

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



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MASS SCHEDULE

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00, and 11:30 a.m.

DAILY MASS

Monday through Thursday 7:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

Vigil: 6:00 p.m.

Holyday: 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

To schedule a baptism please call 508-753-5001.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least a year in advance. A program of preparation is required for all couples planning to marry in the church. To schedule a wedding please call 508-753-5001.

ILLNESS

Arrangements can be made to have Holy Communion brought to those who are homebound due to illness, age, or impairment of any kind or to celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing and Reconciliation with them. Please call 508-753-5001.

PARISH REGISTRATION

To become a registered member of the parish, please call 508-753-5001 or register on-line at www.mtcarmel.ws.

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**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish at Our Lady of Loreto Church
PRAYER FOR PARISH SPIRITUAL RENEWAL**

Lord God, You love us with an everlasting love, and You choose us to share Your love with others. We

ask that You rekindle in our hearts a new spirit of faith, of prayer and of reconciliation. Inspire us to search out and find ways of bringing one another closer to You. We pray for all who form our parish community, that we remain faithful to Your teaching, that we remain steadfast in our prayer, both personal and communal, that together with You and the Holy Spirit, our parish may be renewed and transformed. All this we ask in the name of Jesus and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please cut out and pray daily.



2nd Sunday of Advent

He is coming. In today's reading from Matthew, John the Baptist announces for all to hear the long-awaited coming of the Messiah. John the Baptist proclaimed a serious message of change and conversion. Indeed, he must have been a sight to behold draped in his penitential garb, nibbling on his locusts and honey. Anyone who heard him preaching must have taken notice, even if they didn't take heed. If nothing else, John the Baptist surely got people's attention.

But will he get ours? True conversion reveals itself outwardly. When our hearts change, our actions do too. Charity replaces criticism. Forgiveness replaces anger. Service replaces selfishness. The catechism teaches us that the kingdom of heaven belongs to the poor and lowly; in other words, to those who have accepted it with humble hearts (CCC 544). This Advent, may we feel the urgency of John's words and get about the serious business of repentance.

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Celebrate Advent by Lighting a Candle



The traditional Advent wreath has been set up in Loreto's sanctuary. We invite you and your family to come forward at the beginning of each Mass during Advent to light the candles on the wreath. A sign-up book has been placed on the table in the vestibule of the church to reserve the Mass at which you and your family would like to come forward. This is a wonderful way for you and your family to participate in this centuries-old Advent tradition.

Advent Prayer



God of new messengers,
this Sunday you tell us in your Gospel
"I am sending my messenger ahead of you."

Help us to be your messengers
of peace and reconciliation
as we journey through
this second week of Advent.

When we light this second candle on our wreath,
let us bring your light
to our friends and neighbors this week.
We ask this through Christ,
who is the Light of the world.
Amen.

Christmas Giving Trees

Thank you so much for taking all the tags for children in need from our giving trees.



Please return your gifts, wrapped or in gift bags, with the tags firmly attached on the outside no later than Sunday, December 17.

The tags to support our diocesan seminarians may be mailed directly to the seminarian at the Vocation Office.

Many people will be blessed this Christmas due to your kind generosity.



**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE –
DECEMBER 24TH**

Because Christmas Eve falls on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we need to make a change in the weekend Mass schedule for that weekend only. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday at 4:00 pm as usual and on Sunday at 8:00 and 10:00 am. **THERE WILL BE NO 11:30 AM MASS THAT SUNDAY.**

Christmas Eve Masses will be celebrated at 4:00 pm and Midnight.
Christmas Day Masses will be celebrated at 8:00 and 10:00 am

**NEW YEAR'S – MARY, THE MOTHER OF
GOD MASS SCHEDULE**

Masses will be celebrated according to the usual weekend schedule.
Mass on Sunday, New Year's Eve will be celebrated at 4:00 pm.
Masses on New Year's Day will be celebrated at 8:00 and 10:00 am.

This Week in Our Parish

Tues., Dec. 12 - 7 pm - Knights of Columbus
Sun., Dec. 17 - Religious Education classes:
8:30 - 11 am: Pre-K - Grade 4
11 am - 12:15 pm - Grades 5-10
9:30 - Christmas Pageant in Church
presented by Religious Education
Students.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 10 - Wright's Chicken Farm & LaSalette Bus Trip, Adults, \$35, Children, \$30.
For reservations call office 508-753-5001 or email Joan at joan_dargenis@yahoo.com.
Jan. 19, 2018 - 45th Annual March for Life, Washington, DC. Reservations now open. \$75/ seat by Dec. 31; \$90 thereafter. For details call Respect Life Office, 508-929-4311 or email aledoux@worchester.org.

Ministry Assignments for Dec. 16 & 17

Dec. 16 @ 4 pm
Lector - Fran Penny
Ministers - Elaine David & Jim Buffone

Dec. 17 @ 8 am
Lector - Joe Sama
Ministers - Louise Faiola

Dec. 17 @ 10 am
Lector - Ginny Lelakis
Ministers - Debbie & Gerry Woods

Dec. 17 @ 11:30 am
Lector - Cheryl Berthiaume
Ministers - Maria Sciannameo & Al Cecchini

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



UMass Memorial Ronald McDonald Care Mobile

Are You Uninsured?

Do You Need Medical or Dental Services?

**If Yes, Come See Us in the parking lot of
Our Lady of Loreto Church on**

Monday, December 18

from 9 am—3 pm

We offer preventive dental and health care services including: dental health care and Worcester Public Schools Dental Screening, physical exams, sports physicals, immunizations, flu shots, outreach and more.

We provide medical and dental care for children and families even if they **have no insurance or are unable to pay.**

To make an appointment, call 508-334-6073

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

Flu shots will be given without an appointment.

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“COFFEE AND...”

**The “Coffee Shop” is OPEN!
Join us for conversation and a
Sweet Treat after the 10:00 Mass**



Financial Stewardship

For the week ending December 3, 2017



Income

Offertory	\$4,551.00
Rental Income	1,725.00
Christmas Flowers	1,323.00
Parking Revenue	1,230.00
Offertory—Mail	1,000.00
Offertory—Online Giving	994.45
Funeral Stipends	600.00
Maintenance	480.00
Room & Board	400.00
Expense Reimbursement	104.97
Fuel	103.00
Mass Stipends	70.00
Candles	51.00
Sanctuary Lamp	20.00
Religious Education	10.00
Campaign for Human Development	5.00
Donations	5.00
All Souls	5.00
All Saints	5.00
TOTAL	\$12,682.42

Expenses

Salaries and Wages	\$6,842.69
Office Expenses, Furnishings and Supplies	1,228.67
Mass Stipends (November)	1,217.00
Organists	1,200.00
Payroll Taxes (October)	999.65
Grounds (Fall Cleanup)	870.00
Funeral Stipends (November)	850.00
Rectory—Food and Household (November)	711.84
Choir Rehearsals (November)	480.00
Rubbish Removal	423.60
Cantors (November)	415.00
Supplies	207.45
Altar Server Outing	183.30
Photocopier Lease	182.62
Repairs and Maintenance	94.95
Payroll Processing (October)	94.00
Telephone	83.26
TOTAL	\$16,084.03

ADULT CONFIRMATION

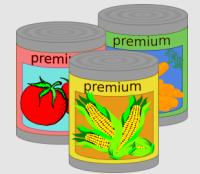
On Sunday, February 4, 2018, Bishop McManus will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults who were baptized Catholics but never confirmed. If you are interested in becoming a candidate for this ceremony, please see Monsignor Pedone, Deacon Audette or Deacon Montiverdi.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The performance of the Nativity Pageant presented by the CCD classes will be on Sunday, December 17 at 9:30 a.m. All parents, relatives and friends are invited to join us. It is important that the children arrive early so that we can be prepared. We also invited all the children who are not part of our CCD program ages 3 – 8 to be part of our pageant. They can join the group of angels. If you need a costume, we have extra angel costume that you can borrow and just put some gold garland on their heads.

PARISH FOOD PANTRY

Through your generosity, we are able to help families in our local area with food. Please drop off food items in the church vestibule or at the parish center. Your donations make a big difference to someone who is hungry. Many thanks!



Knights of Columbus

“The Family Fully Alive” Program

Advent is a season of new beginnings culminating in the remembrance of the Savior’s birth at Christmas. What an excellent time to begin a new family prayer practice. It will change your life and will help your family focus on the important things in the world. The theme for the month of December is:

JOY

Consider these questions:

1. What are some of the joys we have experienced in our family? Are there ways to build upon these joys to create a more joyful home?
2. In what ways could we add more joy to our family? Could we be more cheerful in giving and complain less? Could we focus less on our own needs and more on the happiness of a family member? Could we rejoice in our family’s love by affirming each other more with compliments? Could we smile more at our family members?
3. Do we base our lives on the joyful awareness that we are beloved sons and daughters of God, or do we let something rob us of the joy of the Gospel? What is it that robs us? Is it anxiety, fear or impatience? How might prayer help with these things?

(First of a 12 part series.)

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 9, 2017— 3:00 p.m.—Confessions

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Gregory Travaglio (2nd Anniversary) by Michael and Rosanna Travaglio

Robert Piltzecker by Donna and Stephen Grasseschi

Sunday, December 10, 2017—8:00 a.m.

The People of the Parish

Sunday, December 10, 2017—10:00 a.m.

Lucy Sjosten (Birthday Remembrance) by Family
Joseph, Rachel, Anthony and James Toscano by Family

Sunday, December 10, 2017—11:30 a.m.

Antonio Cardillo by Gloria Shahin and David Dziena
The Soul of Maria Lilette Ann Vasquez and Adolfo Ortiz, Sr.

Monday, December 11, 2017—7:00 a.m.

Parishioners Intentions

Tuesday, December 12, 2017—7:00 a.m.

William and Michael Stapinski by Paul Stapinski

Wednesday, December 13, 2017—7:00 a.m.

In Honor of St. Lucy for Lucy DiLeo by Family
Mass of Thanksgiving by Joe Sama

Thursday, December 14, 2017—7:00 a.m.

The Sick of the Parish

Saturday, December 16, 2017— 3:00 p.m.—Confessions

Saturday, December 16, 2017—4:00 p.m.

Maria Sacco by Husband and Family
Louise Riopel (First Anniversary) by Family

Sunday, December 17, 2017—8:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Birthday for Carlee Nina Vasquez by Family

Sunday, December 17, 2017—10:00 a.m.

Joseph Turo (17th Anniversary) by Family
Michael DelloStritto (5th Anniversary) by Wife Josie and Family

Sunday, December 17, 2017—11:30 a.m.

Henry “Hank” and Eileen (Vilatico) Grosse (Birthday Remembrance) by Dolores Riggieri
Ann Marie Clemente Cavalieri by Family
Kelly Curry Cesaitis by Family
Yvonne Smith by Melissa Cesaitis



Please pray for the sick of our parish: Francis Caffone, Susan Stomski, Donna Grasseschi, Lori Blackwell, Carmella Szklarz, Matteo Fiore, Patrick Loconto, Eleanor Lupisella, Butch Rano, Mary O'Connor, Christopher Collazo, Paula Mari, Sim Simone, Cathy Coffey, Mildred Bassan, Vincent Pusateri, Sylvia Pusateri, Debbie Caffone, Joseph Lapomardo, Joseph Ginskus, Philip Powers, Marcia DiLeo, Virginia Czubrynski, Karen Remian, Chester DiLeo, Sandra Powers, Robert Mazzola, Jennifer Bodinizzo, Martin Laine, Antoinette Raddi, Loretta Sciafani, Robert Bacon, Susan Cardinal, Belinda Sahagun, Thelma Ortiz, Caryl Masiello, Cynthia Pedone, Roland Dionne, Maxwell Mitchell, Louis Naple, Carol Youngstrom, Vera Novick, Richard Patrone, Sue Cozzolino, Carol & Frank Iaconi, Anthony DeAngelis, Frank Corridori, Reverend Charles Arney and Anthony & Paul Locantore. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

Rest in Peace

We, the parish community of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Richard Battelle. May God grant him peace forever and bring comfort to his family and friends.



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

William Novick

By Wife, Vera

Robert W. Piltzecker

By his Wife and Family



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Are you satisfied with your relationship with Jesus? Do you sometimes feel unfulfilled; as if you are missing something?

A group of men at Our Lady of Loreto meet bi-weekly to discuss their relationship with Jesus, and how to live out that call in the midst of their lives. All you need to bring is an open heart . We welcome new faces.

If you would like more information contact Rick Annunziata at [508-826-7732](tel:508-826-7732) or email at Rsa06@charter.net

DAILY MASS ON TV AND THE INTERNET

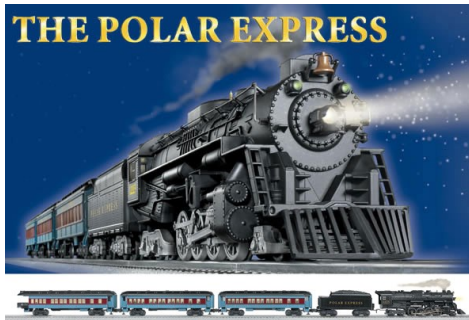
Tune in on Monday through Friday on Charter TV3 on channel 193 at 9 am for the local Daily Mass on cable celebrated by various priests from around our diocese. Also airs at 4:30 pm in Shrewsbury on Ch. 28, and 5 pm in Clinton area on Ch. 8.

TRIP TO WRIGHTS CHICKEN FARM AND LA SALETTE SHRINE

Sunday, December 10, 2017

Leave Our Lady of Mount Carmel parking lot at 1:30 p.m.
Cost is \$35 per person

For more information please contact Joan D' Argenis at
508-753-5001 or joan_dargenis@yahoo.com



POLAR EXPRESS AFTERNOON

Come and experience the magic of Christmas with the Polar Express. Children are invited to come ready for this magical adventure dressed in their pajamas and are welcomed to bring any comfy blankets and pillows. We will provide popcorn and hot chocolate during the movie and Santa will visit at the end. When: Sunday December 17, 2-4:30pm **At Our Lady of Loreto Church**

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 will be offered on Tuesday, Level 3 will be held on Thursday. Cost: \$130.00. Classes run for ten weeks and will begin the week of January 16. For more information email Joan at joan_dargenis@yahoo.com

2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." (MARK 1:3) We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, does just that – it puts us on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy, too.

OLMC KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SEEKING MEMBERS

Founded in 2004, the Knights of Columbus Mt. Carmel Council is dedicated to fulfilling the tenets of Catholic Faith set forth by the founder of the Knights of Columbus, The Venerable Father Michael Joseph McGivney.

The Mt. Carmel Council, Knights of Columbus, is committed to supporting the goals of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish at Our Lady of Loreto Church and stands ready to assist Msgr. Pedone and Deacon Audette and Deacon Montiverdi in whatever matters of Christian importance which may arise.

Specifically, the Mt. Carmel Council provides avenues of opportunities for catholic men to serve our Parish and our Worcester Catholic Diocese. We promote the Partners in Charity Campaign as well as hold events and fundraisers for the children of the Nazareth Home for Boys, Problem Pregnancy, and Visitation House. The Counsel assists the Worcester Diocese in its support of its seminarians, assisting at seminarian masses and receptions. In serving our community we providing meals and opportunity to serve at the Mustard Seed and Dismas House Support Centers. Holding "Drive Up, Drop Off" food drives to replenish our Parish Pantry. Christian Fellowship and Prayer groups are held periodically among our members. Above all, supporting our Priests and Deacons at our Parish in all matters necessary is of primary importance of our Counsel.

If you are interested, or have any inquiries about belonging to the Mt Carmel Counsel please contact:
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