



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 & Director of Adult Education

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
7/4/2015 & 7/5/2015**

4:00 PM Mass	\$700.00
8:00 AM Mass	\$880.00
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,083.00
11:30 AM Mass	\$670.00
Shared Envelopes	\$245.00
Total Mass Collections	<u>\$3,578.00</u>

Special Collections:

Weekend Envelopes –mailed in	\$2,698.00
Children’s Envelopes	\$1.95
Assumption	\$10.00
Peter’s Pence	\$35.00
Easter	\$50.00
Capital Campaign	\$612.00
On-Line Giving	\$285.50
Candle Offering	\$198.00
Total	<u>\$3,890.45</u>

Restricted Funds	\$647.00
Unrestricted Funds	<u>\$6,821.45</u>
Total	<u>\$7,468.45</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.

PARISH SCHOLARSHIPS

Our parish offers scholarships for parishioners who are attending college. You must be an active member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel-St. Ann parish to be eligible. Applications may be obtained at the parish office.

**TRIP TO SOUTHERN ITALY AND SICILY –
MAY 12-23, 2016**

You are invited to join us on this beautiful trip to southern Italy and Sicily. The trip is being organized through AAA Travel and Collette Tours and will feature Taormina, Alberobello, and the Amalfi coast, among other sites. Informational material may be obtained at the parish center. If you are interested in coming along, please call Linda Burke at AAA. The telephone number is 508-853-7000, ext. 3324. This trip is open to everyone. Please join us.

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Beginning this week and continuing until Labor Day, the parish office will be open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Thursday and will be closed Fridays. HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE SUMMER!

PARISH CENSUS

Letters have been mailed to every registered household in our parish, along with a census form, which you are kindly asked to complete and return to the parish office as soon as possible even if you have recently registered. Census forms are also available at the entrances to the church. Many thanks for your cooperation in this important endeavor!

**THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF
MOUNT CARMEL**

On July 16th we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel with a group gathering at 1:00 p.m. in the church to pray the Rosary. According to the traditions of the Carmelite order, on July 16, 1251, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Simon Stock, a Carmelite. During the vision, she revealed to him the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, popularly known as the "Brown Scapular." A century and a quarter later, the Carmelite order began to celebrate on this date the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts.” (MARK 6:8) How different we are from the Apostles who took nothing when they ventured out to serve God. Today, we make our journey through life more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Yet, the more we can let go of, the freer we are to serve God with love and joy.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 11, 2015—4:00 p.m.

Anthony & Carmella Nuzzetti by John Mero
Louis & Rose Belsito (2nd Anniversary)

Sunday, July 12, 2015—8:00 a.m.

Nikki and Joe Gangai by daughter Marlene and son-in-law Steve Perno
Joan Masiello by daughters Debbie and Sandy

Sunday, July 12, 2015—10:00 a.m.

Catherine George by Christine Brown
Silvana Swett (First Anniversary) by Family

Sunday, July 12, 2015—11:30 a.m.

Paul and Emma Moreschi by Daughters
Esther Keenan by Donna and Steve Grasseschi

Monday, July 13, 2015—7:00 a.m.

Parishioners Intentions

Tuesday, July 14, 2015—7:00 a.m.

Madeline Arn (First Anniversary) by Hazel Berry

Tuesday, July 14, 2015—10:00 a.m.

In Honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel by the Mount Carmel Golden Years Club

Wednesday, July 15, 2015—7:00 a.m.

The Sick of the Parish

Thursday, July 16, 2015—7:00 a.m.

Parishioners Intentions

Friday, July 17, 2015—7:00 a.m.

The People of the Parish

Saturday, July 18, 2015—4:00 p.m.

Philomena & Augustine Sbrogna and All Sbrogna Family Members by Gus Sbrogna
Frank Chionchio by his loving Wife, Children and Grandchildren

Sunday, July 19, 2015—8:00 a.m.

Rinaldo and Tarallo Families by Mr. and Mrs. Francis Tarallo

Sunday, July 19, 2015—10:00 a.m.

Salem Francis (5th Anniversary) by wife Deborah Francis
Michael Naples (3rd Anniversary) by Ma, Dad and Family

Sunday, July 19, 2015—11:30 a.m.

Catherine Brown by Ann and Joe Sarasin



Please pray for the sick of our parish: Anna Perro, Francis Caffone, Susan Stomski, Donna Grasseschi, Lena Sbrogna, Michael Crossen, 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 Mari, Beverly Sacco, Sim Simone, Cathy Coffey, Mary Ciuffredo, Mildred Bassan, Vincent Pusateri, Debbie Caffone, Carol Youngstrom and Juana E. Pignataro. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.



SAVE THE DATES

Our parish festival will be held August 21-23, 2015 on our parish grounds.

DONATIONS OF ITALIAN COOKIES

We are looking for donations of Italian cookies for the Mount Carmel Italian Festival August 21-23. If you are capable of making and donating these please contact Stella at 774-253-7015. All donations are appreciated.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Festival Committee is looking for volunteers for the Italian Festival to be held at Mount Carmel August 21-23, 2015. Volunteers are needed to help out either in the kitchen, setting up, breaking down and many other various duties for any of the days and times starting Thursday, August 20—Sunday, August 23. There is a sign up sheet in the main office in the parish center or you may call Stella at 774-253-7015 to sign up and volunteer.

ON-LINE GIVING

We appreciate your contributions to the church community and would especially like to recognize those who are now using our Online Giving service.

To get started or to learn more about Online Giving, please click the Online Giving link on our church website at mtcarmel.ws. If you would like help, please call Lisa at 508-797-4546 or e-mail us at lisaolmc@gmail.com

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL – ST. ANN
GOLDEN YEARS CLUB**

July 14, 2015

10:00 A.M. Mass in honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
By the Golden Years Club
12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social.

July 21, 2015

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.

July 28, 2015

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.**

**SHREWSBURY ST. NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION**

The July meeting of the Shrewsbury St. Neighborhood Association will take place on Thursday, July 16, 2015, at the Mt. Carmel Recreation Center, 28 Mulberry St. beginning at 7:00 P.M. The Police Dept., DA's Office, City Manager's Office, Code Dept., other city departments, and elected officials will be present to answer any concerns area residents may have.

The meeting is open to the public and all area residents are encouraged to attend and raise any issues that need to be addressed by our city and state governments. Refreshments will be served and the room the meeting is held in is air conditioned.

The July meeting marks the 14th anniversary of the association. Come and join the celebration! Contact Gary Vecchio at vecchio14@gmail.com for more information.

Looking for Catholic Programming ?
WCCA TV , formerly Ch. 13 but now found on **Ch. 194** in Worcester airs Diocese Specials every Tuesday at 8pm. Also streaming live online on Tuesdays at 8pm at wccatv.com .



**DEADLINE EXTENDED TO SEE POPE
FRANCIS IN PHILADELPHIA!**

Registration for the diocesan pilgrimage trips to the September World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia with Pope Francis has been extended until July 15. The World Meeting of Families is an event organized by the Pontifical Council for the Family, and is held once every three years. This is the first time it will be held in the United States. We are working with Canterbury Pilgrimages to offer two trip options: Option One (Sept. 22-27) includes the entire World Meeting of Families Congress with world-renown speakers as well as the Papal weekend events; Option Two (Sept. 24-27) will include the Papal weekend events. For more details and registration information visit www.worcesterdiocese.org/world-meeting-of-families, or contact Canterbury Pilgrimages at 800-653-0017 indicating that you are with the Diocese of Worcester. Register today – space is filling up quickly. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

**PRAYER FOR THE VISIT OF POPE FRANCIS
TO THE UNITED STATES**

Heavenly Father, we entrust to your loving care our Holy Father, Pope Francis, who, in your Providence, leads and guides the Church throughout the world. As we prepare for his pastoral journey to the United States, fill us, Lord, with the joy of the Gospel. Give us the grace to respond to the Holy Father's call to encounter Christ, and to become missionary disciples who bear witness to His truth and love. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may walk with others, especially the poor and the vulnerable, and bring them to the healing touch of your Son, Jesus. In your kindness, Lord, give success to the World Meeting of Families so that under the leadership of Pope Francis, marriage and family life might be strengthened in every land and culture. Look with love upon our nation. Ensure that the Holy Father's presence and words inspire us to protect the unborn, the ill and all those who are vulnerable; to defend our first and most cherished freedom, religious liberty; to welcome the stranger; and to serve the poor. May this visit of Pope Francis confirm in our hearts the Gospel principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

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!



SUMMER PROGRAM

The following are a list of supplies needed for our summer program. All donations are needed and appreciated.

Black Plastic Sheeting (for slip and slide), glue sticks, Elmer's glue, popsicle sticks, colored construction paper, kick balls, jump ropes, hula hoops, gimp - plastic strings for crafts, beads, yarn, shells, board games, red, white, blue nail polish, red, white, blue hair streaking spray, face paint, finger paint, 1st – 5th place ribbons (are available at the dollar store and lparty)

We are also in need of empty cereal boxes, board games and KICKBALLS.

Last year we made some changes to our summer program, that was a huge success. We would like to continue in the same direction this year. We will offer cooking lessons, Art and Building Stories, BOOKMAKING! Drama workshop, clay modeling, sewing classes, etiquette classes, sport skills, photography classes, dance classes, painting classes. We obvious need help to run these mini workshops. We are looking for volunteers. Perhaps some grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, older siblings, professional and non-professionals. There will also be plenty of time for kids just to be kids. We have planned some great outdoor activities, such as a Mini - Olympic day and a nautical day (water activities). Shirley and Anthony George have already volunteered for the Mini-Olympic day.

VACATION BIBLE AND SUMMER PROGRAM

**Ages 5-10
July 7-30
9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

Please contact Joan D'Argenis at joan_dargenis@yahoo.com or 508-797-4546 for more information.

SUMMER PROGRAM

Every Tuesday, starting on July 14th is trip day. Children must be 7 years old or accompanied by an adult to attend these trips. There is a sign-up sheet in the office for all trips. Trips are based on first come, first serve basis. Trips are \$10.00 per person. The trips are as follows; July 14 – Franklin Park Zoo. July 21 – Boston Bunker Hill, Old North Church, Paul Revere Statue and the Swan Boats. July 28– Minute Man National Park. Times of departure and return will vary with each trip (see sign-up sheet.) In conjunction with Showcase North any child who completes a book report, a special trip to the movies is planned at no cost. The movie days are Wednesday, July 8 (Rio 2), July 15 (Penguins) July 22 (How to Train Your Dragon 2), and July 29 (Annie.)

FAMILY BEACH TRIPS

Monday, July 13	Hampton Beach
Monday, July 20	Gloucester Good Harbor
Monday, July 27	Hampton Beach
Monday, August 3	Hampton Beach
Monday, August 10	Newport

The Beach Trips fill up quickly. Sign-ups are a must. We leave at 8:00 a.m. and return at around 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$20.00 per person or \$35.00 per family up to 5 members each person thereafter is an additional \$5.00.

CAROLE KING THE MUSICAL

Sunday, September 20

Providence Performing Arts Center
Tickets: \$88.00 includes show and bus
I will need people to pay in advance, but wanted to secure good seats. So I took a chance and ordered the tickets now. They go on sale to the public next week.

Please contact Joan D'Argenis for tickets at 508-797-4546 or joan_dargenis@yahoo.com

WHITE CHRISTMAS

Two World War II vets have become partners in a song-and-dance act after the war. Looking for love, they follow a duo of beautiful singing sisters to a gig at a Vermont lodge, which happens to be owned by their former army commander General Waverly.
Wednesday, December 9 in Providence show is at 7:00 p.m. we will leave at 4:30 p.m. Dinner is on your own. There are some nice restaurants in the area. Cost - \$55.00 includes ticket

NEWPORT PLAYHOUSE

Dinner Show and Cabaret
Saturday – October 3
The Odd Couple
Cost - \$65.00 includes bus, show and dinner

ASSISTANCE NEEDED TO HELP WITH FOOD BANK DELIVERIES

Catholic Charities' Emergency Stabilization Services located on Hammond Street in Worcester is looking for volunteers who might be able to assist them with weekly trips to Worcester County Food Bank. Volunteers must have vehicles and be able to lift cases of food. Volunteer hours: Monday - Friday, days and times flexible, but must be before 3 pm as the Food Bank closes at 3:30 pm. Thank you for your consideration. All help is much needed and appreciated! Contact: Cynthia Taberner at 508-860-2206 508-860-2206.

TAKE FIVE FOR FAITH

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

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2015 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Not even a carry-on

Naked and Afraid is a television “reality” program that follows a man and woman who for weeks must fend for themselves in a jungle with nothing, not even clothing. Whether you are a viewer or not, it is a stark demonstration in a literal way of what Jesus charges his first apostles to do as his missionaries, to depend upon God alone. The point of the TV show is to document the participants’ survival skills. A reviewer said the program “takes the outrageousness of other reality genres, but applies it to celebrate human strength and fortitude.” How outrageous would a Christian “reality show” be that celebrates spiritual survival skills? Is one even imaginable? Would you dare to be on it?

TODAY’S READINGS: Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13 (104). “For the journey take no food, no sack, no money in your belts, no extra tunic.”

MONDAY, JULY 13

FEAST OF HENRY**The best use of power**

Good boss, bad boss. Most of us have served under both. A bad boss is like the Pharaoh of Egypt: Threatened by his own subordinates, he oppresses everyone to maintain control. A good boss is exemplified by King Henry II, who in 10th-century Bavaria encouraged the growth of monasteries to spread blessings through the land. Today Muslims celebrate the Night of Power and Destiny in which they believe God blesses everyone, forgives all sin, grants all prayers, and sends angels to earth. The best use of power: bless and forgive!

TODAY’S READINGS: Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Matthew 10:34-11:1 (389). “The Egyptians, then, dreaded the children of Israel and reduced them to cruel slavery.”

TUESDAY, JULY 14

FEAST OF KATERI TEKAKWITHA, VIRGIN**Saints are no strangers to being bullied**

Saints often endured harsh treatment from others, and some were bullied since early in their lives. Such was the case for Saint Kateri Tekakwitha. She was teased for her appearance and abilities (her face was scarred and her eyesight impaired from smallpox), and when she became Christian, she was ridiculed and threatened with harm. Yet Kateri was able to find people who believed in her and who encouraged her to be herself and to seek safety from abuse. Kateri never gave up on herself and her dream to help others. How are we ensuring our classrooms, parishes, workplaces, and homes are safe havens for those in need?

TODAY’S READINGS: Exodus 2:1-15a; Matthew 11:20-24 (390). “Why are you striking your companion?”

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

FEAST OF BONAVENTURE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**Fortune smiles upon us**

When Saint Francis of Assisi spoke, people listened, and in the case of Saint Bonaventure, the result was his very name. At the pleading of a child’s mother, Saint Francis prayed for the ill boy’s recovery and foresaw his future greatness by exclaiming *O buona ventura!*—O good fortune!—upon his recovery. And great indeed was Bonaventure’s future as a Franciscan. Chosen at age 35 to lead the order, he restored peace at a time of internal dissension that could have doomed the fledgling order after Francis’ death. Given the great contribution of Franciscans over the centuries, the good fortune belongs to us all.

TODAY’S READINGS: Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Matthew 11:25-27 (391). “The Lord secures justice and the rights of all the oppressed.”

THURSDAY, JULY 16

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL**Wear your faith on your sleeve**

In the Middle Ages knights wore strips of cloth around their arms representing the colors of the lady they were honoring. In essence they were “wearing their hearts on their sleeve”—hence the origin of the phrase. The idea of outwardly displaying where your affections and commitments lie are behind everything from heart tattoos to wedding rings to cross jewelry. Today, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, who tradition holds encouraged Saint Simon Stock and his Carmelite order to wear a brown scapular as a sign of her protection and their devotion to Christ. Scapulars, from the Latin *scapula* for “shoulder,” were soon fashioned in all sizes from medals to small neckwear to other styles of religious habits, all meant to be an outward sign of Christian discipleship. Consider the many ways you might put your faith on display.

TODAY’S READINGS: Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30 (392). “Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart.”

FRIDAY, JULY 17

Take a day off

In the words of Ferris Bueller, one of the world’s most beloved truants, “Life moves pretty fast. If you don’t stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.” That’s why we need unscheduled breaks in our routine—something that goes beyond our regularly scheduled sabbath day of rest. Jesus continually encourages his followers not to be slaves to the law, but rather to be inspired by the spirit of the law, that is, the love inherent in all God’s laws. Don’t be afraid to do something spontaneous, out of the ordinary, not on the agenda. Remember the Holy Spirit blows where it will—get swept up in its tailwinds every now and then.

TODAY’S READINGS: Exodus 11:10-12:14; Matthew 12:1-8 (393). “For the Son of Man is Lord of the sabbath.”

SATURDAY, JULY 18

FEAST OF CAMILLUS DE LELLIS, PRIEST**Lose your shirt but save your soul**

Gain the world, lose your soul. These gospel terms are very familiar. The allure of the good life can tear us away from values and relationships that really matter. Saint Camillus, unhappily, was good at losing both world *and* soul. An unusually large man, he was quarrelsome and addicted to gambling. After his shirt was literally stripped from his back in a big loss, he fell to his knees and begged heaven for mercy—and got it. It changed his life. Examine your life: Are your values in the right place?

TODAY’S READINGS: Exodus 12:37-42; Matthew 12:14-21 (394). “Many people followed Jesus, and he cured them all.”

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