

*Third Sunday of*  
**ADVENT**



**Our Lady of Mt.  
Carmel and Our Lady of  
Loreto Parish  
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.**

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve – 4:00 pm (Choir) and 6:00 pm  
Christmas Day – 8:00 am and 10:00 am**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE**

**New Year's Eve – 4:00 pm  
New Year's Day – 10:00 am**

**ADULT CONFIRMATION**

Bishop McManus will celebrate Confirmation for those over the age of 18 who are baptized Catholics and have received their First Communion but have never been confirmed. The ceremony will take place on Sunday, February 3, 2019 at St. Paul Cathedral. If you are interested in participating, please see Monsignor Pedone, Deacon John or Deacon Gerry.

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019**

**SODA SALE—THIS WEEKEND**

The CYC will be selling 12 packs of Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew and Orange Crush for the extremely low price of \$2 per 12 pack. Proceeds will benefit the church. This is a great opportunity to stock up for the holidays.



**Christmas Giving Trees**

The gifts for St. Agnes Guild will be picked up on Monday, Dec. 17. If you still have a gift to return for St. Agnes Guild, please call the office.



The gifts for the Nazareth Home for Boys, as well as all other gifts, will also be picked up on Dec. 18.

If you still have a tag but have not purchased a gift, please call the office.

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

Thank you so much for your generosity to those in need. Many people - children as well as adults - will have a brighter Christmas because of you.

**VISITATION HOUSE BOTTLE DRIVE**

**Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!**  
Due to the extreme generosity of this parish, a total of :

**\$ 2001.05**

was raised to continue supporting homeless pregnant women in crisis and their babies, in a Catholic environment, while they pursue education, job opportunities and a better way of life.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

**Breakfast with Santa**

Sunday, December 16 at 11:00 a.m.  
(following the 10:00 Mass) in the  
Parish Center

Cost is \$4.00 per person, This includes pancakes, sausage and juice.



**Are you interested?**

We have a need for ushers/greeters to greet people as they enter the church, collect the offerings, and pass out bulletins after Mass. Please call the office or see John Oliver at the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday if you would like to be part of this ministry.

**Thank You!**

**SAVE THE DATES!!!!  
August 8-9-10-11, 2019  
ITALIAN FESTIVAL 2019**



### Celebrate Advent by Lighting a Candle



The season of Advent has begun. The traditional Advent wreath is set up in our 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.



### 3rd Sunday of Advent

In the same sentence where he reminds his listeners that he has cured the blind, the lame, the deaf, the sick, and even raised the dead, Jesus concludes by adding, "The poor have the good news proclaimed to them." How did that make the list of supernatural cures? What's so miraculous about good news? The poor are not just those in physical poverty, but those whose sins have impoverished their souls. This of course applies to us. The poverty of our own sinfulness can be overcome by the forgiveness offered to us in Christ. Because of this, we have cause to rejoice!

And on this Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, we are encouraged to rejoice. Gaudete Sunday derives its name from the opening prayer of the Mass for this day, where we pray, "Gaudete in Domino semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"). So in the midst of Advent fasting and devotions, we rejoice because the time we have been preparing for is almost at hand. We pause in this season of anticipation to remember that, in truth, our hopes have already been fulfilled. He is among us, saving us even now!

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### WINTER WEATHER POLICY

If Worcester schools cancel or delay the opening of school, the 7:00 AM weekday Mass is also canceled. This is done as a matter of safety and to allow us to clean the parking lots and walkways.



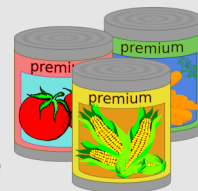
### O Antiphons

The Roman Catholic Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the 8th century. They are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah. Following are the Antiphons for this week:

- December 17 **O Wisdom of our God Most High,  
guiding creations with power and love:  
come to teach us the path of  
Knowledge!**
- December 18 **O Leader of the House of Israel,  
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:  
come to rescue us with your mighty  
power!**
- December 19 **O Root of Jesse's stem,  
sign of God's love for all his people:  
come to save us without delay!**
- December 20 **O Key of David,  
opening the gates of God's eternal  
Kingdom:  
come and free the prisoners of  
darkness!**
- December 21 **O Radiant Dawn,  
Splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:  
come and shine on those who dwell in  
darkness and in the shadow of death.**
- December 22 **O King of all nations and keystone of  
the Church:  
come and save man, whom you formed  
from the dust!**
- December 23 **O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of  
Law:  
Come to save us Lord our God!**

### FOOD DONATIONS

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



Financial Stewardship

For the week ending December 9, 2018

Income

## Offertory:

Week-End	\$4,051.00
EFT	1,462.00
Religious Retirement	853.00
Immaculate Conception	614.00
EFT	281.52
Maintenance	222.00
Fuel	195.00
Campaign for Human Development	30.00
Religious Education	5.00
Total Offertory	\$7,713.52

Flowers	570.00
Parking	445.00
Donations	190.00
Candles	52.00
Mass Stipends	35.00
Miscellaneous	14.00
Sanctuary Lamp	10.00
Total	\$9,029.52

Expenses

Utilities:	
Electricity	\$3,531.77
Natural Gas	730.04
Internet, Cable & Telephone	488.27
Heating Oil	470.82
Total Cost of Utilities	\$5,220.90
Mass Stipends	1,200.00
Mount Carmel Cleanup	721.34
Office Supplies and Expense	543.34
Funeral Stipends	210.00
Repairs and Maintenance	127.34
Music	39.86
Religious Education	36.90
Total	\$8,099.68

Ministry Assignments for December 22-23December 22 @ 4:00 pm

Lectors – Fran Penny

Ministers – Nancy Gurgone &amp; Chet DiLeo

December 23 @ 8 am

Lector - Chris Cook

Ministers - Sr. Linda &amp; Sr. Linda

December 23 @ 10 am

Lector - Dave Soares

Ministers - Elizabeth Santley &amp; Heather Morello

December 23 @ 11:30 am

Lector—Sue Cozzolino

Ministers—Maria Sciannameo &amp; Laurie Matosky

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

This Week in Our Parish

Mon., Dec. 17—9 am-3 pm—UMass Care Mobile

7 pm—Adult Faith Formation

Tues., Dec. 18—10 am-2 pm—Golden Years Secret Santa

7 pm—Knights of Columbus

Sun., Dec. 23— No Religious Education classes

**THE POWER OF A CANDLE BURNING BRIGHTLY**

Fire is a powerful symbol. That's why flame plays such a prominent role in our liturgies. It helps us to understand Jesus as the Light of the world. We have the opportunity to light a candle as a symbol of our love for departed family and friends and to have it burn brightly for seven days. Witnessing it connects us with our loved one. And knowing that it burns throughout the day and night comforts us. A SANCTUARY LAMP signifies the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle. We have two—one in the church and the other in the chapel. Call the Office to arrange for either of them to burn for your loved one for seven days. The donation is \$10. You may also choose to light a vigil candle in front of Our Blessed Mother's statue in the rear of the church for a goodwill offering. Experience the power and energy of a candle burning brightly.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED???**

Our Parish has a wonderful group of people who are Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers but we are always looking for more people to help out with these important ministries. Aside from serving during Masses, the Eucharistic Ministers assist in visiting our homebound parishioners. Are you interested in joining us? If so, please call Sue Cozzolino (Lectors) at 508-615-7914 or scozzo1227@gmail.com, Julie Tufano (Eucharistic Ministers) at 508-757-3170 or tufanojulie@yahoo.com, Chet DiLeo (homebound) at 508-852-3048 or cdileo2t@gmail.com, or Deacon John at deaconjb09@gmail.com.

*Instead of counting sheep, talk to the Shepherd*

**SENIOR FRAUD HOTLINE**

RSVP's Senior Fraud HelpLine is a toll-free resource for seniors and their families to call when they are concerned that they are being targeted by scammers. If they are in doubt, they should check it out by calling 1-800-297-9760. Confidential. Knowledgeable. Local. Supportive.

# MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 15, 2018—3:00 p.m.—Confessions

Saturday, December 15, 2018—4:00 p.m.

**Ralph and Josephine Hilton and Madelyn and Jack  
Eaton** by Nephews  
**Sarah Dipersia** by Ellie Lanzilotti

Sunday, December 16, 2018—8:00 a.m.

**Camille Soucy** by Family

Sunday, December 16, 2018—10:00 a.m.

**Joseph Turo and Family** (18th Anniversary) by Daughter  
Janice Morello and Family  
**Bruno Zemaitis** by Family

Sunday, December 16, 2018—11:30 a.m.

**Ann Marie Clemente Cavalieri** (Birthday Remembrance)  
by Family  
**Helen (Perrone) Mercurio** by Family

Monday, December 17, 2018—7:00 a.m.

**Parishioners Intentions**

Tuesday, December 18, 2018—7:00 a.m.

**The Sick of the Parish**

Wednesday, December 19, 2018—7:00 a.m.

**Richard "Dick" Sargent** by A Friend

Thursday, December 20, 2018—7:00 a.m.

**In Thanksgiving for Carlee Nina Vasquez** by Family

Saturday, December 22, 2018—3:00 p.m.—Confessions

Saturday, December 22, 2018—4:00 p.m.

**The Fenuccio Family and The Guerra Family** by Anna  
Fenuccio  
**Lena Barry** (Month's Mind) by Fulvia D'Amico

Sunday, December 23, 2018—8:00 a.m.

**Thanksgiving for Maria Rand** by Family

Sunday, December 23, 2018—10:00 a.m.

**Robert Reynolds** (15th Anniversary) by Rose Smith  
**Michael DelloStritto** by Wife Josie and Children

Sunday, December 23, 2018—11:30 a.m.

**Mary Gabriel** (23rd Anniversary) by granddaughter Barbara  
**Nicholas Verdolino and Pepino, Pauline and Tom  
Pellegrino** by Fran and Santino

*Pray...Pray...Pray...*



**Please pray for the sick of our parish:** Francis Caffone, Susan Stomski, Donna Grasseschi, Lori Blackwell, Carmella Szklarz, Matteo Fiore, Patrick Loconto, Frank "Butch" Rano, Mary O'Connor, Christopher Collazo, Paula Mari, Sim Simone, Cathy Coffey, Mildred Bassan, Vincent Pusateri, Sylvia Pusateri, Debbie Caffone, Joseph Ginskus, Philip Powers, Virginia Czubrynski, Karen Remian, Sandra Powers, Robert Mazzola, Jennifer Bodinizzo, Martin Laine, Accurzio & Loretta Sclafani, Robert Bacon, Belinda Sahagun, Thelma Ortiz, Caryl Masiello, Cynthia Pedone, Roland Dionne, Maxwell Mitchell, Louis Naple, Carol Youngstrom, Richard Patrone, Sue Cozzolino, Carol Iaconi, Anthony DeAngelis, Reverend Charles Armeay, Anthony & Paul Locantore, Antoinetta Froio, Ernest Martone, Kelly Piscillo and Ann Servidio. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

## SICK LIST

We are working on updating our sick list above. If you are currently on the list or you know of someone who is on the list and **wish to remain on the sick list** please call the parish office at 508-753-5001 or email Lisa at [lisaolmc@gmail.com](mailto:lisaolmc@gmail.com)

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

**Anthony Bernardi**  
By Family



**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH IN YOUR  
WILLS, BEQUESTS AND UPON THE DEATH  
OF LOVED ONES FOR DONATIONS. MANY  
THANKS!**

## Sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation

We receive numerous requests to issue a letter of suitability for persons who are to serve as sponsors for baptism and confirmation at other parishes. This letter serves to indicate that the person has received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation in the Catholic Church, that he or she is a registered member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish at Our Lady of Loreto Church, is a regular attendee at Mass and practices the Catholic faith.

We cannot issue such a letter if these criteria are not met. At times, we have to refuse to issue this letter because a person is not registered or attending Mass at our parish. Thank you for understanding. If you have any questions, please see Msgr. Pedone or Deacon John.



**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 17  
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.**  
**Sponsored by UMASS Memorial**

**How about making a Cursillo weekend?**

Cursillo or “short course in Christianity”, involving laypeople and clergy who deliver organized talks and discussions plus the witness of their own lives, struggles and triumphs in Christ. Weekends are held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT.

**2019: Men’s: March 21-24 & October 10-13**  
**Women’s: May 2-5 & November 14-17**

For more information, Elizabeth Santley @ 508-304-8871 or esantley@yahoo.com. Applications are available in the vestibule if the church.

**Mount Carmel Golden Years Club**

**December 2018**

**December 18, 2018**

10:00 A.M.	Socializing
	<b>Secret Santa</b>
12:00 NOON	Lunch
After Lunch	Bingo

**December 25, 2018**

NO GOLDEN YEARS

**January 1, 2018**

NO GOLDEN YEARS

If schools are delayed or cancelled there is no Golden Years Club.

\*Bingo for members only

ALL DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK WOULD BE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED AND APPRECIATED.

**Urban Missionaries of Our Lady of Hope**

Walter Doyle, co-director of Urban Missionaries, is asking for our help this Christmas season.

**SPECIAL WORKERS:**

Dec. 22, 23, and 24, when the neediest come in for gifts. Sometimes they get turned away because there are no volunteers to make up gift bags for them. If you can help, call 508-831-7455 or email mailbox@urbanmissionaries.com

We will be working out of 242 Canterbury St.

Everyone is most welcome to join us. May your Christmas be blessed because of what you can do for your neighbors.

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” (PHILIPPIANS 4:6) St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

**WOMEN’S GROUP IN WORCESTER**

A new Endow group is convening in Worcester starting on **Jan. 11, 2019 at 8 pm**. This is a small group for women of all ages interested in growing in faith, community, and knowledge of the Church’s teachings on women. The group will meet weekly on Friday evenings at 8 pm in the home of Sarah Berry (a parishioner at St. John’s, Worcester). Our first study will be Pope John Paul II’s *Letter to Women*. For more information, or to sign up, visit <https://endowgroups.org/groups/worcester-group-2>. You may also contact Sarah at 214-632-3399

**GRAFTON HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.**

Below you will find our schedule of meetings for the next year at 6:30 pm at Broadmeadow Brook.

Please note our meeting times have changed to 6:30 pm

Scheduled meetings:

01/16/19, 03/20/19, 05/15/19, 06/19/19

\*\*Please remember our collections of gently used clothing, and non perishable food for our charity donations.

For additional information please contact: Michael Testa, President. 774-272-1045 testa01604@yahoo.com  
Margaret Cappabianca, Executive Board. 508-753-8347