



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 Director of Religious Education
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
8/15/2015 & 8/16/2015**

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| 4:00 PM Mass | \$777.00 |
| 8:00 AM Mass | \$683.00 |
| 10:00 AM Mass | \$806.00 |
| 11:30 AM Mass | \$1,043.00 |
| Shared Envelopes | \$163.00 |
| Total Mass Collections | <u>\$3,472.00</u> |
| Special Collections: | |
| Weekend Envelopes –mailed in | \$1,034.00 |
| Children’s Envelopes | .35 |
| Assumption | \$493.00 |
| Churches in Eastern Europe | \$25.00 |
| Venerini Sisters | \$75.00 |
| Capital Campaign | \$190.00 |
| On-Line Giving | \$225.50 |
| Candle Offering | \$213.00 |
| Total | <u>\$2,255.85</u> |
| Restricted Funds | \$290.00 |
| Unrestricted Funds | <u>\$5,437.85</u> |
| Total | <u>\$5,727.85</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.

**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, featuring Taormina, Alberobello, and the Amalfi coast. The trip is being organized through AAA Travel and Collette Tours. It will be an enjoyable trip at a reasonable cost. Seating is limited. Informational packets are available at the entrances to the church. You may also call Linda Burke at 508-853-7000 x3324 for more information. Informational brochures are located at the entrances to the church.

“Defend the unborn against abortion even if they persecute you, calumniate you, set traps for you, take you to court or kill you. No child should be deprived of the right to be born, the right to be fed, the right to go to school.”

Pope Francis

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 in the rear of the church. Your donations make a big difference to some one who is hungry. Many thanks!

**TRIP TO WRIGHT’S CHICKEN FARM,
HARRISVILLE, RHODE ISLAND –
FRIDAY, AUGUST 28TH**

This event is an appreciation trip for our altar servers and is a gift from the parish for them. It is open to CYC and family members who wish to attend. On the way home, we’ll stop for ice cream. This event will include the altar servers, teenagers and family members from Our Lady of Loreto Parish. We will leave from Mt. Camel parking lot on Mulberry Street at 5:00 pm and return around 9:00 pm. Permission slips, available in the church vestibule, must be filled out and returned to Joan D’Argenis. Altar server permission slips should be returned to Anna Mae Gentile. Space is limited to the first 40 people from both parishes who return signed permission slips.

**WE WELCOME OUR
BISHOP ROBERT J.
MCMANUS AS THE
PRINCIPAL
CELEBRANT AND
HOMILIST AT OUR
10:00 AM FESTIVAL
MASS.**



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” (JOSHUA 24:15) When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests their time, talent and treasure. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

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CONTACT INFORMATION**

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 22, 2015—4:00 p.m.
Anna and Frank Caffone by Son and Daughter-in-law

Sunday, August 23, 2015—8:00 a.m.
Loretta and Rocco Piccolomini by Family
Henry Pascarelli by Lillian Pascarelli

Sunday, August 23, 2015—10:00 a.m.
Taffuri Giuliano and Stellato Giovanna by Dora and Family
Dan Marin (23rd Anniversary) by Michael Marin
Gennaro Maruca by Maruca Family

Monday, August 24, 2015—7:00 a.m.
Parishioners Intentions

Tuesday, August 25, 2015—7:00 a.m.
Mary Battelle (24th Anniversary) by Family

Wednesday, August 26, 2015—7:00 a.m.
Arthur Mari by Family

Thursday, August 27, 2015—7:00 a.m.
The Sick of the Parish

Friday, August 28, 2015—7:00 a.m.
The People of the Parish

Saturday, August 29, 2015—4:00 p.m.
Matthew and Rita Giorgio Ryan, Sr. by Family

Sunday, August 30, 2015—8:00 a.m.
Patsy, Mary and Maria Sacco by Family
Beverly Sacco by Lillian, Lisa and Gianna

Sunday, August 30, 2015—10:00 a.m.
John D. Cariglia by wife Miranda and Children
Giuseppe Santangelo by Wife Marzia

Sunday, August 30, 2015—11:30 a.m.
Salerno Marco and Cafaro Vincenza by Son and Family
San Vitaliano Mass



Please pray for the sick of our parish: Anna Perro, Francis Caffone, Susan Stomski, Donna Grasseschi, Lena Sbrogna, 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, Sim Simone, Cathy Coffey, Mary Ciuffredo, Mildred Bassan, Vincent Pusateri, Debbie Caffone, Carol Youngstrom, Juana E. Pignataro, Joseph Lapomardo, Joseph Ginskus, Philip Powers and Joan Moreschi. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.



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


Sue, Bill and Daughter Susan Falco
 by Antoinette Rinaldi

WOMEN'S GUILD

For years we had a Women's Guild here at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. It was extremely active. But, like so many other groups, their members, grew older and eventually it slowly ended. I spoke with Msgr. Pedone and he has given his ok to start the Guild up again in the fall. The Women's Guild with faith, prayer, knowledge and concern, helps build community through friendship, spiritual reflection, mutual support and support to those in need. Let us step up to the plate and make this happen once again as our grandmothers and mothers have done in the past. **Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

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 .



As a reminder our parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester in screening those who work with children in our care and in helping victims of abuse find healing. If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a Church employee or volunteer in the past, please contact Frances Nugent, Victim Services Coordinator for our diocese at 508-929-4363 (direct line & confidential voicemail). If you are concerned about a current case of abuse, please contact the local civil authorities immediately.

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

August 25, 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.**

ST. ANTHONY FEAST

North End, Boston
Friday, August 28, 2015
Bus will leave Mount Carmel at 5:30 p.m.
And leave Boston at 10:00 p.m.

The saint will be presented with fanfare at 7 p.m.

Visitors stroll the beautifully decorated streets sampling the best Italian street foods from 100 pushcarts enjoying arancini, sausage peppers & onion, quahogs, calamari, pizza, pasta and of course zeppole, cannoli and gelato. Guests can also browse the wide selection of souvenir keepsakes and mementos.

Cost \$25

Call Gladys - 508-798-8071
Carmelita—508-853-0019

Please make checks payable to Carmelita Bello,
4 Cheyenne Road, Worcester, MA 01606

FLU CLINIC

VNA Care Network will provide a flu clinic and Keep Well/Blood Pressure Clinic on **Tuesday, September 15 from 9-11 a.m.** in the parish center. Please bring your insurance and Medicare cards.

Dear Devotee's of San Vitaliano;

It's that time of year again for our Annual Feast of San Vitaliano. This year our date is **Sunday August 30, 2015**. Our celebration Mass will be held at 11:30AM, with the reception immediately following at Leo's. This year we will have a family style dinner down stairs, the cost is \$35.00 per person. Any Baked goods would be appreciated. Hope to see all of you there to give Thanks to San Vitaliano for another year!

Sincerely,
Mark Gerardi

Send payments to me at Mercadante Funeral Home
370 Plantation St., Worcester MA 01605

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who have joined us for the novena for Persecuted Christians and Religious Freedom for the last 9 days (August 1st through the 9th), whether it was for one day, several days or all nine days, it was a blessing to all of us! I know it was a sacrifice to attend, but God rewards us with great Graces to undergo the trials we may encounter!

During this novena, we have learned **some** of the specific horrible hardships and persecutions that hundreds of thousands of the Christians are experiencing throughout the world, especially in the Middle East! May God continue to give them strength and hope to hold steadfast to their faith! And, may we continue to pray for them, and to an end to this violence!

Thank you and may God continue to bless you!

**WORCESTER COLUMBUS DAY PARADE
NEWS UPDATE**

Program booklet deadline is August 31. Place and **AD** and send a congratulatory message to Henry Camosse-2015 Grand Marshal &/or Worcester Columbus Day Parade Committee. **Tickets** are **NOW ON SALE** for the "Outstanding Italian" banquet in honor of 2015 Grand Marshal, Henry Camosse Jr. Saturday, September 19, 6:00 pm Cocktails-7:30 pm dinner. Entertainment by: JAZZED UP. **Donation is \$45/pp.** For tickets call: (508) 791-4230 or (508) 868-2589 **Worcester Columbus Day Parade applications** are now being accepted. Visit our website for an application www.worcestercolumbusdayparade.com . **All proceeds fund the Worcester Columbus Day Parade, on Sunday, October 11, 2105, 12:30 pm.** Worcester Columbus Day Parade Committee is a 501(c)3 organization. Your donation is tax deductible. **Support the parade.**

The Diocese of Worcester Presents: "A Cursillo Day Of Renewal -- Love Your Catholic Faith" on Sat., Oct. 3rd from 10:00am-3:30pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Hall, 28 Mulberry Street, Worcester. We are featuring two dynamic & inspirational speakers, music, lunch & raffles! Tickets are \$15 before 9/21 and \$20 after. ALL ARE WELCOME!! To purchase tickets and/or for more information, contact Dave Tittle at [774-230-3502](tel:774-230-3502) or at dtsoulseeker@gmail.com.

NEWPORT PLAYHOUSE

Dinner Show and Cabaret
Saturday – October 3
The Odd Couple

Cost - \$65.00 includes bus, show and dinner

CYC WELCOME COOKOUT

On **Tuesday, September 8** beginning at 6:00 p.m. our present CYC will host a "Welcome Cookout" All young people in grades 7th – 12th (old and new) and their parents are cordially and sincerely invited to come to this cookout. The CYC will provide the hotdogs. If you would like to attend please call 508-791-6139 in advance so that we may get a head count and plan the food. Also new and old members are asked to bring potluck dishes for example, salads, casseroles, desserts, etc. Come and find out what CYC is all about. Again, WELCOME!!!!

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible study will begin on **September 30 at 1:00 p.m.** . . . and before we begin the prophet Isaiah, we shall read the work of a modern prophet, Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter, *Laudato Si' - On Care for Our Common Home*.

In the heart of this world, the Lord of life, who loves us so much, is always present. He does not abandon us, he does not leave us alone, for he has united himself definitively to our earth, and his love constantly impels us to find new ways forward. Praise be to him! Pope Francis, *Laudato Si* In his second encyclical, **Laudato Si : On Care of Our Common Home**, Pope Francis draws all Christians into a dialogue with every person on the planet about our common home. We as human beings are united by the concern for our planet, and every living thing that dwells on it, especially the poorest and most vulnerable. Pope Francis letter joins the body of the Church's social and moral teaching, draws on the best scientific research, providing the foundation for the ethical and spiritual itinerary that follows. **Laudato Si** outlines:

- The current state of our common home
 - The Gospel message as seen through creation
 - The human causes of the ecological crisis
 - Ecology and the common good
- Pope Francis' call to action for each of us

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. Beginners 1 will be offered on Tuesday, Intermediate will be held on Thursday, Beginners 11 will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Cost: \$130.00 non-members and \$100.00 members of The Gene J. DeFeudis Italian American Cultural Center. Classes run for ten weeks and will begin the week of September 15. For more information email Joan at joan_dargenis@yahoo.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Children in public schools or non-Catholic private schools and academics should be attending religious education classes on a yearly basis. Children planning on receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion **must** attend classes for two years (Grade 1 and Grade 2.) Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation **must** attend classes for two years (Grade 9 and Grade 10.) Children in parochial schools and private Catholic schools are required to attend classes only for one year (the year of preparation.) First Holy Communion is usually received in Grade 2 and Confirmation in Grades 9 or above. Registration forms are available in the office at the Parish Center, Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

CCD SCHEDULE

Classes will begin on **Sunday, September 27**. Grades Pre-K through Grade 6 will meet on Sunday mornings from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. and includes attendance at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Parents are asked to attend Mass with their children. Attendance in the pre-K and Kindergarten are not mandatory. Grades 7 – 10 will meet on Sunday mornings from 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Students are required to attend Mass, it is suggested that they attend the 10:00 a.m. Mass. **CCD**

TEACHERS MEETING

CCD Teacher's Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m.** This meeting is intended for all teachers, veteran and new. Please make every effort to attend so that we can make 2015 an exciting and productive year.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENTS MEETING

There are two meeting scheduled for parents on Sunday, **September 27 at 8:45 a.m.** for parents of children in grades K – 6. 11:15 a.m. for parents of students in Grades 7 – 10. This is our first week of CCD classes; students will attend class while parents attend the meetings. These meetings are important, for they will include a description of the programs and will include discussions on the reception of the Sacraments of First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, September 27 from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Pancakes, sausage, and juice - \$4.00



TAKE FIVE FOR FAITH

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2015

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When the rubber hits the road

"The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried," wrote British author G.K. Chesterton. The gospel teachings are indeed challenging; they go against the grain, especially in a culture that encourages us to focus on a different "trinity"—the self-absorbed trinity of Me, Myself, and I. Jesus challenged us to look beyond our own needs (which God is fully aware of in any case) and respond to the needs of those around us. Many walked the other way when they heard this message. But others stayed. Will you stay or will you go?

TODAY'S READINGS: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69 (122). "Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, 'This saying is hard; who can accept it?'"

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

FEAST OF BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

Fear will not stop me

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke name Bartholomew as one of the original 12 disciples. Scripture also puts him among the witnesses who retreated to the upper room after Jesus' Ascension. Tradition holds that Bartholomew traveled to Mesopotamia and Persia to preach the gospel and, as a result, he was brutally martyred. Ask yourself, "What kind of a person could persuade me to abandon the safety of the familiar to preach a message of love so radical that it could cost me my life? Do I have the courage to follow where Jesus leads me?" Saint Bartholomew, pray for me.

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51 (629). "Come see for yourself."

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

The stories we tell

To share the gospel is to share a part of yourself. You bring your life experience to bear on the Word of God you hear at Mass. These stories become a part of who we are to the point that we sometimes forget we are the living word, witnesses to the gospel in everyday life. This is no easy task, but you are worthy. Share yourself with those around you through acts of love today, and the gospel will become more real, not just for those you encounter but for you, too.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 23:23-26 (426). "We were determined to share with you not only the gospel but our very selves."

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

Beauty is an inside job

Truth, goodness, and beauty are prime virtues. The church fathers agreed with Greek philosophers on this list. Prime virtues don't have to produce anything beyond themselves, since they're intrinsically valuable. When we find truth, goodness, and beauty in the world we catch a glimpse of God, their source. We expect to find God in truth and goodness, but often overlook the beautiful. Perhaps we've been deceived by the shell of attraction that often hides something less appealing. Seek beauty that permeates all the way through people, things, ideas, and actions.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32 (427). "Whitewashed tombs . . . appear beautiful on the outside, but inside are full of dead men's bones."

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

FEAST OF MONICA

A parent's love

Saint Monica is widely recognized due to her famous son, Saint Augustine of Hippo. By his own account, Augustine was a restless, wayward young man. Monica was deeply troubled by his life choices. Legends say that she wept for him every night and prayed for him constantly. She also sought help from others, including a bishop who, seeing her persistence, remarked, "The child of those tears shall never perish." Shortly before Monica's death in 387, Augustine embraced the church. Today, walk with Saint Monica in hope and prayer for all those who are struggling to find their way in life.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51 (428). "We have been reassured about you, brothers and sisters, in our every distress and affliction, through your faith."

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

FEAST OF AUGUSTINE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

War no more

"War, what is it good for?" asked the Vietnam War-era protest song. It is a question that echoes through the ages. Just war theory argues that while very terrible, war is not always the worst option. There may be responsibilities so important, atrocities that can be prevented, or outcomes so undesirable they justify war. Though many early Christians were pacifists, Saint Augustine was an early proponent of the just war theory. The problem is that one nation's notion of wickedness is another nation's notion of just cause. Pray for a time when war will be seen as an obsolete strategy for resolving differences.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13 (429). "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

FEAST OF THE PASSION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Truth or silence?

What kind of person sees the brokenness of human relationships and refuses to remain silent confronted by the alienation of sin? Someone, perhaps, who is "holy and upright" and who speaks truth that is rooted in God. Thus it was with John the Baptist, who spoke truth to power even though it cost him his life. Refusing the path of silence, the preacher and prophet John prepared the way for the one who is the "truth and the light." We who accept God's call to follow are equally "obliged to honor and bear witness to truth," as the Catechism of the Catholic Church says. Speak truth with kindness throughout this day.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11 (430); Mark 6:17-29 (634). "It is not right for you to live with your brother's wife."

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