

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish December 31 & January 1, 2023



SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Seekonk MA



Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Candle

- Sat. Dec. 31** 9:00AM Special Intention
4:30PM Souls In Purgatory
- Sun. Jan. 01** 7:30AM William & Elaine Di Candio
9:00AM Special Intention
10:30AM People of the Parish
- Mon. Jan. 02** 9:00AM Silvina, Joao, and
Lucille Vincente
- Tues. Jan. 03** 9:00AM Souls in Purgatory
- Wed. Jan. 04** 9:00AM Gerald Gallagher, 1st Annv.
- Thur. Jan. 05** 6:30PM Increase of Vocations
- Fri. Jan. 06** 9:00AM Souls in Purgatory
- Sat. Jan. 07** 9:00AM Month's Mind
4:30PM People of the Parish
- Sun. Jan. 08** 7:30AM Christopher Wypasek
9:00AM Jim McGregor, 11th Annv.
10:45AM John Tavares
John & Maris Cabral



The Sanctuary Lamp Is Burning
In Loving Memory of
Paul Wentworth

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass

Monday – Saturday 9AM
(EXCEPT) Thursday 6:30PM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:30PM
Sunday 7:30AM, 9AM, 10:45AM

Holy Days 9AM, Noon, 7PM, (Vigil 5:30PM)

SACRAMENTS

Confessions

St. Joseph Adoration Chapel
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 4:30PM – 6PM
Saturday 3:15PM – 4PM

Baptisms

Congratulations! Preparation can be done prior to baby's birth, if preferred. Please VISIT our website @

www.olmcseekonk.org/baptism

Marriage

Congratulations! Please notify the parish office 8 months in advance of your wedding.

Anointing of the Sick

1st Saturday @ the 9AM Mass

The Weekly Offering:
December's offerings to be published next week



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday: 9:30AM - 3:00PM
Thursday: 2:00PM - 6:00PM
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PASTOR'S PAGE



Dear Parishioners,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We have hope with the New Year! As we begin the new year with hope and New Year's resolutions, we begin by praying for the graces to continue to grow. Who knows what the future holds (hopefully wonderful things), but we know God will offer us the graces needed (of course we have to be attentive to the moments God offers grace and do the best to respond to them in the moment at hand). Having the virtue of hope does not mean that we just want everything to go smoothly (we probably all want that but that is not the theological virtue of hope... that is just well wishing). Having hope is having our hearts and minds first set on the desire for eternal happiness and trust God will help us with that. Having hope means no matter what we will face this year, we will face it with confidence as a child of God and that we are loved and not alone. One thing for certain is this year we will also need to help people to take steps forward in their trust in the Lord as we try to grow in our trust. We will need to help people be more understanding of others and their situations. Let us ask Our Lady to intercede for us and help us learn how to love others with more generous hearts, especially in the face of crosses (those in our personal lives, those in their lives, and those beyond our control).

It is always a good time to form new resolutions in areas of our life that will help us grow. While we look at areas of health or habits, we should also look at our spiritual life. We hopefully have some daily habits with prayer, but we can always have more to grow in. Some possible resolutions: maybe this year our resolution could be trying to make it at least once a week to a weekday Mass; maybe it is to pray the rosary each day during our commute to work; maybe a resolution to make a holy hour at adoration once a week; maybe it is to pray grace at meals with your family each day; maybe it is to pray with your young children every day before they go to bed; maybe it is to participate in the parish's adult faith formation sessions; maybe to carry out a regular commit-

ment to do every other week a corporal work of mercy; maybe it is to read a chapter from the New Testament every day; maybe it is reading a good Catholic book each day; etc.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. It is fitting that we celebrate on January 1st the motherhood of Mary. This day is the final day of the Christmas Octave, these eight days which we celebrate as one great day. As we prepared for four weeks the awareness of the coming of the Lord, especially in his glory, we now celebrate his first coming. Christmas Day focused on the Incarnation, and on January 1st we focus on Mary's essential role in being his mother. But, in declaring Mary, Mother of God ("Theotokos" in Greek for God Bearer) we are primarily declaring about Christ, that he is true God and true man. From the moment he was conceived, Jesus was fully God and fully man (one divine person with two natures which are perfectly united within himself). This is why in saying Mary, Mother of God, we are declaring something about Jesus.

Mary pondered this in her heart. As a mother, she helps us learn this mystery. All of us are seeking God, and the fullest way we come to know him is through Jesus (St. Theresa of Avila said that for us to come to know the divinity, we must pass through the humanity of Jesus). So we turn to Mary because no one was so close to this mystery and how to love Jesus fully. Mary guides us through this with a mother's heart. She does this with attentiveness and affection.

Think of mothers with their children. How beautiful it is when a mother looks at her children with love and affection. The attention she gives and the tone of her voice are transforming. On the opposite way, think how so disturbing it is when one sees a mother very harsh with her children. Or how disturbing it is when one sees a mother being self-centered and not considering the good of their child over their selfish wants. One of the worst things I have ever witnessed was seeing a mother drag her daughter into an abortion clinic (clearly the daughter was distraught and not wanting to be there but mother pulled her daughter out of her luxury car and clearly wanted this over with (so she took life of her grandchild and added an incredible suffering into daughter's life). When Mary deals with us, she never seeks her selfish desires,

but to care for us in our weakness and lead us courageously to Jesus. Psychiatrists talk about how important the bonding is right away at birth (that the mother hold the child immediately after the birth). So Mary does for us. She seeks to bond with us, nourish us, and guide us. She is not about herself. She is all about the Savior ("The Almighty has done great things to me and holy is his name). She is all about leading her children to him (Jesus entrusts us to her because we need her motherly love). She is not God. We do not worship her, but she helps us become disposed in mind and heart in a way so we can let God transform us in extraordinary ways. This is why we turn to her in prayer to lead us to him, Jesus, perfect God and perfect man.

Holy Hour in Gratitude for Perpetual Adoration. This Friday, January 6th at 7:00PM we will have a holy hour to give thanks to God for the twenty-two years of perpetual adoration here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. It is another way for us rejoicing in the one hundred years of parish life at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. All are welcome to come to the holy hour in the church. After the holy hour there will be a light reception downstairs for us to have time for community life together.

Continuing the Celebration of Christmas! As we continue the Christmas Octave and Christmas Season, we are reminded of the centrality of the Incarnation in history (God the Son, the Divine Word, taking on our fallen human nature so as to redeem us and restore us to a right relationship with God the Father) and the proof of God's love for us. The celebration Christmas Octave ends this Sunday with the celebration of Mary, Mother of God, but it continues through next Monday, January 9th with celebrating Baptism of the Lord. As we celebrate this Sunday the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, we will also celebrate next Sunday The Epiphany and the following day the Baptism of the Lord. The Christmas season's length varies each year depending on what day of the week Christmas Day falls on (this year the Christmas season will end with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday, January 9th when many times we celebrate it on a Sunday). I encourage you to continue to try throughout the next week to pray a lot...

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New Year's Day, 2023

St. Joseph Perpetual Adoration Chapel



You have made known to me
the paths of life, you will fill
me with joy in your presence.

Acts 2:28

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish offers Perpetual
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24 hours a day, 7 days a week,

**URGENTLY NEEDED!!
Adorers and Substitutes**

Please contact Linda Nason, Adoration Coordinator
1 - 508 - 336 - 6579

Adorers Needed

Saturday 2PM, 9PM, 10PM
Sunday 1PM, 2PM, 5PM
Monday 12PM, 1PM, 3PM, 9PM
Tuesday 2PM, 9PM
Wednesday 10AM, 11AM, 1PM, 3PM, 9PM, 10PM
Thursday 11AM, 3PM
Friday 2AM, 1PM, 2PM, 10PM

Substitutes Needed

Saturday 4PM, 5PM, 6PM, 9PM, 10PM
Sunday 1AM, 3AM, 2PM
Monday 9PM
Thursday 3PM
Friday 2AM, 3AM, 2PM, 5PM

Contact Information for Adorers

12AM - 5AM	Donna Castle	401 - 524 - 5219
6AM - 11AM	The Andrades	401 - 286 - 5800
6AM - 11AM	Loretta MacDonald	508 - 252 - 4475
12PM - 5PM	Linda Nason	508 - 463 - 6723
6PM - 11PM	Maureen Sanders	508 - 243 - 4104



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or bring to the office, thank you.

What We Believe

THE BEAUTY OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH



What We Believe Faith Study

Join us for What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Seekonk, MA beginning January 30th from 7:00PM to 8:30PM and continuing every Monday for 10 weeks.

For more information or to register for the study contact Bill Kearney at billkearney54@gmail.com or register using the parish website. Here is a quote about the study: "If you want to fall in love more deeply with the Lord and with our Catholic Faith, What We Believe is for you. It is done in conversational style, as opposed to lecture style, to be more relatable and engaging. I highly recommend this approach, because your heart and mind will be lifted to the Lord as you learn more about why our Lord and our Catholic Faith are our greatest treasures." - Most Rev. Gregory John Mansour, Bishop of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn.

Some other basic information from Ascension Press: "It's natural to want to share the things in our lives that are wonderful and rich in meaning. But, for many people, the problem is that they don't know how to explain the individual truths and how they relate to the whole. Marcellino D'Ambrosio and Andrew and Sarah Swafford break down the beauty of what we believe into meaningful parts of a large mosaic.

This study is for those people who want to go deeper into the well of riches in the Catholic Church." In What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith, Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Dr. Andrew Swafford, and Sarah Swafford give you the words to explain why you believe what you believe.

In one program, we've covered all the major teachings of the Catholic Faith, getting to the heart of why being Catholic matters in the first place.



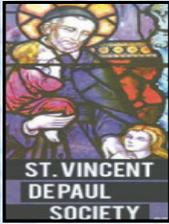
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Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God



“I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you, so also you should love one another”

John 13:34

The members of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul would like to wish you all a blessed Christmas season and a happy New Year. Thank you for all your support this Christmas in helping people in need.

Our next meeting will be held **January 10th @ 7PM**
(in the church basement)

If you or someone you know is in need of help please contact us @ **401-603-8888**



Understanding the Sacraments (100th Anniversary Sessions)

One way for us to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of our parish is to be renewed or deepened in our awareness of the life in Christ we share in. Starting this Wednesday, January 4th and each Wednesday until February 15th at 7:00PM in the church basement, Fr. Kevin will teach on each of the sacraments.

It is a great opportunity to learn what each sacrament is, what each offers for us so as to be conformed to Christ, and how they are to be offered and entered into. Each session will be an hour and it is the hope that everyone will have the chance to ask questions regarding the sacraments (especially things they have seen when participating in them).



Building a Culture of Vocation January

Every month we pray for different vocations, to support those who are responding to the Lord's call. In the month of **January** let us pray for:

Fr. Matt Gill (Holy Family in East Taunton), **Deacon Kevin Gingras** (Holy Family in East Taunton), **Deacon Thiago Menezes Santos** (seminarian for our diocese).

Let us pray for all married couple, in particular this month for our parishioners **Tom and Katy Wolf** for the gift of the bond of marriage.



In Loving Memory

Please keep in your prayers **three parishioners who died.**

June Mace, Shirley Viera, and James Fleet

June's funeral was on December 19th.

James' funeral was on December 29th.

Shirley's funeral will be January 6th.

Please keep their families in your prayers during this most difficult time and season.

Thinking About Becoming Catholic?



As we are entering November, this is the time of the year we being the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults for those who are thinking becoming Catholic (or who are baptized Catholic but never received First Communion and Confirmation).

If you are thinking about and would like to learn more, or are ready to take this next step in faith, please contact Chris Gregorek of the parish Evangelization Team.



If you're new and haven't attended before, please call **508-336-5549** to reserve your spot by January 18th. If you have attended we will call you to confirm your spot. Our next scheduled luncheon is:

When: Tuesday, January 24th

Time: Noon

**Where: The Parish Center
1040 Taunton Ave
Seekonk MA**

**IMPORTANT UPDATE TO OUR PROGRAM.
PLEASE READ:**

Starting in **January** the Senior Luncheon will move to the **4th Tuesday of the month** so Fr. Kevin can join us for the meal.

Our next Luncheon Date will be on

January 24th

All are welcome!

Below are the rest of the year's luncheon dates.

Please mark your calendars

February 28th

March 28th

April 25th

May 23rd

There is a **working elevator** to the left side of the building.

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...about the Birth of Jesus and the life of the Holy Family (maybe read the first chapter of the Gospel of Matthew and the first two chapters of the Gospel of Luke). I pray all of you will be blessed by the Lord during this season with joy and peace, and I pray you will grow through these Masses and season in a deeper union with Christ, radiating the joy of Christ to those you encounter on a daily basis.

No Coffee and Donuts. Since many go away during the holiday week, there will be no coffee and donuts this Sunday (January 1st).

Day of Recollection for Women – On Saturday, January 14th at 9:00AM there will be a Day of Recollection for Women. The day begins with Exposition at 9:00AM, has two preached meditations, an examination of conscience and a chance for Confessions, and Benediction around 10:30AM. This is open for all women. Also, daily Mass will be at 8:00AM and is open for all.

Lastly, because the legal holiday of New Year's Day is being observed on January 2nd, the parish office will be closed on January 2nd. Also, I will not be available for Confessions on January 2nd.

HAPPY NEW YEAR, may the Lord bestow His blessings upon you and hold you close to His most Sacred Heart.

In peace and good health,
Fr. Kevin

BRUNCH YOUR WAY 100th Anniversary

As we continue celebrating one hundred years as a parish, there will be a brunch held at the Parish Center on Sunday, January 15th at 12:00PM (in particular for marking the many years of perpetual adoration here and thanking everyone who takes part in adoration here. But this is open for everyone, not just the adorers). We are calling the brunch: "**Brunch Your Way**".

Tickets will be on sale next weekend, January 7th and 8th. Tickets are \$25 per person and \$10 per child twelve years and younger. It is being catered by *Youngs Catering*. The meal includes: Scrambled eggs, oven roasted potatoes, baked ham, broccoli and chicken, fresh garden salad, fresh fruit salad, petit rolls, juices, coffee, malassadas, muffins, and assorted desserts.

All are welcome, please come join us!

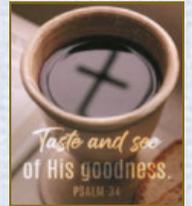
WHEN: Sunday, January 15th, 2023

WHERE: Parish Center
1040 Taunton Ave, Seekonk MA

TIME: 12:00PM

COST: \$25 Adult
\$10 Child, (12 and under)

Contact Person: Linda Nason
(508) 336-6579



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Please call the office 508-336-5549

Choir

Jean Kusiak 401-225-3700

Gathering Grandmothers

Jan Smart 508-336-5118

Fridays @ Noon

St. Joseph Adoration Chapel

Come join us to pray a Novena to St. Anne for the Protection of Children

Holy Souls Prayer Group

Dolores de Paiva 508-252-3826

Thursdays @ 9 a.m. in Church

Knights of Columbus

Rolland St. Pierre 508-336-2102

3rd Friday of the month

Men of St. Joseph

Bob Bertoncini 401-447-8136

2nd Thursday @ 7 p.m.

Men's Prayer and Fellowship

William Kearney and Marty Doyle

508-243-0880

1st Saturday @ 8:30 a.m.

Ministry to the Sick

Pat Swanson 508-336-5549

Parish Nurses

Elizabeth Charnecki 508-252-5718

Prison Ministry

Ron Larose 508-736-9813

Prayer Group

Barbara Craveiro 508-889-6472

2nd Wednesday of the month @

7 p.m. in the lower Church

Pro-Life Group

Ron & Claudette Larose

508-252-4336

St. Vincent de Paul

Marie Morrell 401-603-8888

2nd Tuesday of the month @ 7 p.m.

Seekonk Catholic

Cancer Support

Elizabeth Charnecki: 508-252-5718

1st Saturday of the month

Senior Luncheon Committee

Call to register: 508-336-5549

Jay Brennan

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Luncheon every 4th Tuesday

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Vocation Committee

Joanna Young, 508-336-3473



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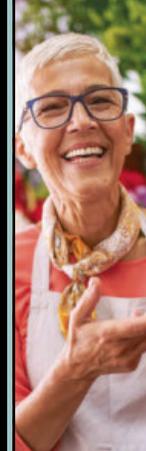
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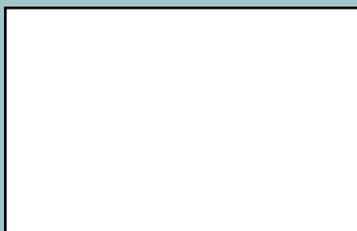
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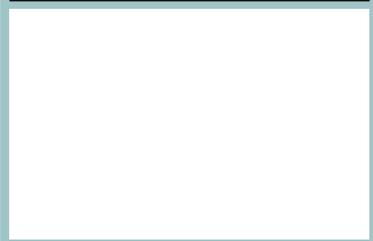
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