borrow and just put some gold garland on their heads.

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 church vestibule or at the parish center. Your donations make a big difference to someone who is hungry. Many thanks!



A LETTER FROM BISHOP McMANUS

December 1, 2017

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On **December 9 and 10**, our parishes will be conducting the appeal for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**, a national collection that benefits more than 32,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Our senior religious are a treasure. Their dedication and hard work laid the foundation for Catholic schools, hospitals, and numerous social service organizations. Many continue in volunteer ministry today. Their ongoing prayer and witness enrich our faith in countless ways. I am grateful for the service of religious, past and present. I hope you, too, recall a sister or brother who made a positive difference in your life.

Most elderly religious worked for years for small stipends, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. Unlike retired diocesan priests who are cared for by their diocese, religious sisters, brothers and priests are part of religious communities whose assets are separate from dioceses. With the ever-rising cost of health care and the increase in the number of those needing care, many religious communities now struggle to provide for their senior members. The Retirement Fund for Religious offers vital financial assistance to help meet day-to-day needs for prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Nationally, despite unparalleled generosity to the collection, the average annual cost of care for a senior religious continues to rise each year, including skilled care, which can range from \$50,000 to more than \$75,000 per year. Rising costs are compounded by the fact that more than 1 out of 3 members of religious communities is over the age of 80! The need is still very great.

I recognize that this is but one of numerous worthy causes seeking your support and I ask you to consider prayerfully what you can do to help. In thanksgiving for all that elder religious have done for us, whether individually or as a community of faith, please “give to those who have given a lifetime” by donating to the Retirement Fund for Religious and by praying for God’s continued blessing on our elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

With prayerful best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 2, 2017— 3:00 p.m.—Confessions

Saturday, December 2, 2017—4:00 p.m.

Ralph & Josephine Hilton and Madeline & Jack Eaton by Nephews

Mary & Patsy Sacco by Family

Sunday, December 3, 2017— 8:00 a.m.

The People of the Parish

Sunday, December 3, 2017—10:00 a.m.

John and James O'Brien by Rita

Frances Pascucci and Greg Travaglio by Carmine and Esther

Sunday, December 3, 2017—11:30 a.m.

Theresa Groccia (Birthday Remembrance) by Family

Nicholas Verdolino (2nd Anniversary) by Wife

Monday, December 4, 2017—7:00 a.m.

Parishioners Intentions

Tuesday, December 5, 2017—7:00 a.m.

The Sick of the Parish

Wednesday, December 6, 2017—7:00 a.m.

Mary and Mike Artuso and Diego Dileo by daughter

Thursday, December 7, 2017—7:00 a.m.

Parishioners Intentions

Thursday December 7, 2017—6:00 p.m.

Parishioners Intentions

Friday, December 8, 2017—7:00 a.m.

Parishioners Intentions

Friday, December 8, 2017—12:15 p.m.

Parishioners Intentions

Saturday, December 9, 2017— 3:00 p.m.—Confessions

Saturday, December 9, 2017—4:00 p.m.

Gregory Travaglio (2nd Anniversary) by Michael and Rosanna Travaglio

Robert Piltzecker by Donna and Stephen Grasseschi

Sunday, December 10, 2017—8:00 a.m.

The People of the Parish

Sunday, December 10, 2017—10:00 a.m.

Lucy Sjosten (Birthday Remembrance) by Family
Joseph, Rachel, Anthony and James Toscano by Family

Sunday, December 10, 2017—11:30 a.m.

Antonio Cardilio by Gloria Shahin and David Dzienia
The Soul of Maria Lilette Ann Vasquez and Adolfo Ortiz, Sr.



Please pray for the sick of our parish: Francis Caffone, Susan Stomski, Donna Grasseschi, Lori Blackwell, Carmella Szklarz, Matteo Fiore, Patrick Loconto, Eleanor Lupisella, Butch Rano, Mary O'Connor, Christopher Collazo, Paula Mari, Sim Simone, Cathy Coffey, Mildred Bassan, Vincent Pusateri, Sylvia Pusateri, Debbie Caffone, Joseph Lapomardo, Joseph Ginskus, Philip Powers, Marcia DiLeo, Virginia Czubrynski, Karen Remian, Chester DiLeo, Sandra Powers, Robert Mazzola, Jennifer Bodinizzo, Martin Laine, Antoinette Raddi, Loretta Sciafani, Robert Bacon, Susan Cardinal, Belinda Sahagun, Thelma Ortiz, Caryl Masiello, Cynthia Pedone, Roland Dionne, Maxwell Mitchell, Louis Naple, Carol Youngstrom, Vera Novick, Richard Patrone, Sue Cozzolino, Carol & Frank Iaconi, Anthony DeAngelis, Frank Corridori and Reverend Charles Armev. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

Rest in Peace

We, the parish community of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of Rita Yockel and Joseph Fenuccio. May God grant them peace forever and bring comfort to their families and friends.



Upcoming Events

Dec. 3 - 2 pm - Advent Concert at Sacred Heart—St. Catherine of Sweden Parish, 596 Cambridge St, Worcester.

Dec. 9 - 9:30 am - 1 pm - Women of Faith Morning of Prayer. "The Sights, Sounds, and Colors of Advent" with Sister Sheridan, St. Anne's Convent, 720 Boston Post Rd, Marlborough, Worcester.

Dec. 10 - Wright's Chicken Farm & LaSalette Bus Trip. Adults, \$35, Children, \$30. For reservations call office 508-753-5001 or email Joan at joan_dargenis@yahoo.com.

Jan. 19, 2018 - 45th Annual March for Life, Washington, DC. Reservations now open. \$75/ seat by Dec. 31; \$90 thereafter. For details call Respect Life Office, 508-929-4311 or email aledoux@worchester.org.

Advent Prayer

Ever faithful God,
your prophets foretold the coming of the light.
In your name they promised
that the eyes of the blind would be opened.
We confidently await the coming of your Son,
and the day when he will gather all people
to live in your light, for ever and ever. Amen.
~Proclaiming All Your Wonders

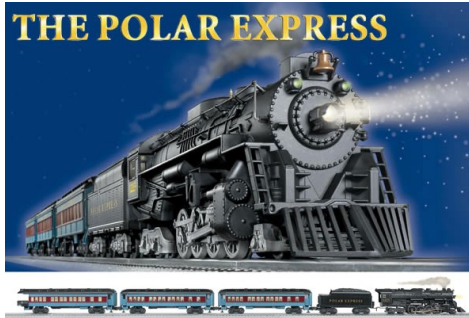


**TRIP TO WRIGHTS CHICKEN FARM AND
LA SALETTE SHRINE**

Sunday, December 10, 2017

Leave Our Lady of Mount Carmel parking lot at 1:30 p.m.
Cost is \$35 per person

For more information please contact Joan D'Argenis at
508-753-5001 or joan_dargenis@yahoo.com



POLAR EXPRESS AFTERNOON

Come and experience the magic of Christmas with the Polar Express. Children are invited to come ready for this magical adventure dressed in their pajamas and are welcomed to bring any comfy blankets and pillows. We will provide popcorn and hot chocolate during the movie and Santa will visit at the end. When: Sunday December 17, 2-4:30pm **At Our Lady of Loreto Church**

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 will be offered on Tuesday, Level 3 will be held on Thursday. Cost: \$130.00. Classes run for ten weeks and will begin the week of January 16. For more information email Joan at joan_dargenis@yahoo.com

WOMEN OF FAITH: Morning of prayer, “**The Sights, Sounds and Colors of Advent**”, with Sister Nancy Sheridan, 9:30 am-1 pm, Saturday, Dec. 9, St. Anne’s Convent, 720 Boston Post Rd., Marlborough. Begin with “Coffee and...”, \$10 paid at the door. Pre-registration required by Nov. 29. Email wom-enoffaithssa@gmail.com or call Ann Williams at 508-481-8176 or Sr. Yvette Bellerose at 774-239-3372.

**Knights of Columbus
“The Family Fully Alive” Program**

Advent is a season of new beginnings culminating in the remembrance of the Savior’s birth at Christmas. What an excellent time to begin a new family prayer practice. It will change your life and will help your family focus on the important things in the world. The theme for the month of December is:

JOY

Consider these questions:

1. What are some of the joys we have experienced in our family? Are there ways to build upon these joys to create a more joyful home?
2. In what ways could we add more joy to our family? Could we be more cheerful in giving and complain less? Could we focus less on our own needs and more on the happiness of a family member? Could we rejoice in our family’s love by affirming each other more with compliments? Could we smile more at our family members?
3. Do we base our lives on the joyful awareness that we are beloved sons and daughters of God, or do we let something rob us of the joy of the Gospel? What is it that robs us? Is it anxiety, fear or impatience? How might prayer help with these things?

(First of a 12 part series.)

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP

Are you satisfied with your relationship with Jesus? Do you sometimes feel unfulfilled; as if you are missing something?

A group of men at Our Lady of Loreto meet bi-weekly to discuss their relationship with Jesus, and how to live out that call in the midst of their lives. All you need to bring is an open heart . We welcome new faces.

If you would like more information contact Rick Annunziata at [508-826-7732](tel:508-826-7732) or email at Rsa06@charter.net

DIOCESAN ADVENT CONCERT

This year marks the 12th year of our having a diocesan Advent Concert.

This year it will be held on the 1st Sunday of Advent (December 3rd) at 2:00 PM at Sacred Heart church on 596 Cambridge Street in Worcester.

The event will last for roughly two hours, with music followed by fellowship afterwards in the Hall. Last year we had 7 groups perform in 5 different languages.

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