



Our Lady of Mount Carmel St. Ann Parish

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LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00, 10:00, and 11:30 a.m.

DAILY MASS

Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m.

HOLYDAY 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.

PASTORAL STAFF

Msgr. F. Stephen Pedone, Pastor
Rev. Jesus Martinez, Associate Pastor
Most Rev. George E. Rueger, in residence
Deacon Gerry Montiverdi, Part-time Liturgical Assistant.

PARISH OFFICES AND STAFF

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents and Godparents must attend the Baptismal instruction session before the Baptism is celebrated. These sessions take place on the First Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Community baptisms are celebrated on the third Sunday of every month after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Private baptisms may also be arranged by calling the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

To prepare for this lifelong commitment, couples must begin marriage preparation twelve months before the proposed wedding date, according to the diocesan policy.

FAITH FORMATION

The Religious Education Program offers instruction to children and young people from Grade One through the high school years. Children are prepared for the reception of First Reconciliation and then First Holy Communion and young people for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation in high school, including those who attend Catholic schools. Rel. Ed. Office: 508-791-6139.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

This process of sharing faith stories and studying the Bible and the teachings of the Church is open to anyone who is in need of receiving any one or all of the Sacraments of Initiation. -Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation or to anyone who wishes to enter into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

FAITH FORMATION TEAM

Mrs. Joan D'Argenis D.R.E./Youth Director
Maria Sciannameo RCIA Director

LITURGICAL MUSIC MINISTRY

Mr. Scott Olson, Organist
Mr. Michael Garceau, Organist/Wedding Ministry

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Council meets on the third Tuesday of every month. The Council is committed to assisting the pastor in various liturgical celebrations and parochial and diocesan fundraisers and to pursuing its own charitable endeavors.

ORGANIZATIONS

Guild of Our Lady of Sorrows
Beato Angelo D'Acri Society
The Gene J. DeFeudis Italian Cultural Center
Mt. Carmel Golden Years Club

PRO-LIFE CONTACTS

Pro-Life Office, Mrs. Allison LeDoux: 508-929-4311
Respect Life Parish Representative: Louise Faiola: 508-756-1150
Visitation House: 508-798-0762
Problem Pregnancy: 888-310-7217

ILLNESS

Arrangements can be made to have Holy Communion brought 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 notify the parish office with the necessary information.

PARISH REGISTRATION

To become a registered member of the parish, please call the office. One of the secretaries will gladly assist anyone and complete the registration over the phone or through the website.

REPORTING THE ABUSE OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

To report the abuse of a child or a teenager, please contact Mrs. Frances Nugent, Director of the Diocesan Office of Healing and Prevention at 508-791-7171. You may also call Gloria Caprioli, our parish coordinator for prevention and education, at 508-344-7718. Lastly, you may call Msgr. F. Pedone at 774-243-1154.

**WEEKEND COLLECTION
12/6/2014 & 12/7/2014**

4:00 PM Mass	\$913.00
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,154.00
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,180.00
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,124.00
Shared Envelopes	\$250.00
Total Mass Collections	<u>\$4,621.00</u>

Special Collections:

Weekend Envelopes –mailed in	\$1,278.00
Children’s Envelopes	\$20.70
Fuel	\$80.00
Christmas	\$65.00
Christmas Flowers	\$1,091.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$10.00
Immaculate Conception	\$196.00
Religious Retirement	\$45.00
Capital Campaign	\$807.00
Candle Offering	\$278.00
On-Line Giving	\$300.50
Total	<u>\$4,171.20</u>

Restricted Funds	\$852.00
Unrestricted Funds	<u>\$7,940.20</u>
Total	<u>\$8,792.20</u>

The Finance Committee has determined that we need to collect \$9,400 each week to meet our current expenses. Thank you for your continued support of Our Lady of Mount Carmel-St. Ann parish.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24th – 4:00 pm and Midnight
 Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25th – 8:00 and 10:00 am

NEW YEAR’S EVE AND NEW YEAR’S DAY MASS SCHEDULE

New Year’s Eve, Wednesday, December 31st – 4:00 pm
 New Year’s Day, Thursday, January 1st – 10:00 am

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

Give thanks for religious. A parishioner writes, “We thank God today and every day for every religious sister who taught us in school, not only our ABC’s, but also to love God.” Share your gratitude for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to this weekend’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Thank you!

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Any Catholic, 18 years of age or older, who has received First Communion, is practicing his or her faith and is interested in being confirmed is asked to see Monsignor Pedone as soon as possible. The Confirmation ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, February 1, 2015, at St. Paul Cathedral.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Envelopes are available in the vestibule of our church for Christmas flower donations. Please list the names in whose memory you want to make a donation. Please write names as clearly as possible. You can drop the envelope in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office. Many thanks for your generosity in helping us pay for the cost of decorating our sanctuary for Christmas. A complete list of contributions will be published in a future bulletin.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

All of the people in today’s readings — the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist — seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Saturday, December 13, 2014—4:00 p.m.

Lucy R. DiLeo (In honor of St. Lucy) by Family

Sunday, December 14, 2014—8:00 a.m.

**Dr. Italia M. D'Argenis Granata and husband
Nicholas Granata** by daughters

Sunday, December 14, 2014—10:00 a.m.

Virginia Mondor by the Mondor Family
Ann Marie Clemente Cavalelli by Family

Sunday, December 14, 2014—11:30 a.m.

Barbara E. Battelle (8th Anniversary) by Family

Monday, December 15, 2014—7:00 a.m.

All Souls by Marie

Tuesday, December 16, 2014—7:00 a.m.

Family by Marie

Wednesday, December 17, 2014—7:00 a.m.

Eleanor "Lena" D'Elia by Grace and Francis
Mahoney

Thursday, December 18, 2014—7:00 a.m.

Cafaro Vincenza by Matteo Travaglio

Friday, December 19, 2014—7:00 a.m.

The Sick of the Parish

Saturday, December 20, 2014—4:00 p.m.

Maria Sacco by husband, Michael

Sunday, December 21, 2014—8:00 a.m.

William and Theresa Scaglione by Grandson

Sunday, December 21, 2014—10:00 a.m.

Michael DelloStritto (2nd Anniversary) by Wife
Josie and Children

Mr. and Mrs. Lori Therrien by Hazel Berry

Sunday, December 21, 2014—11:30 a.m.

Leo J. Gardella (47th Anniversary) by Children
Michael Bodinizzo by Family



Please pray for the sick of our parish: Anna Perro, Francis Caffone, Susan Stomski, James Dionne, Donna Grasseschi, Lena Sbrogna, Michael Crossen, Vinnie Gianfredo, Lori Blackwell, Carmella Szklarz, Matteo Fiore, Matthew Hicks, Henry Penny, Patrick Loconto, Eleanor Lupisella, Butch Rano, Mary O'Connor, Christina Rovezzi, Christopher Collazo, Eleanor Gaudenzi, Eileen Biziewski, Patricia Naples, Paula & Arthur Mari, Beverly Sacco, Cornelius O'Connor, Clara Merola, Ellen Bianchera, Ava Grace Mackenzie and Mary Grimaldi. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

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

Joseph & Irene Capurso and Ann Ferdella
Christmas Blessings
By Paul & Kathy Stukowski



Emilio & Congetta DiVirgilio
Christmas Blessings
By Family

GIVING TREE

If you have gifts that were purchased for the Giving Tree, please bring them to the Parish Center as soon as possible.

Thank you for your generosity.

**SPECIAL "GIVING TREE" FOR
SEMINARIANS**

Please remember our seminarians at Christmas. Several of them are from foreign countries and are away from their families this Christmas. Please take a tag with a seminarian's name on it. Gift cards from CVS and Staples make great and useful gifts for our seminarians. Thanks for supporting our seminarians, our future priests!

**LOOKING FOR CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING
ON CHARTER TV?**

Local Diocesan Programming is now on Charter Channel 193; Boston's Catholic TV is on Channel 101, and EWTN is on Channel 18.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel – St. Ann Golden Years Club

Program for the Month December 2014

December 16, 2014

12:00 Noon Christmas Party
11:00 A.M. Doors Open

December 23, 2014

9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. VNA "Keep Well Clinic" –
Blood Pressure Etc.
10:00 A.M. Socializing
12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social.

December 30, 2014

10:00 A.M. Socializing
12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social.

REMINDER --- PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING

FOOD FOR THE POOR --- FOOD FOR OUR
FOOD BANK---DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD
BANK HAVE BEEN VERY LOW---IF MEMBERS
DONATE ONE ITEM EVERY TUESDAY FOR THE
FOOD BANK IT WILL BE VERY HELPFUL.

ADULT CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

The annual diocesan celebration of Confirmation for adults will be held at the Cathedral of St. Paul on **Sunday, February 1, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.** This celebration is intended for catechized adults, age 18 and up, who have not been confirmed. The Office of Religious Education will offer a retreat for those preparing to be confirmed at the diocesan celebration. The retreat will be held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center, 600 Liberty Highway, Putnam, CT, on Sunday, January 11, 2015, from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. For further information, or to register candidates for the Confirmation celebration or the retreat, please contact the Office of Religious Education at (508) 929-4308(508) 929-4308. More information can be found on the diocesan website www.worcesterdiocese.org/religiouseducation.

WINTER WEATHER POLICY

In the issue of safety, we want to restate the policy for weekday Mass when the weather is threatening. On those weekdays when Worcester schools cancel or delay opening due to inclement weather, the 7:00 am Mass is also canceled.



ST. MARY SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE/ SHADOW DAY

St. Mary Schools, 50 Richland St., Worcester are proudly hosting an Open House/ Shadow Day on **Wednesday, January 7 at 8 AM** for all those students who came to the open house as well as any new students and families who are interested in St. Mary Schools. Students can be dropped off at 8 AM and parents have the option of joining their child at 1:15 for the parent portion of the program to be concluded at 2 PM. St. Mary takes pride in its great teachers, modern technology, numerous activities and most importantly for being a faith filled community. We have honors courses for those students who excel academically and also help those students who need extra help. Parents of Pre-K, K and grade 1 students have the option of staying for the day or a portion of the day with their child. Please RSVP by calling 508-753-1170. In the event of a school cancellation or delay due to inclement weather, the Open House/ Shadow Day will take place on Thursday, January 8.

SENIOR EMPLOYMENT THROUGH CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Worcester administers a Senior Employment Program that provides training opportunities for unemployed, low-income residents of Worcester and Franklin Counties who are 55 years of age and older. We are currently enrolling new participants at this time. Catholic Charities assigns qualified individuals, known as "senior aides" to various training sites that are located at non-profit organizations or government organizations. Senior aides are asked to perform a variety of responsibilities including clerical and administrative functions, maintenance work, library support, etc., depending on their interests. Participants are paid \$8 an hour for 20 hours a week. For more information call Catholic Charities at the Worcester office at (508) 798-0191(508) 798-0191.

FAMILY REGISTRATION FORMS

We are still in the process of updating our parish information database. If you have not already done so, please take a registration form from the entrance of the church and complete it as best you can and then return it either to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. If you have any questions please feel free to call the parish office at 508-797-4546 or e-mail Lisa at lisaolmc@gmail.com.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR LADY OF MOUNT
CARMEL-ST. ANN PARISH IN YOUR WILLS,
BEQUESTS, YOUR ESTATE PLANNING AND UP-
ON THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE.
MANY THANKS!



Outside Nativity Gathering

Parishioners gathered for Christmas caroling, hot chocolate and cookies outside of the parish center near the Nativity with a special appearance by Santa.



On Tuesday December 9, 2014 members of our Parish CYC participated with our Parish Knights of Columbus in their annual Posada. The KofC would like to thank them for enhancing this celebration by providing them with a live Nativity.

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 white cart near the shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Your donations make a big difference to some one who is hungry. Many thanks!

MARCH FOR LIFE REGISTRATION INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE!

Plan now to attend the 42nd annual March for Life in Washington, DC on **Thursday, Jan. 22, 2015!** Buses will leave from St. Paul's Cathedral on Wed., Jan. 21 following the Respect Life Mass at 7:30 p.m., and will travel to the Basilica of National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC in time for Thursday a.m. Mass followed by the March for Life at noon. Buses will return by 1 am on Jan 23 to Cathedral immediately following the March, Cost is \$70 per seat for registrations postmarked by Dec. 31, and \$85 thereafter. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis until all seats are full. For more details and to download registration forms, visit www.worcesterdiocese.org/respectlife or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311/508-929-4311 or ale-doux@worcesterdiocese.org. Can't attend this year but want to help? Consider making a donation that will help defray expenses for students in need.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2015

World Marriage Day is an annual event, sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter (the largest Catholic pro-marriage and family movement in the world) and the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York. It honors and affirms the vocation of husbands and wives and the positive impact of their dedicated example on our society, families, communities, Church, and nation. We will be celebrating this special event at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on Sunday, February 8th 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](tel: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. Example I know of one couple, who was married in Italy and they explain how they walked from their house to the church, receiving gifts and blessings along the way. Another couple were very much in love, but could not get married until the older sister was married. They spent time fixing her up until the right one proposed and now sixty years later, they have a great story to tell. We are also going to having a Gallery of Love in the cultural center. We would like to display your marriage photo in our gallery. We will have a reception following the Mass and people will be invited to view the pictures. Please tape your name, wedding date and phone number on the back of the photo. We are also interested in pictures of the wedding party and reception; examples, the cutting of the cake or the throwing of the bouquet. Please help us make this a special occasion and also send a message to our children about the Sacrament of Marriage.

TAKE FIVE FOR FAITH

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2014

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Make yourself a prophet

As Christians, we have a long biblical history of God speaking through prophets such as Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel. Although divinely inspired, the prophets faced a tough job. Often they begged, encouraged, cajoled, harangued, and otherwise urged the people to turn away from anything that separated them from God and one another. They beseeched the people to return to God and make right a society suffering from misuse of power, injustice, and indifference. The prophets remind us that God is always present, reaching out with love. How will you accept God's love today and share it with others?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28 (8). "...[the Lord] has sent me to bring glad tidings."

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Patience, people

After some weeks of Advent, you may find yourself struggling to maintain the mood of waiting and expectation when all the world is already at the height of celebrating a winter holiday. We need such secular celebrations (even under the title of Christmas!) to deepen the bonds of friendship and generosity. However, the Christian also needs a strong spirit of stillness to tell the difference between these celebrations and the quiet, gentle, purple time of longing. Otherwise, when Christmas arrives all you'll have left to offer is fatigue—not much of a joyous welcome for Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27 (187). "By what authority are you doing these things?"

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Seek stillness

Every country has its unique Christmas traditions, but the Philippines beats them all in terms of the length of its Christmas season, which starts as early as September and lasts into January. The official church observance in the Philippines begins today with nine days of devotion called *Simbang Gabi* (Filipino for "Night Mass"). Mass is held before sunrise, originally to accommodate farmers who are busy with the harvest this time of year. During the hectic pace of the holidays, try to carve out peaceful moments of quiet to reflect on the meaning of the season.

TODAY'S READINGS: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32 (188). "They shall pasture and couch their flocks with none to disturb them."

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

ADVENT WEEKDAY: O WISDOM (O SAPIENTIA)

The excitement grows

Wonderful events can leave us breathless beyond an exclamation of delight: *Oh!* Similarly, wonder in the divine Presence influences us in prayer: *O Lord.* As early as the sixth century, the Great O Antiphons of Advent have been chanted in the church to express growing excitement during the last seven days of Advent. The title of each antiphon begins with the interjection "O" followed by a name mentioned in scripture as an attribute for Christ. They were formed into a song in the 12th century, "*Veni, Veni Emmanuel,*" and translated 700 years later as "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." We pray today: *O Wisdom, ancient and new, help your church to combine tradition with new understanding.*

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17 (193). "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the rule's staff from between his feet."

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

ADVENT WEEKDAY: O SACRED LORD (O ADONAI)

Our God saves us

The title seems old-fashioned. "Lord" comes from an era in which one man was master/protector over a household, village, or territory. The Most High is viewed as this kind of Lord with the universe as his household. God is recognized as Lord in the act of liberating captives from Egyptian slavery and Babylonian exile. Jesus earns this title when he's revealed as truly his Father's Son: liberator of a world enslaved to sin. We pray today: *O Sacred Lord, free us from every attitude or behavior that limits our love.*

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25 (194). "In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety."

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

ADVENT WEEKDAY: O ROOT OF JESSE (O RADIX JESSE)

Stories are a staircase

Every generation has its stories, and these stories take us up to newly inspired heights, or below to never-before-imagined depths. Our sacred story brims with surprising births from women too old, inexperienced, barren, or unlikely to conceive. Yet the babies keep coming, because the God of Life wills it and the mothers say yes. In these stories, younger sons upstage older ones, losers win, and a shepherd boy becomes a king. We pray today: *O Root of Jesse, find within our present-day stories the seed of amazing new life.*

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25 (195). "Although you are barren, having borne no children, you shall conceive and bear a son."

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

ADVENT WEEKDAY: O KEY OF DAVID (O CLAVIS DAVIDICA)

We have the power

The world is full of sighing people, disappointed in efforts that seem to amount to nothing. "If only we had more money, control, say in what happens!" Maybe the "juice" isn't what's lacking. Maybe it's faith. God invites us to participate in the authority of the universe: the power to forgive sin. Forgiveness is the big key that unlocks every door. But too often it sits there, under-utilized. We pray today: *O Key of David, give us courage to give and receive the forgiveness you have gained for us.*

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38 (196). "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you."

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