

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.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

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David Soares, Parish Council Chair

Joseph Bellino, Property Committee Chair

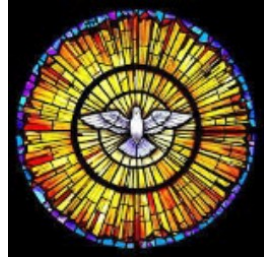
Joan Venincasa, John DaSilva,

Sanghee Kim - Music

Mary DiSilvestro, Sacristan

John Oliver, Hospitality Ministry

**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.

DIVINE MERCY PARISH MISSION

Monday, March 19 –Wednesday, March 21, 2018

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

Featured Speaker: Fr. Dan Cambra, MIC, Director of the Marian Evangelization Team is a member of the Mother of Mercy Province of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Schedule of events (topics vary daily)

MONDAY, MARCH 19

7:00 pm: Divine Mercy Presentation

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

7:00 pm: Divine Mercy Presentation

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

7:00 pm: Divine Mercy Presentation

For more information please contact Maria Sciannameo at 508-842-7604 or visit www.thedivinemercy.org/events

CHOIR

The choir is looking for new members, Rehearsals are currently Mondays from 6-7 PM. Right now the choir sings the 4 pm Mass the last Saturday of the month. We are hoping to add more Masses to that schedule in the future. We are currently preparing for Holy Week and Easter. We need voices to learn the Hallelujah Chorus.

Come join the wonderful group of parishioners already participating in this ensemble. If you have any questions, feel free to contact director Josef Konkol at Konkoljosef@yahoo.com

Lenten Schedule for the Week of February 19

Monday, February 19

7:00 am - Mass

Tuesday, March 20

7:00 am - Mass

6:30 - 8:00 pm - Confessions

Wednesday, March 21

7:00 am - Mass

Thursday, February 22

7:00 am - Mass

Friday, February 23

7:00 am - Communion Service

6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Saturday, February 24

3:00 pm - Confessions

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to Meet

There will be a meeting of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Saturday, Feb. 24 immediately following the 4 pm Mass. The meeting will be held in the church and will take no longer than 30 minutes. Deacon Paul wants to speak to our Eucharistic Ministers about expanding their ministry to our homebound and nursing home parishioners. He also wants to ask them to consider assisting our Hospitality Ministers at the front door before Mass. Anyone who is unable to attend the meeting can see Deacon Paul and he will bring you up to date.

How Strong Is My Faith?

Fr. John Catoir, JCD, in a column in the February 2, 2018 *Catholic Free Press*, asks some challenging questions as we begin this holy season of Lent. He says: "Losing one's faith happens slowly over an extended period; it's hardly noticeable. Here's a checklist to help you see how you're doing. Ask yourself the following questions:

- Am I a good Catholic, or merely a pagan with Catholic patches?**
- Do I truly love Jesus Christ?**
- Do I believe he is truly present in the Eucharist?**
- Do I go to Mass on Sundays, and receive Holy Communion?**
- Do I read the Word of God often, seldom, or never?**
- How am I doing in the prayer department?**

FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY

**Friday, March 2, 2018
4:00-6:30 PM
Mount Carmel Parish Center
Mulberry Street**



MENU:

- Fish (Haddock) and Chips—\$15.00
- Baked Haddock with Baked Potato or Rice Pilaf—\$15.00
- Fish Chowder—\$5.00
- Macaroni and Cheese—\$5.00

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets are available in the Parish Office or by e-mail Joan at joan_dargenis@yahoo.com

LENTEN PARISH SUPPER

On **Saturday March 24, 2018** Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Lenten supper downstairs in the parish hall at 6pm. There will be appetizers and a main course featuring lasagna from Volturro in Worcester. Entertainment will be provided by Joe Cariglia. Tickets are \$25pp- tables of 10 \$250. Only 200 tickets will be sold. See Nino Giamei or Richard Trubiano for tickets. Checks for tickets can also be left in the parish office. Proceeds will benefit the works of our parish Knights of Columbus.

This Week in Our Parish

- Sun., Feb. 18 - Immediately following the 11:30 am Mass - Meeting of altar servers and their parents with Msgr. Pedone and Deacon Paul in the Parish Center**
- Tues., Feb. 20 - 10 am-2 pm - Golden Years Gathering 7 pm - Knights of Columbus**
- Sat., Feb. 24 - Immediately following the 4 pm Mass - Meeting of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the church**
- Sun., Feb. 25 - Religious Education classes
8:30 - 11 am: Pre-K - Grade 4
11 am - 12:15 pm - Grades 5-10**
- Mon., Feb. 26 - 9 am-3 pm - UMass Care Mobile**

COLD AND FLU SEASON

The flu has affected many people, not only in our area but throughout the country, causing several deaths. The flu and colds can be often spread by touch. To lessen the risk of catching the flu, I suggest that during the Sign of Peace, you simply nod or wave to the persons around you rather than shake hands. At the end of Mass, I and the deacons will simply nod or wave to you instead of a handshake until this season of cold and flu passes. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.



Monsignor Pedone

February 14, 2018

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly"

--John 10:10

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We have begun the forty day Lenten season of prayer, penance and almsgiving that precedes the re-birth of Easter. You and I need Lent because we are sinners called to repentance. However, Lent's journey is not just aimed at repentance and, through God's grace, overcoming sin. Lent and Easter lead us to accept Jesus Christ more fully that we may have the abundance of life He came to bring. Too often, we settle for less.

Saint Augustine captured well the human condition on earth when in his *Confessions* he said, "You have made us for thee, O Lord, and restless are our hearts until they rest in thee." Our restless hearts long for peace, joy and fulfillment. Too often in that pursuit, we waver in our commitment to the Lord, as compromise, weakness and rationalization lead us to pursue our peace, joy and fulfillment apart from Jesus Christ and His Gospel. In his Lenten Message, Pope Francis asks, "how many of God's children are mesmerized by momentary pleasures, mistaking them for true happiness! How many men and women live entranced by the dream of wealth, which only makes them slaves to profit and petty interests! How many go through life believing that they are sufficient unto themselves, and end up entrapped by loneliness!"

Lenten prayer as well as the desert starkness of its penance, fasting and sacrifice for others, give us the opportunity to see through the allure of sin, dispel the trance of materialism and free ourselves from the things that can attract but not satisfy our hearts. Those disciplines then incline our hearts to be more receptive to God's grace, Easter's joy and the sublime wonder of our baptismal adoption as God's children called to share in His divine life.

Reflecting on the Easter Vigil, Pope Francis speaks about the "fire of Easter" and the prayer that "the light of Christ rising in glory may dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds." It is my prayer that through a fervent Lent, we may deepen the holiness of our lives by repenting and rooting out sin from our hearts. Then, with a clarity of vision that can only come from purified hearts, may we in Holy Week, grasp anew the fire of God's love for each one of us. In the light of that deepened realization may our restless hearts discover the abundance of life for which we long.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

Financial Stewardship

For the week ending February 11, 2018



Income

Transfer from Savings	\$15,000.00
Offertory	4,479.00
Italian American Cultural Center	1,405.00
Offertory—Mail	800.00
Maintenance	266.00
Catholic Free Press	234.00
Fuel	187.00
Candles	103.00
Donations	100.00
Parking Revenue	45.00
Mass Stipends	10.00
First Offering	5.00
TOTAL	\$22,634.00

Expenses

Utilities:	
Natural Gas	\$4,568.52
Electricity	3,049.95
Internet, Cable & Phone	<u>738.53</u>
Total Utilities	\$8,357.00
Festival Tent Deposit	8,500.00
Salaries and Wages	7,499.44
Security Cameras	4,287.00
Printing and Direct Mail	1,260.37
Heating Oil (Parish Center)	602.80
Repairs and Maintenance	535.16
Clergy Benefit Plan (February)	503.33
Mass Stipends	460.00
Organists	250.00
Funeral Stipends	100.00
Employee Benefits	82.46
Supplies	69.24
Publications	47.02
TOTAL	\$32,553.82

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Ministry Assignments for Feb. 24-25

Feb. 24 @ 4 pm

Lector - Joe Sama

Ministers - Louise Faiola & Irene Astrella

Feb. 25 @ 8 am

Lector - Sandra SanClemente

Ministers - Sr. Linda & Sr. Roberta

Feb. 25 @ 10 am

Lector - Pat Solitro

Ministers - Heather Morello & Dave Soares

Feb. 25 @ 11:30 am

Lector - Sue Cozzolino

Ministers - Mendrick Banzuela & Maria Sciannameo

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

Upcoming Events

Feb. 19 - Six-session Bereavement Support Group,

Our Lady of Good Counsel, 111 Worcester St., West Boylston. 1-2:30 pm. Call Renate Isbell at 508-835-3286.

Feb. 22-25, 2018 - Men's Cursillo at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center, Putnam, CT.

Mar. 2 - 4-6:30 pm - Friday Night FISH FRY -at Mt. Carmel Center, Mulberry St. Details to follow.

Mar. 17 - Annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference, Assumption College. Adult tickets \$45 until Feb. 28, afterwards \$60; Student tickets always \$30. For further information, a brochure or to register, call Sara Smillie at 508-929-4345.

Mar. 17-21 - Lenten Mission at Our Lady of Loreto Church featuring Fr. Dan Cambra from the National Shrine of Divine Mercy.

Mar. 24 - 6 pm - Lenten Parish Supper sponsored by the Mt. Carmel Knights of Columbus.

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

“After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...” (Mark 1:14) Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 17, 2018 - 3:00 p.m.—Confessions

Saturday, February 17, 2018—4:00 p.m.

Deceased Members of the Murgo Family by Tony and Flo Murgo
Patsy, Mary and Maria Sacco by Family

Sunday, February 18, 2018—8:00 a.m.

Joseph and Nikki Gangai by Daughter and Son

Sunday, February 18, 2018—10:00 a.m.

Francis Turo (Birthday and Anniversary Remembrance) by Rose, Children and Family
Michael DelloStritto (Birthday Remembrance) by Wife Josie and Family

Sunday, February 18, 2018—11:30 a.m.

The People of the Parish

Monday, February 19, 2018—7:00 a.m.

Parishioners Intentions

Tuesday, February 20, 2018—7:00 a.m.

Taffuri, Giuliano and Stellato Giovanna by Daughter and Family

Tuesday, February 20, 2018—6:30-8:00 p.m. —Confessions

Wednesday, February 21, 2018—7:00 a.m.

The Sick of the Parish

Thursday, February 22, 2018—7:00 a.m.

The Intentions on the Prayer Wall

Saturday, February 24, 2018 - 3:00 p.m.—Confessions

Saturday, February 24, 2018—4:00 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Giorgio (20th Anniversary) and **Frank, Frances and Stephen** by Family
Harold and Estelle Richmond by Chester and Marcia DiLeo

Sunday, February 25, 2018—8:00 a.m.

John Kris (3rd Anniversary) by Mom, Aldona

Sunday, February 25, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.

Michael Viapano (First Anniversary) by Wife

Sunday, February 25, 2018 - 11:30 a.m.

The Soul of Maria Lilette Ann Vasquez
Riccardo Mustica and Joey Arcuri (Month's Mind) by Family

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!



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, Richard Patrone, Sue Cozzolino, Carol & Frank Iaconi, Anthony DeAngelis, Frank Corridore, 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 Lucy Aquino and Michael "Mickey" Montiverdi, the brother of Deacon Gerry. May God grant them peace forever and bring comfort to their families and friends.



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 Parish on Monday, February 26
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, 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

Free flu shots without an appointment are available.

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

Sponsored by UMass Memorial

How about making a Cursillo weekend?

Cursillo or “short course in Christianity” is an uplifting and educational experience, facilitated by a team of lay-people and clergy who deliver organized talks and discussions, that include the witness of their own lives, their struggles and triumphs in Christ. The weekend is full of laughter, prayer, great music, wonderful meals and so much more.

Upcoming: Men’s - February 22-25, 2018
June 14-17, 2018
Women’s - May 3-6, 2018
October 25-28, 2018

All weekends are held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. For more information, please contact Carolyn Galgano @ 508-847-7005 or angels-3cma@gmail.com, Joan Laracy @ 774-239-2474 or joanlaracy@yahoo.com, or Elizabeth Santley @ 508-304-8871 or esantley@yahoo.com. Applications are available in the vestibule if the church.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND AND PRAGUE

Our Lady of Czestochowa Church in Worcester is sponsoring a pilgrimage to Poland and Prague in July 16-31, 2018, with Fr. Richard Polek, in the footsteps of St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Faustina Kowalska and St. John Paul II.

The all-inclusive cost, with three meals a day is \$3,290. Detailed itinerary can be requested in the parish office at 34 Ward Street, Worcester, MA 508-577-5959 or found online at: www.olcworcester.com. For more information or to register please call Christine at 508-865-9390.

Volunteer Opportunities at Mercy Center

While adult students are being tutored in the HiSet program, volunteers are needed to play with their children and engage in activities. The need is Monday through Thursday, anywhere from 9am-2pm. Contact Rose Gage, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at rgage@ccworc.org or at 508-860-2211.

Enrich your Lent by Volunteering

Would like to make a difference in this world and in your own life? Would you consider saying “yes” to Jesus by spending time with hospice patients? Can you spare one or two hours a week volunteering with patients at the end of life? **Notre Dame Hospice** is looking for kind, compassionate people to provide companionship to hospice patients by sharing stories and experiences, reading, praying or just sitting quietly holding their hand. Pet therapy also brings joy to our patients if you happen to have a dog. If interested, please contact Debbie Karalus at 508-852-5505 or email dkarus@notredamehealthcare.org. What a great way to be Christ to others!

MOUNT CARMEL GOLDEN YEARS CLUB

February 2018

February 20, 2018

9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. VNA “Keep Well Clinic”
 10:00 a.m. Socializing
 12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social.

February 27, 2018

10:00 A.M. Socializing
 10:30 AM Paper Sale
 12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social.

WINTER WEATHER REMINDER: IF SCHOOLS ARE DELAYED OR CANCELLED, THERE IS NO GOLDEN YEARS MEETING

ALL DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK WOULD BE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED AND APPRECIATED

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

18TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN CATHOLIC MEN’S CONFERENCE

18th Annual Diocesan Catholic Men’s Conference at Assumption College Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important annual Conference, scheduled for Assumption College on Saturday, March 17. Visit the conference website at www.firstmensconf.org for information and to purchase tickets online and elsewhere. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Marcellino D’Ambrosio, Father David Cavanagh, Robert Rogers, Ryan Tremblay, and Elvis Grbac. Bishops and priests will hear confessions. Bishop McManus will offer the Conference Mass. For a Conference brochure, further information or registration, call Sara Smillie at 508-929-4345. Adult tickets are \$45 until February 28, afterwards \$60. Student tickets are always \$30.

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“The kingdom of God is at hand.” As we begin Lent, let us try to bring the kingdom of God to our marriages by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Mar 9-11, 2018 in Duxbury, MA and Apr 21-22, 2018 in Brewster, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at https://www.mema.org/.

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