

# *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](http://www.mtcarmel.ws).

## **MINISTERIAL STAFF**

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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.**



**3rd Sunday of Advent**

In the same sentence where he reminds his listeners that he has cured the blind, the lame, the deaf, the sick, and even raised the dead, Jesus concludes by adding, "The poor have the good news proclaimed to them." How did that make the list of supernatural cures? What's so miraculous about good news? The poor are not just those in physical poverty, but those whose sins have impoverished their souls. This of course applies to us. The poverty of our own sinfulness can be overcome by the forgiveness offered to us in Christ. Because of this, we have cause to rejoice!

And on this Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, we are encouraged to rejoice. Gaudete Sunday derives its name from the opening prayer of the Mass for this day, where we pray, "Gaudete in Domino semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"). So in the midst of Advent fasting and devotions, we rejoice because the time we have been preparing for is almost at hand. We pause in this season of anticipation to remember that, in truth, our hopes have already been fulfilled. He is among us, saving us even now!

**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.

**Christmas Giving Trees**



The gifts for St. Agnes Guild will be picked up on **Monday, Dec. 18.** If you still have a gift to return for St. Agnes Guild, please call the office.

The gifts for the Nazareth Home for Boys, as well as all other gifts, will also be picked up on **Dec. 18.**

The tags to support our diocesan seminarians may be mailed directly to the seminarian at the Vocation Office.

Thank you so much for your generosity to those in need. Many people - children as well as adults - will have a brighter Christmas because of you.

**"COFFEE AND..."**



The "Coffee Shop" is OPEN!  
Join us for conversation and a Sweet Treat after the 10:00 Mass  
This will be our **last gathering** until the Spring.  
Thank you for your support!

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Mon., Dec. 18 - 9 am-3 pm - UMass Care Mobile**  
**Tues., Dec. 19 - 7 pm - Knights of Columbus**  
**Sun., Dec. 24 - No Religious Education classes this week**

**VISITATION HOUSE BABY BOTTLE DRIVE**

Due to your kindness and generosity, our Parish collected \$2,155.40 for the support of the women and children at Visitation House.



Thank you all so much!



### CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE – DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

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

This year, the holyday, Mary, the Mother of God (January 1<sup>st</sup>), is not a day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated on Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am only. There will be no vigil Mass on December 31<sup>st</sup>.



### UMass Memorial Ronald McDonald Care Mobile

Are You Uninsured?  
Do You Need Medical  
or Dental Services?

If Yes, Come See Us in the parking lot of  
Our Lady of Loreto Church on  
Monday, December 18 from 9 am—3 pm

We offer preventive dental and health care services including: dental health care and Worcester Public Schools Dental Screening, physical exams, sports physicals, immunizations, flu shots, outreach and more.

We provide medical and dental care for children and families even if they have no insurance or are unable to pay.

To make an appointment, call 508-334-6073

For more information, contact: Nardy Vega at 508-341-9416

Flu shots will be given without an appointment.  
Sponsored by UMASS Memorial

### O Antiphons

The Roman Catholic Church has been singing the “O” Antiphons since at least the 8th century. They are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative “Come!” embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah. Following are the Antiphons for this week:

- December 17 O Wisdom of our God Most High,  
guiding creations with power and love:  
come to teach us the path of  
Knowledge!
- December 18 O Leader of the House of Israel,  
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:  
come to rescue us with your mighty  
power!
- December 19 O Root of Jesse’s stem,  
sign of God’s love for all his people:  
come to save us without delay!
- December 20 O Key of David,  
opening the gates of God’s eternal  
Kingdom:  
come and free the prisoners of  
darkness!
- December 21 O Radiant Dawn,  
Splendor of eternal light, sun of jus-  
tice:  
come and shine on those who dwell in  
darkness and in the shadow of death.
- December 22 O King of all nations and keystone of  
the Church:  
come and save man, whom you formed  
from the dust!
- December 23 O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of  
Law:  
Come to save us Lord our God!

### 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 December 10, 2017



Income

Offertory	\$3,268.00
Transfer from Savings	1,790.36
Offertory—Mail	1,565.00
Religious Retirement	825.00
Immaculate Conception	682.00
Rental Income	450.00
Fuel	351.00
Funeral Stipends	300.00
Christmas Flowers	240.00
Parking Revenue	180.00
Maintenance	172.00
Religious Education	100.00
Candles	46.00
Mass Stipends	40.00
All Souls	12.00
All Saints	12.00
Sanctuary Lamp	10.00
Donations	5.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,048.36</b>

Expenses

Diocesan Invoices (November)	\$4,288.00
Electricity	2,206.80
Repairs and Maintenance	1,703.01
Employee Health Insurance	1,512.03
Internet Access, Cable & Telephone	858.61
Natural Gas	602.86
Heating Oil	478.92
Photocopier Lease	403.43
Rectory—Food & Household	213.20
Funeral Stipends	150.00
Organists	50.00
Mass Coverage	50.00
Supplies	45.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,561.86</b>

**Ministry Assignments for Dec. 23-25**

**Dec. 23 @ 4 pm**

**Lector - Sue Cozzolino**  
**Ministers - Chet & Marcia DiLeo**

**Dec. 24 @ 8 am**

**Lector - Sr. Linda**  
**Ministers - Sr. Roberta**

**Dec. 24 @ 10 am**

**Lector - Claudia Minaya**  
**Ministers - Julie Tufano & Elizabeth Santley**

**Dec. 24 @ 4:00 pm**

**Lector - Nicholas Zecco**  
**Ministers - Chet & Marcia DiLeo**

**Dec. 25 @ 8:00 am**

**Lector—Chris Cook**  
**Ministers—Sr. Roberta & Sr. Linda**

**Dec. 25 @ 10:00 am**

**Lector—Flo Dionne**  
**Ministers—Helen Aromando & Sue Cozzolino**

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

**A NOTE OF THANKS**

I want to thank the Sons of Italy, especially Kevin Mercadante and Michael Sacco for their leadership for their gift of a medical defibrillator device to be placed in the church to assist anyone suffering from cardiac arrest. These devices have proven to save many lives. We will need to train staff and others in using this device which will be installed before Christmas. I am most grateful to the Sons of Italy for this gift which they have donated in the name of Gene and Julie DeFeudis who have been so generous to our parish.

Monsignor Pedone

**Upcoming Events**

**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](mailto:aledoux@worchester.org).

**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!

**March for Life – early bird registration deadline approaching!** Please join us for the Diocese of Worcester’s bus trip to the 45th annual March for Life in Washington, DC. Buses leave on Thurs. Jan. 18 after the 7:30 p.m. Mass at St. Paul’s Cathedral, travel to Washington for the March for Life on Jan. 19, followed by the return trip to Worcester. Cost is \$75 per seat for registrations **post-marked by December 31**, and \$90 thereafter. For more information, and to download registration forms, visit [www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life).





# MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 16, 2017 - 3:00 p.m.—Confessions

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**Maria Sacco** by Husband and Family  
**Louise Riopel** (First Anniversary) by Family

Sunday, December 17, 2017—8:00 a.m.

**Thanksgiving Birthday for Carlee Nina Vasquez** by Family

Sunday, December 17, 2017—10:00 a.m.

**Joseph Turo** (17th Anniversary) by Family  
**Michael DelloStritto** (5th Anniversary) by Wife Josie and Family  
**Helen C. Mercurio** by Domenic Mercurio, Jr. & Family

Sunday, December 17, 2017—11:30 a.m.

**Henry “Hank” and Eileen (Vilatico) Grosse** (Birthday Remembrance) by Dolores Riggieri  
**Ann Marie Clemente Cavalieri** by Family  
**Kelly Curry Cesaitis** by Family  
**Yvonne Smith** by Melissa Cesaitis

Monday, December 18, 2017—7:00 a.m.

**Barbara Battelle** (11th Anniversary) by Family

Tuesday, December 19, 2017—7:00 a.m.

**The Sick of the Parish**

Wednesday, December 20, 2017—7:00 a.m.

**Susan Stapinski** by Husband, Paul

Thursday, December 21, 2017—7:00 a.m.

**Parishioners Intentions**

Saturday, December 23, 2017 - 3:00 p.m.—Confessions

Saturday, December 23, 2017—4:00 p.m.

**Mary & Michael Guerra and Fiore & Raphaela Fenuccio** by Anna Fenuccio  
**Jack & Anna Caputo** by Daughter and Family

Sunday, December 24, 2017—8:00 a.m.

**The People of the Parish**

Sunday, December 24, 2017—10:00 a.m.

**Leno Caputo** by Wife and Children  
**Francesco & Antoinetta Caputo and Giovanni & Maria DelloStritto** by Antonia Caputo and Family

Sunday, December 24, 2017—4:00 p.m.

**Charles D’Elia, Sr.** by Family

Sunday, December 24, 2017—12:00 Midnight

**Kenneth Daignault** by Family



**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, Reverend Charles Arney and Anthony & Paul Locantore. 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 family and friends of Peter Rigerio. May God grant him peace forever and bring comfort to his family and friends.*

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

**Jane Generelli**

By sister Mary Ann and brother-in-law Dan Jakaitis

**Mary Gabriel**

By granddaughter Barbara

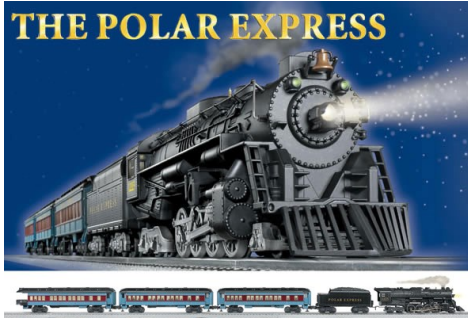
**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

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](mailto:Rsa06@charter.net)

*Pray...Pray...Pray...*



**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](mailto:joan_dargenis@yahoo.com)



**A NOTE OF THANKS**

Thank you to the Mt. Carmel Knights of Columbus who recently took the time to clean the gutters and downspouts of the parish center in preparation for the winter season.

**Being Still in Advent**

This may sound almost heretical, but with each passing year I like Christmas less and less. At the same time, with each passing year, I like the feast of the Nativity more and more. Maybe you feel the same. The craziness surrounding the secular season of Christmas—the endless ads on TV and online, the crowded stores, the glut of often crass holiday-themed movies—sometimes seems to drown out the real meaning of the season.

That’s why I treasure silence during Advent. Silence is a gift that we can give to ourselves in the middle of a noisy season. And silent prayer is something we can all afford—it costs nothing. Of course many people may not have much time to spare, but even a few minutes of quiet may help to center oneself.

In busy times it’s important to let quiet be our prayer. This can be as simple as “withdrawing,” as Jesus did, from the busyness of life and just sitting in the presence of God. Or it could be a simple meditation, reflecting on a single word from the stunning readings of Advent: from the Book of Isaiah, the Psalms, or the Gospels.

Sometimes people feel guilty for taking a break in the weeks before Christmas - there’s often so much to do. But think of silence as a gift you give not only to yourself but to God, who wants to meet you in the silence as you wait for Jesus to enter your heart in a new way this Advent.

*Fr. James Martin, a Jesuit priest and author of many books and essays.*

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (I THESSALONIANS 5:16 – 18) This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

**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.

# **End of Bulletin**

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