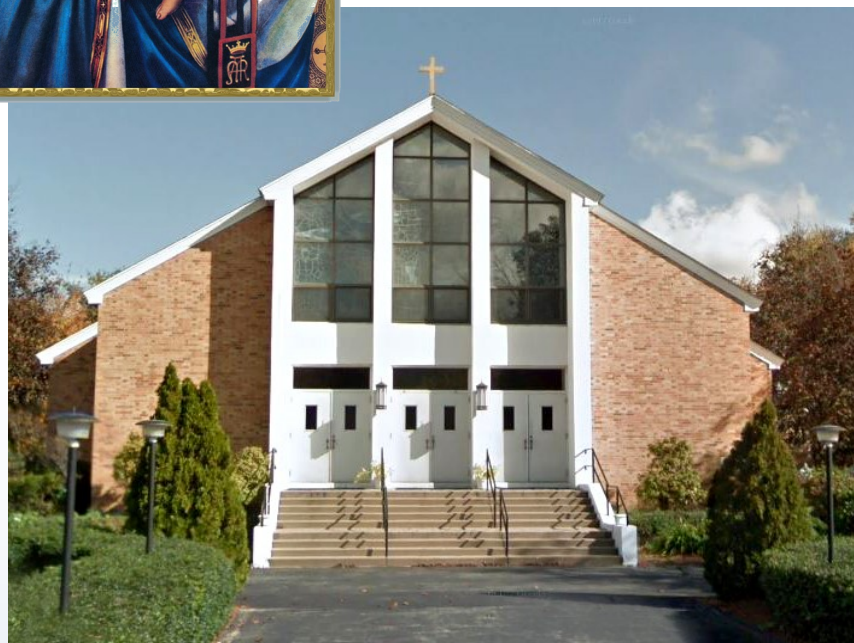




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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 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 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. or by appointment.

PARISH REGISTRATION

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

**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.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

The Diocese has scheduled an Adult Confirmation on Sunday, February 9, 2020, at Saint Paul Cathedral. This ceremony is for Catholics who have been baptized and catechized (trained in our faith) are 18 years of age or older and have never been confirmed. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please see Monsignor Pedone.



January 6, The Epiphany of the Lord, is observed as a church festival in commemoration of the coming of the Magi as the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles or in the Eastern Church in commemoration of the baptism of Christ.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"...the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." (Ephesians 3:6) Today we celebrate that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He has given each of us unique gifts. We all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. Pray daily and ask God how He wants you to use your gifts so that we may all "be one."



Epiphany of the Lord

"They prostrated themselves and did him homage." The Magi were men of great faith. Their worldly position and power could have made them scoff at the sight of this humble infant. Their treasury of wealth could have blinded them to the true value of this child king. But instead these men placed themselves at the feet of Jesus in a gesture of complete submission. Then, as a sign of their devotion, they "opened their treasures" and offered this baby costly and precious gifts. Only a deep and sincere faith could justify such a surprising scene.

Real faith often runs contrary to worldly wisdom. Without the firm belief that Jesus was the Messiah, it would seem absurd to travel all those miles and part with all that gold, much less to bow down in the presence of a poor child. But the eyes of faith can see much more than the eyes of the world alone. The Magi understood that all the prestige and possessions of the earth are nothing in comparison to the kingdom of heaven. They wanted to use their worldly wealth to give glory to the King of Kings, rather than for their own glory.

Taking the Three Kings as models, we can examine our own lives. Are we willing to "travel" for our faith, leaving our comfort zone for the sake of the Gospel? Are we willing to share our "wealth" to glorify God? Are we willing to submit our desires and plans to the authority of Christ? As we begin the journey of this New Year, let us resolve to follow in the faithful footsteps of the Magi.

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**SAVE THE DATE
FESTIVAL DINNER FUNDRAISER
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15th**

This Week in Our Parish

Mon., Jan. 6—6:30 pm—Adult Faith Formation
Tues., Jan. 7-10 am-2 pm—Golden Years Gathering
7 pm—Knights of Columbus
Thurs., January 9—6:00—RCIA
Sun., Jan. 12—Religious Education classes:
9 - 10:15 am: Grades 1-4
11:30 am - 12:30 pm: Grades 5-10

Ministry Assignments for Jan. 11-12**January 4 @ 4:00 pm****Lector – Linda Chenevert****Ministers – Irene Astrella & Brian Le****January 5 @ 8:00 am****Lector—Sandra SanClemente****Ministers—Joe Sama & Louise Faiola****January 5 @ 10:30 am****Lector - Pat Solitro****Ministers - Maria Sciannameo & Julie Tufano**

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

GET INVOLVED!!!!

There are many areas of our parish that need you. Here are just a few of them:

**Serving as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister
Becoming an Usher or Greeter before Mass
Visiting the Homebound
Serving at a funeral
Volunteering at our Italian Festival, the
Annual Bazaar, and other Social
Functions**

We will keep you posted on when future meetings will take place. Taking an active part in our Parish Family brings us all together and can be a very rewarding experience.

Ministry to the Homebound

Whether you are already an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and have availability to help us with this necessary and rewarding ministry, or would like to become a Minister of Holy Communion, please call Deacon Paul at 508-753-5001. A meeting will be set for a future date for all to attend.

PROPER RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Holy Communion devoutly and frequently. **In order to be properly disposed to receive Holy Communion, we should have fasted for one hour** (water and medication are not included in this fast.)

To ensure that full respect is given to the Eucharist, a few items should be noted:

If you are carrying a child in your arms, please receive the Eucharist on your tongue. In this way, care is taken to protect your child and the Sacred Host.

Make a slight bow and then either hold out your hands, palms upward and slightly cupped, at about the level of your heart or open your mouth wide and stick out your tongue.

When Father or Deacon or the Extraordinary Minister says "The Body of Christ," the expected response is "Amen." Silence is inappropriate, as is "thank you."

Receive Holy Communion in your left hand and use your right hand to place Holy Communion in your mouth (or opposite if you reverse the hand position).

Chewing gum immediately prior to receiving Holy Communion is NOT ACCEPTABLE; neither is chewing gum while Holy Communion is in your mouth.

Please clearly indicate whether you wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue or in the hand.

Any individual who receives Holy Communion must **IMMEDIATELY** consume the Sacred Host in the presence of Father, Deacon or Extraordinary Minister.

DISMAS HOUSE

The mission of Dismas House is to reconcile former prisoners to society, and society to former prisoners, through the development of a supportive community.

We parishioners, provide a meal to the residents on the 1st Wednesday of every month. We are seeking volunteers to join us in this ministry.

We re now preparing the schedule for the next few months.

If interested, please contact Debbie Colletta at 508-868-8959 or at dcolletta18@yahoo.com.

Thank You

WINTER WEATHER AND MASS

Winter weather has made an early return. Because of potentially dangerous winter conditions, it may be necessary to cancel Mass. If Worcester schools cancel or delay class because of inclement weather, the 7:00 am weekday Mass is also cancelled. For Lord's Day Masses on Saturday and Sunday, please listen to WTAG, WSRS, or Channel 7 for any Mass cancellations.



Financial Stewardship

For the week ending December 22, 2019

Income

Offertory:

Week-End	\$4,254.01
Mail	451.00
EFT	328.30
Fuel	302.00
Maintenance	154.00
Religious Retirement	75.00
Immaculate Conception	38.00
All Saints	12.00
All Souls	12.00
World Missions	2.00
Total Offertory	\$5,628.31
Expense Reimbursement	2,058.00
Parking Revenue	1,450.00
Funeral Stipends	600.00
Flowers	222.00
Rental Income	125.00
Donations	100.00
Mass Stipends	100.00
Candles	52.00
Religious Education	20.00
Sanctuary Lamp	20.00
Total	<u>\$10,375.31</u>

Expenses

Mount Carmel Church Razing	\$409,900.00
Legal and Professional Fees	30,105.00
Salaries and Wages	2,650.00
Payroll Taxes (November)	1,365.01
Snow Clearing	210.00
Supplies	159.11
Repairs and Maintenance	114.96
Mass Coverage	100.00
Employee Benefits	66.60
Funeral Stipends	50.00
Christmas Music	50.00
Total	<u>\$444,770.68</u>

Financial Stewardship

For the week ending December 29, 2019

Due to the Christmas holiday, the bulletin was submitted earlier than usual and the financial statement was not available at that time. The statement will be posted in next week-end's bulletin.

RED SOX—MAY 1, 2020

Please join us on a trip to Fenway Park to see the Red Sox play on May 1, 2020. Bus will leave at 5 pm. Cost is \$50 per person and that includes ticket to the game and bus transportation. Please call 508-753-5001 to reserve tickets now. They sell out fast.

LA BEFANA

In Italian folklore, **Be-fana** (pronounced [be'fa:na]) is an old woman who delivers gifts to children throughout Italy on Epiphany Eve (the night of January 5) in a similar way to St Nicholas or Santa Claus.

A popular belief is that her name derives from the Feast of Epiphany (Italian: *Festa dell'Epifania*). *Epifania* is a Latin word with Greek origins meaning "manifestation (of the divinity)".¹ Some suggest that Befana is descended from the Sabine/Roman goddess named Strenia.

In popular folklore Befana visits all the children of Italy on the eve of the Feast of the Epiphany to fill their socks with candy and presents if they are good, or a lump of coal or dark candy if they are bad. In many poorer parts of Italy and in particular rural Sicily, a stick in a stocking was placed instead of coal. Being a good housekeeper, many say she will sweep the floor before she leaves. To some the sweeping meant the sweeping away of the problems of the year. The child's family typically leaves a small glass of wine and a plate with a few morsels of food, often regional or local, for the Befana. She is usually portrayed as a hag riding a broomstick through the air wearing a black shawl and is covered in soot because she enters the children's houses through the chimney. She is often smiling and carries a bag or hamper filled with candy, gifts, or both.

La Bafana will visit on Sunday, January 5 after the 10:30 Mass. Please join us.

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 and Our Lady of Loreto Parish, 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.

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

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, January 4, 2020—3:00 p.m.—Confessions

Saturday, January 4, 2020—4:00 p.m.

Lawrence D'Agostino (Anniversary) by Wife
Ernest Martone (Month's Mind) by Wife, Mary Grace
and Family

Loretta Sclafani by Daughter, Nicole and Family

Sunday, January 5, 2020—8:00 a.m.

The Sick of the Parish

Sunday, January 5, 2020—10:30 a.m.

Guiliana Taffuri and Giovanna Stelato by Daughter
and Family

John & James O'Brien by Family

**Martha Lonardo, Domenic Pascucci and Carmen
Picirillo** by Carmine and Esther

Susan G. Porcaro (7th Anniversary) by Son, Michael
C. Martin

Joseph Froio (2nd Anniversary) by Wife and Children

Monday, January 6, 2020—7:00 a.m.

Parishioners Intentions

Tuesday, January 7, 2020—7:00 a.m.

The Sick of the Parish

Wednesday, January 8, 2020—7:00 a.m.

The Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, January 9, 2020—7:00 a.m.

Parishioners Intentions

Saturday, January 11, 2020—3:00 p.m.—Confessions

Saturday, January 11, 2020—4:00 p.m.

Victoria DiLeo by Chet DiLeo and Family
Kelli Chenevert-Palumbo (26th Anniversary) by
Family

Sunday, January 12, 2020—8:00 a.m.

Brendan Shanley (23rd Anniversary) by the Shanley
Family

Sunday, January 12, 2020—10:30 a.m.

Elizabeth Conte by John and Family
Joseph "Joe Tops" DiSilvestro (25th Anniversary)
by Family

Caroline and Felix DiSilvestri by Family



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 Colazo, Paula Mari, Sim Simone, Cathy Coffey, Mildred Bassan, Vincent Pusateri, Sylvia Pusateri, Debbie Caffone, Joseph Ginskus, Philip Powers, Virginia Czubrynski, Karen Remian, Sandra Powers, Jennifer Bodinizzo, Martin Laine, Robert Bacon, Belinda Saha-gun, Thelma Ortiz, Cynthia Pedone, Roland Dionne, Maxwell Mitchell, Louis Naple, Sue Cozzolino, Carol Iaconi, Anthony DeAngelis, Reverend Charles Arme, Anthony & Paul Locantore, Antoinetta Froio, Kelly Piscillo, Ann Servidio, Eleanor Gallo, Maria Diczek, Joseph Vancelette, Vinny Tiscione, Adolfo Ortiz Jr., Madelyn Martin, Anthony Paldino, Ann Marie Verdolino, Christina Santley, Theresa Parretti, Marie Cherry, Emma Taubert, Francis Parretti, Charlene Swalec, James Saez, Christopher Pace, Irene Bastardo and Lorrie Tufano. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

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

Joseph DiSilvestro
by Family



Rest in Peace

We, the parish community of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto, extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of John J. Clemente and Rosalina M. Johnston. May God grant them peace forever and bring comfort to their families and friends.



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

Members of the families requesting the Mass may bring the gifts of bread and wine to the Altar. Please make yourselves known to the Hospitality Ministers and position yourselves when it is convenient to join the Offertory Procession.

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.

2020: **Women's:** May 28-30
October 22-25

2020: **Men's:** February 6-9
September 10-13

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



Parish trip to The National Shrine of Our Lady of La Sallette in Attleboro before Christmas.

THEATRE TRIP

March 8, 2020

Hello Dolly

Cost is \$50 per person.

Please call the parish office at 508-753-5001 to sign up or for more information.

Let  **Life**  **Live**

A pro-life event to kick off the March for Life
Music, speakers, prayer and love
January 11, 2020 from 12:30-3:30 pm (Doors open at 12)

Sponsored by:
Emmanuel Radio

MC—Cindy R. Dorsey pf Emmanuel Radio
Prayer—Father Michael Roy
Talks by: Paul DeBeasi and Sandra Kucharski

Sacred Heart—St. Catherine of Sweden
600 Cambridge Street
Worcester, MA 01610
Optional: Parish Mass at 4:00 p.m.

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!

March for Life Registration Information now available!
Plan now to attend the 47th annual March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, Jan. 24, 2020! For more details and to download registration forms, visit www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311 or email ale-doux@worcesterdiocese.org.

Register by Dec. 31st for early bird rates!

Can't make it to the March for Life in D.C?
Let's kick off Respect Life Month together!
“Let Life Live” event to be held at Sacred Heart-St. Catherine of Sweden Parish Hall, 596 Cambridge St. Worcester on Saturday, January 11th 12-3:30pm. We will have music from Musicians for Life, speakers, Reps from Problem Pregnancy, Visitation House, Mass Citizens for life, 40 Days for Life, First Concern and more! For more information call Lynn at 508-612-3999.

As a reminder Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto 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 The Office for Healing and Prevention at 508-929-4363 (direct line & confidential voicemail). You may also contact Monsignor Pedone, or Deacon Montiverdi at 508-753-5001. If you are concerned about a current case of abuse, please contact the local civil authorities immediately.

All church staff and volunteers must complete a CORI form and complete a Safe Environment Training session. For more information please contact our Safe Environment Coordinator Pat Solitro at 508-753-5001.