



Our Lady of Mount Carmel *and* Our Lady of Loreto Parish



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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.

MASS SCHEDULE

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.

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**Our Lady of Mt.
Carmel and Our Lady of
Loreto Parish
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.

**AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION –
SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD FROM 2:00 TO 4:00 PM**

Lent begins Wednesday, March 6th. To help us prepare for this holy season, we have invited Father George Evans, S.T.D., a nationally known retreat and spiritual director, to lead us in an afternoon of recollection. We will have exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament along with opportunities for confession. Please join us for a spiritually uplifting afternoon and be sure to bring a friend.

**Lenten Schedule for the Week of
March 3**

Sunday, March 3

2-4 pm—Afternoon of Recollection and Confession

Ash Wednesday, March 6

7:00 am , 12:15 pm & 6:00 pm - Mass and distribution of Blessed Ashes

Thursday, March 7

7:00 am - Mass

Friday, March 8

7:00 am - Communion Service

6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Saturday, March 9

3:00 pm—Confessions

Remember that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence from meat. Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence. Those 14 years old and older are bound by the law of abstinence. Those 18 years of age until age 59 ½ are bound also by the law of fast. Only one full meal is allowed on fast days. Two other smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, are allowed and eating between meals is prohibited.

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Dear Friends,

This week the United States Senate voted to defeat a bill entitled “Born Alive Abortion Survivor Protection Act,” which would have required healthcare providers to provide medical care to infants born alive who survived an abortion procedure. How cruel and heartless! I wrote to Senator Elizabeth Warren and Senator Edward Markey this week to voice my outrage that they refused to support that bill. Senator Warren replied in a letter which she proclaimed her absolute defense of a woman’s right to choose (choose what – the murder of a child?) and her promise to keep abortion legal to protect the mother’s health and her freedom to do what she wants with her body. Senator Markey didn’t bother to respond.

The bill had nothing to do with the mother but with the child who desperately needs medical attention after surviving an abortion. I heard this week on television about people who survived their abortions and they pleaded with the senators to pass this bill to save the lives of babies. One young woman commented that the abortion industry, aided and abetted by mostly democratic politicians, is so fearful of losing their money stream provided by abortions and the selling of baby parts that they pushed senators, including our own two, to defeat this bill.

I saw a film clip of a mother who prematurely gave birth to twins at 22 weeks, 2 days, begging the medical team surrounding her to save her babies who were gasping for breath. You could hear the doctor calmly telling the hysterical mother that because the babies were not at 22 weeks 5 days gestation, he could not provide medical treatment to save them because of hospital rules. Too bad she was not at a Catholic hospital during this tragic episode!

Apparently, our politicians now believe in infanticide as an acceptable means of birth control. Our country is truly in a sad state of affairs. Where are our elected leaders leading us? Albert Einstein once said that there are two things that are infinite – the universe and stupidity. It appears there is a lot of stupidity these days on Capital Hill in Washington. We have laws that protect certain species of fish, birds, insects and animals and make it a federal crime to destroy any of these, but we have no problem destroying innocent human life in the womb, and now outside of the womb. How long will God tolerate our wonton recklessness with His creation, especially, a human being, the summit of His creation? We need to speak out and elect leaders who will represent our values and not be in lock step with the philosophy of any political party. We need to remind our elected officials that they represent us and must listen to us or we need to cast them out of office. We cannot be silent any longer as human life is carelessly and cavalierly destroyed.

Monsignor Pedone

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Sunday, March 10, 2019
After the 8:00 am and 10:00 am
Masses in the Parish Center
Cost is \$4 and that included pancakes,
sausage and juice
Please join us.

Andy’s Attic at South High

Andy’s Attic at South High—**Saturday, March 16 from 9am-12 p.m.** Great opportunity for Confirmation students to receive hours. We will meet at South High, 170 Apricot Street, Worcester. Devote some time to come fold, sort and organize clothing, and see first-hand the families we help daily. If you would like to make a donation they are always in great need of gently used clothing and shoes in all sizes from babies to grandparents. New socks, underwear and sneakers are in high demand.

FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH

We have celebrated the Feast of Saint Joseph for many years and then we stopped. Brought back by popular demand, we will once again celebrate for Feast of Saint Joseph. This year our celebration will be held on Wednesday, **March 20**. We will begin with a Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner of pasta and baccala, salad, bread and of course ZEPPOLE. Tickets are \$15 and must be bought in advance. For tickets call the office at 508- 753-5001.

SAVE THE DATE
LENTEEN SUPPER

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Lenten Supper again this year. This year’s meal will be Porchetta. The dinner is **Saturday, March 23** downstairs in the church hall. Tickets were being sold after Mass. But, please save the date on your calendars.

FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY



Friday – March 29
 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish
 37 Massasoit Rd. - Worcester
 Fish (Haddock) and Chips - \$15.00
 Baked Haddock with Rice Pilaf- \$15.00
 Fish Chowder - \$5.00
 Macaroni & Cheese—\$4.00

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

February 28, 2019

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

For over 50 years, the **Collection for the Church in Latin America** has been a sign of the solidarity of the Church in the United States with the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean. The distance in rural areas and deteriorated roads make it difficult for some communities to have Mass regularly. Language barriers and lack of resources make catechetical materials difficult to produce. We are called to share our faith with all, and this collection is a prophetic and bold way to do so.

Last year, when Pope Francis opened registrations for World Youth Day in Panama, he said, “WYD is for the courageous! Not for young people who are searching only for comfort and who withdraw whenever difficulties arise. Do you accept the challenge?” (Message for the Thirty-Third World Youth Day, February 11, 2018). Pope Francis echoed Jesus’ call for young people to encounter one another and to experience the beauty of the Church. We have a responsibility to support them as they grow in faith.

You have helped young people accept the challenge to grow in faith by your ongoing support for the Collection for the Church in Latin America. You have given them the opportunity to grow as leaders and to develop missionary hearts.

The Collection for the Church in Latin America empowers the faithful of Latin America and the Caribbean to deepen their faith and share it with each other and the world. A significant portion of this collection is also used to assist in the ongoing efforts of our own **Diocesan Hispanic Ministry**, which serves the large number of Hispanic and Latino Catholics who are now in the Diocese of Worcester. It is gratifying to see the life of faith flourishing in these parish communities as their faith life enriches us all.

I encourage you to respond to the theme to “Share your Faith” by supporting the special Collection for the Church in Latin America when your parish takes up the collection. Please be assured of my appreciation for your generous response.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain,

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

SAVE THE DATES!!!!
August 8-9-10-11, 2019
ITALIAN FESTIVAL 2019



Next Festival Meeting—to be announced

If you can’t make the meeting but would still like to participate, please contact Elaine Beaudry at 508-835-4592 or ebeaudry19@gmail.com Looking forward to seeing you there!

Financial Stewardship

For the week ending February 24, 2019



Income

Offertory:	
Week-End	\$3,787.08
Mail	678.00
Fuel	586.00
EFT	247.42
Maintenance	214.00
World Missions	25.00
Religious Retirement	2.00
Total Offertory	\$5,539.50
Transfer from Savings	25,500.00
CYC—Youth and Family Programs	831.00
Funeral Stipends	300.00
Donations	225.00
Candles	72.00
Mass Stipends	70.00
Catholic Free Press	39.00
Total	<u>\$32,576.50</u>

Expenses

Salaries and Wages	\$6,247.54
Diocesan Invoices (February)	3,705.00
Mount Carmel Demolition Costs	2,455.00
Employee Health Insurances (February)	886.02
Heating Oil (Parish Center)	617.30
Repairs and Maintenance	402.50
Diaconate Retreat	285.00
Office Supplies	280.14
Organists	250.00
Copier Lease	191.74
Employee Benefits	155.26
Funeral Stipends	150.00
Total	<u>\$15,625.50</u>

Upcoming Events

- Mar. 3—2-4 pm—Afternoon of Recollection and Confession
- Mar. 6—Ash Wednesday—LENT begins
- Mar. 20—Feast of St. Joseph in the Parish Center
- Mar. 21-24 - Men's Cursillo at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center, Putnam, CT.
- Mar. 23—Lenten Supper sponsored by Knights of Columbus
- Mar. 29 - 4-6:30 pm - Friday Night FISH FRY at Our Lady of Loreto Church hall
- Apr. 14—2-4 pm—Afternoon of Recollection and Confession

This Week in Our Parish

- Mon., Mar. 4—7 p.m.—**Adult Faith Formation**
- Tues., Mar. 5— 10 am-2 pm—**Golden Years Gathering- 7 pm—Knights of Columbus**
- Wed. Mar. 6—**ASH WEDNESDAY—See Schedule**
- Sun., Mar. 10—**Religious Education classes:**
 8:30 - 11 am: **Pre-K - Grade 4**
 11 am - 12:15 pm - **Grades 5-10**

PARTNERS IN CHARITY
APPEAL



The Annual Diocesan Partners in Charity Appeal—“*Faith in Action—Generate Joy*”, has begun in our parish. Our goal this year remains the same at \$50,000.

To date we have collected \$ 39,285

We are well on our way toward our parish goal. Pledge envelopes are in the pews for you to take and fill out if you have not already done so. Please consider pledging over a period of time to this worthy cause. You are invited to watch the Appeal Video at home at www.partners-charity.net. Please keep in mind that we would like to complete our campaign by the end of March.

Thank You for your generosity!!

The Massachusetts House of Representatives and the Massachusetts Senate both have before them a bill to legalize Physician Assisted Suicide (PAS). Both bills are named "An Act relative to End of Life Options". They are to be acted upon sometime during the current legislative session which runs from Jan.2, 2019 and ends Dec.31, 2020.

Co-sponsors representing the Worcester area for the Senate bill are State Senator Harriet Chandler (D-First Worcester) and State Senator Joanne Comerford (D-Hampshire, Franklin, and Worcester). Co-sponsors for the House Bill are State Representative Louis Kafka (D-8th Norfolk) and State Representative Daniel Donahue (D-16th Worcester). One can find their contact information by calling the Massachusetts Secretary of State Office at 617-727-2828.

Fatal Flaws is a movie filmed in different countries in which Kevin Dunn interviews proponents and opponents of Physician Assisted Suicide. The film is a production of Dunn Media and the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition.

Fatal Flaws with a question and discussion period after is available on:

---**Sunday, March 10 after the 10am Mass** at St. Peter's Parish in Worcester.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Roger Dubuque, co-chair of Witness for Life and a member of Christ the King Parish at witnessforlife.com. This is a very significant, important issue for us to stop from becoming law.

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 2, 2019—3:00 p.m.—Confessions

Saturday, March 2, 2019—4:00 p.m.

Louis Fazio, Jr. by Family
Titus Anyanwu by Nosike Family

Sunday, March 3, 2019—8:00 a.m.

The Sick of the Parish

Sunday, March 3, 2019—10:00 a.m.

Carmello Indelia by Carmine and Esther
Vanda Ramonas by Julia Zemaitis

Sunday, March 3, 2019 - 11:30 a.m.

The People of the Parish

Monday, March 4, 2019—7:00 a.m.

Parishioners Intentions

Tuesday, March 5, 2019—7:00 a.m.

The Sick of the Parish

Wednesday, March 6, 2019—7:00 a.m.

Mass and Ashes

Wednesday, March 6, 2019—12:15 p.m.

Mass and Ashes

Wednesday, March 6, 2019—6:00 p.m.

Mass and Ashes

Thursday, March 7, 2019—7:00 a.m.

The People of the Parish

Saturday, March 9, 2019—3:00 p.m.—Confessions

Saturday, March 9, 2019—4:00 p.m.

Nicholas Astrella by the Dionne Family
Concetta “Connie” DeCaro by the Dionne Family

Sunday, March 10, 2019—8:00 a.m.

Vanda Ramonas by Aldona Kibelkstis
Rosina Paldino by Debra Collette

Sunday, March 10, 2019—10:00 a.m.

Philomena & Gesualdo Barresi (Birthday
Remembrance) by Daughter Julie Tufano
Titus Anyanwu by the Nosike Family

Sunday, March 10, 2019—11:30 a.m.

Joseph Aromando (6th Anniversary) and **Anthony
and James Toscano** by Julia
Emilia Garofoli by Family



Please pray for the sick of our parish: Francis Caffone, Susan Stomski, Donna Grasseschi, Lori Blackwell, Carmela Szklarz, Matteo Fiore, Patrick Loconto, Frank “Butch” Rano, Mary O’Connor, Christopher Collazo, Paula Mari, Sim Simone, Cathy Coffey, Mildred Bassan, Vincent Pusateri, Sylvia Pusateri, Debbie Caffone, Joseph Ginskus, Philip Powers, Virginia Czubrynski, Karen Remian, Sandra Powers, Jennifer Bodinizzo, Martin Laine, Accurzio & Loretta Sclafani, Robert Bacon, Belinda Sahagun, Thelma Ortiz, Caryl Masiello, Cynthia Pedone, Roland Dionne, Maxwell Mitchell, Louis Naple, Carol Youngstrom, Richard Patrone, Sue Cozzolino, Carol Iaconi, Anthony DeAngelis, Reverend Charles Armeay, Anthony & Paul Locantore, Antoinetta Froio, Ernest Martone, Kelly Piscillo, Ann Servidio, Millieann Deloriea and Albert & Eleanor Gallo. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

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

Joseph DiSilvestro
by Family



Rest in Peace

*We, the parish community of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto, extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of **Julia Natola** and **Sr. Loretta Ciccarelli, MVP**. May God grant them peace forever and bring comfort to their families and friends.*



PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH IN YOUR WILLS, BEQUESTS AND UPON THE DEATH OF LOVED ONES FOR DONATIONS. MANY THANKS!

HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF A VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD?

Have you thought of a vocation to the priesthood? Come and learn more. The Diocese of Worcester’s annual discernment retreat, directed by Bishop McManus, will be held on April 12 & 13. This retreat begins at 6pm on Friday and ends at 6 pm Saturday. It is for men high school age, college age, and older. The retreat center is only 30 minutes from Worcester at the Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam, Connecticut. There is no cost, and transportation is provided if needed.

Visit worcestervocations.com for more information. Contact Father Jim Mazzone at jmazzone@charter.net or by phone at 508-340-5788 to sign up.

Mardi Gras

Mardi Gras (“Fat Tuesday”) and Carnivale (“Farewell to Meat”) precede Ash Wednesday and Lent around the world, even where Lent has ceased to have much religious meaning. It was natural to develop a festival, a “last fling,” before the prayerful fasting and abstinence of Lent. How can we give this day before Ash Wednesday some religious meaning for us? It is important to remember that we let our feasting anticipate our fasting.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for it is from your goodness that we have this day to celebrate on the threshold of the Season of Lent.

Tomorrow we will fast and abstain from meat. Today we feast.

Prepare us for tomorrow. Tasting the fullness of what we have today, let us experience some hunger tomorrow. May our fasting make us more alert and may it heighten our consciousness so that we may be ready to hear your Word and respond to your call.

Ministry Assignments for March 9-10

Mar. 9 @ 4:00 pm

Lectors – Jim Buffone

Ministers – Nancy Gurgone & Tom Lavin

Mar. 10 @ 8:00 am

Lector—Fran Penny

Ministers—Joe Sama & Louise Faiola

Mar. 10 @ 10:00 am

Lector—Vera Novick

Ministers—Elizabeth Santley & Julie Tufano

Mar. 10 @ 11:30 am

Lector—Pat Solitro

Ministers—Maria Sciannameo & Laurie Matosky

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

ARE YOU INTERESTED???

Have you thought about becoming a lector? Or a Eucharistic Minister? Would you like to bring the Eucharist to our homebound parishioners?

If so, please call:

Sue Cozzolino (Lectors) at 508-615-7914 or scozzo1227@gmail.com

Julie Tufano (Eucharistic Ministers) at 508-757-3170 or tufanojulia@yahoo.com

Chet DiLeo (homebound) at 508-852-3048 or cdileo2t@gmail.com

Deacon John at deaconjb09@gmail.com.

MT. CARMEL UNPLUGGED

What are you doing for Lent? Are you adding something religious to your life? This is an opportunity to get to know Jesus better, perhaps you can take a journey on a Friday evening joining us for the Stations of the Cross, and maybe go to a Mass during the week, join a Bible Study class or read a new religious book. You can take something away, instead of adding something to your life? I hear every day, how busy our schedules are and we do not have the time to add anything to our lives. How about, taking something away, such as stress. We invite you to join us on **Sunday, April 7 anytime from 2:00—6:00 p.m.** to unplug. Unplug all your cell phones, I pads, iPods, computers, televisions, radios, etc. and try to relax. Take this time to focus on family and prayer, the family that prays together, stays together. If you are not able to join us this day, choose a day that works for you and your family, even if it is just for one hour.

FAMILY EASTER GATHERING

We are offering a Family Easter Gathering on **Sunday, April 7**. This will include Egg Coloring, crafts for the children, family games, stories, an Easter Egg Hunt, pizza, snacks and the popular movie, HOP. The cost is free. We are looking for donations of eggs, coloring kits. Chocolate eggs and a Golden Egg. If anyone happens to know the Easter Bunny personally and would like ask him to come visit us on Sunday, April 7 please call the main office at 508 -753-5001.

How about making a Cursillo weekend?

Cursillo or “short course in Christianity”, involving laypeople and clergy who deliver organized talks and discussions plus the witness of their own lives, struggles and triumphs in Christ. Weekends are held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT.

**2019: Men’s: March 21-24 & October 10-13
Women’s: May 2-5 & November 14-17**

For more information, Elizabeth Santley @ 508-304-8871 or esantley@yahoo.com. Applications are available in the vestibule if the church.

Become an Altar Server

The decision to become an altar server is an important step in increasing one’s faith. It brings you into the sanctuary of the church—as close as possible to the sacred words and gestures that define our faith. An altar server becomes part of a group who have made a strong commitment to dedicate themselves to the service of God. Anyone who has received the sacraments of Penance and Eucharist is eligible to become an altar server. If you are interested in this important ministry, please see Msgr. Pedone, Deacon Gerry, Deacon John or Santina MacGregor.