



Our Lady of Mount Carmel *and* Our Lady of Loreto Parish

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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.

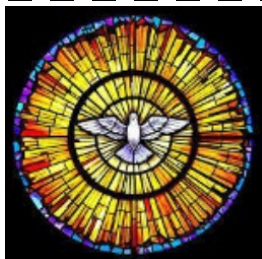
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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.

PARISH 'TOWN HALL' MEETING

Members of the Parish and Finance Councils will speak at all Masses this weekend to talk about our serious financial situation and give you an update on the sale of the Mount Carmel campus. There will be an opportunity after Masses to speak directly with members of the councils and with Monsignor Pedone. We will address any questions you may have.

Lent is coming.....

In a few weeks, we will begin our Lenten journey. It is a time when we are reminded that the Lord calls us to repentance and self-denial. The 40 days of Lent recall Jesus's temptation in the desert and rejection of sin.

In the words of Pope Francis:

"Lent is the ideal time to unmask temptations, to allow our hearts to beat once more in tune with the vibrant heart of Jesus."

**PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY –
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH**

Parish offices will be closed. Mass will be celebrated as usual at 7:00 am. Have a happy and safe holiday!

***Instead of counting sheep, talk to the
Shepherd***

FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH

An Age-Old Italian Tradition

Saint Joseph is one of the most beloved saints among Italian-Americans. As the patron of workers and the protector of the family, he is honored with a feast on March 19. In Italy they celebrate Father's Day on March 19.

According to legend, there was a famine in Sicily many centuries ago. The villagers prayed to St. Joseph, and asked his intercession before the throne of God. Their prayers were answered. With the ending of the dreadful famine, a special feast of thanksgiving was held in commemoration of the Saint. This celebration became tradition. Wealth families prepared huge buffets. They then invited the less fortunate people of the village, especially the homeless and sick to join in the Feast.

We have celebrated the Feast of Saint Joseph for many years and then we stopped. Brought back by popular demand, we will once again celebrate for Feast of Saint Joseph. This year are celebration will be held on Thursday, March 19. We will begin with a Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner of pasta and baccala, salad, bread and of course ZEPPOLE. Tickets are \$15 and must be bought in advance. For tickets call the office at 508- 753-5001.

**20th ANNIVERSARY DIOCESAN CATHOLIC
MEN'S CONFERENCE**

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important 20th Anniversary Conference, scheduled for Assumption College on Saturday, March 28. Visit the conference website at www.firstmensconf.org for information and to purchase tickets online and elsewhere. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Scott Hahn (two presentations), Luis Soto and with Bishop Robert Reed of Boston speaking on the need for confession. Bishops and priests will hear confessions. Bishop McManus will offer the Conference Mass. For a Conference brochure, further information or registration, call Joan DeMasi at 508-929-4345. Adult tickets are \$45 until March 11th, afterwards \$60. Student tickets are always \$30.

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.





Our Lady of Mt. Carmel & Our Lady of Loreto Parish is happy to welcome three individuals who have been on a faith journey, learning about and/or rediscovering our Catholic Faith, with several members of our parish, since October.

On Sunday March 1st, our parish will be celebrating the Rite of Sending as we send, Catechumen, Dianne Mathers, and Candidates, Michelle Cote and Joseph Violette, to St. Paul's Cathedral to be received by Bishop Robert McManus and elected to continued conversion in the Catholic Faith. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they prepare for Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion during our Easter Vigil celebration!

PREPARE FOR LENT

What does it mean to Fast?

To fast is to do without food. Its purpose is to experience the effects of not eating. It also serves to be a penance or a sacrifice—for the purpose of strengthening us. When we don't eat, we get hungry. When we get hungry, we have a heightened sense of awareness. In this state, we are more apt to ask God to purify us and prepare us to pray more deeply.

What does it mean to Abstain?

To abstain is to not eat meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. Its purpose is to be an act of penance—an act of sacrifice. Of course not eating meat and then having a more enjoyable meal instead would defeat the purpose. Some people do not eat meat so it is not an issue for them. Maybe abstaining from a meal you really want would be a sacrifice. Many people in the world cannot afford or do not have access to meat. Abstaining from meat can put us in solidarity with them.

THINK "LENT"

Ash Wednesday is February 26th this year. Let's get ready to make whatever changes we need to make to fully experience Lent as we have never experienced it before. Soon you will receive information detailing our parish Lenten schedule. This is another opportunity for all parishioners to come together to worship at this special time leading to the celebration of Easter.

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on the front door forever.

CYC NEWS

Tubing – Thursday, February 27 at Ward Hill. If you need a ride we will meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. or otherwise meet at Ward Hill at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$15.00 per person for one hour of tubing and then we will go to Dean Park Pizza for pizza which will be covered by the CYC



Ice Skating – Sunday, February 16 at the Worcester Oval downtown (behind City Hall.) Cost is \$10.00 for rental and skating. If you have your own skates the cost is \$5.00. We will meet at the Skating Rink at 1:00 p.m.



February Vacation - A Truly Frozen Day inside. Ages 3 – 10. Join us on Wednesday, February 19 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for activities, games, movies and crafts. Come dress as your favorite Frozen character.

March 1 – Hot Cocoa Bar - Baby It's Cold Outside.

Come in and join us for some delicious Hot Chocolate and use your imagination and add some crush candy canes, Hershey kisses, marshmallows, whipped cream, cherries and much more. Cost of event - \$5.00



Calling All Youth (grades 6 – 12th) to come and join our CYC and have fun while meeting other students in a faith based environment

For more information about our Youth Group please email Michaela at pinkhammichaela@gmail.com or Joan at joan_dargenis@yahoo.com or join us on February 24 at 6:00 p.m. for a Welcome Meeting in the Parish Center.

DONATIONS NEEDED

We are looking for donations for our Hot Cocoa Bar. We need Hot Chocolate packets, marshmallows, candy canes and any other trimming you can think of. We are also in need of Construction paper for our CCD program.

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

Financial Stewardship

For the week ending February 9, 2020

Income

Offertory:

Week-End	\$3,383.06	
Mail	513.05	
EFT	451.30	
Maintenance	60.00	
Fuel	47.00	
World Missions	15.00	
First Offering	10.00	
Total Offertory		\$4,479.41
Donations		3,050.00
Rental Income		450.00
Italian Festival Fundraiser		420.00
Funeral Stipends		300.00
Catholic Free Press		156.00
CYC—Youth and Family Programs		110.00
Mass Stipends		65.00
Candles		61.00
Total		<u>\$9,091.41</u>

Expenses

Utilities: (January)

Electricity	\$2,963.30	
Natural Gas	1,481.47	
Heating Oil	582.29	
Internet, Cable and Telephone	358.96	
Total Utilities		\$5,386.02

Music: (January)

Organists	825.00	
Choir Director	700.00	
Cantors	305.00	
Total Cost of Music		1,830.00

Salaries and Wages	5,985.54	
Rectory—Food and Household	733.95	
Calendar Raffle Winners	600.00	
Funeral Stipends	535.00	
Mass Stipends	270.00	
Altar Servers	200.00	
Home Missions	168.00	
Employee Benefits	156.86	
Office Supplies and Expense	112.67	
Repairs and Maintenance	60.00	
Total		<u>\$16,038.04</u>

Ministry Assignments for Feb. 22-23February 22 @ 4:00 pm

Lector – Claudia Minaya

Ministers – Chet DiLeo & Fran Sena

February 23 @ 8:00 am

Lector—Fran Penny

Ministers—Joe Sama

February 23 @ 10:30 am

Lector - Santina MacGregor

Ministers - Laurie Matosky & Maria Sciannameo

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., Feb. 17—7 pm—Adult Faith Formation

Tues., Feb. 18-10 am-2 pm-Golden Years Gathering

7 pm-Knights of Columbus

Thurs., Feb. 19—6 pm—RCIA

Sun., Feb. 23— Religious Education classes:

9 - 10:15 am: Grades 1-4

11:30 am - 12:30 pm: Grades 5-10

One way to spread JOY is to putJesus firstOthers secondYou third

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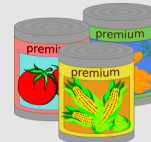

FEBRUARY IS CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like a copy of your 2019 contribution statement please call the main office at 508-753-5001 or email lisaolmc@gmail.com

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!



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 15, 2020—3:00 p.m.—Confessions

Saturday, February 15, 2020—4:00 p.m.

Fusae Pignataro (10th Anniversary) by daughters,
Maria and Michelle

Sunday, February 16, 2020—8:00 a.m.

Nicoletta “Nickie” Sasso and Luigi Piarulli by Mr. &
Mrs. Giuseppe Menzano

Sunday, February 16, 2020—10:30 a.m.

Perry R. Cariglia and Peter Armenti (50th
Anniversary) by Family
Loretta (Martone) Sclafani by Bob and Sue Ovan

Monday, February 17, 2020—7:00 a.m.

Parishioners Intentions

Tuesday, February 18, 2020—7:00 a.m.

Michael Viapano (3rd Anniversary) by Wife and
Daughter

Wednesday, February 19, 2020—7:00 a.m.

The People of the Parish

Thursday, February 20, 2020—7:00 a.m.

The Sick of the Parish

Saturday, February 22, 2020—3:00 p.m.—Confessions

Saturday, February 22, 2020—4:00 p.m.

Marcia DiLeo (2nd Anniversary) by Chet DiLeo and
Family
Raymond “Buddy” Adams by The Pusateri Family

Sunday, February 23, 2020—8:00 a.m.

Luigi and Lucia Piarulli by Family
Michael DelloStritto by Wife and Children

Sunday, February 23, 2020—10:30 a.m.

Rosina Paldino (First Anniversary) by Family

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.



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 Dzi-czek, 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.

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*

*Michael A. Salvidio and Ronald Manley. May
God grant them peace forever and bring comfort
to their families and friends.*



Upcoming Events

Feb. 15 - 6:00 pm—Italian Festival Fund Raiser Dinner

Feb. 22—6:00 pm—Carnivale—Sons of Italy—@ St.
Anne’s Fr. Smith Center in Shrewsbury

Feb. 26—Ash Wednesday

Mar. 1—3:00 pm—Rite of Election @ St. Paul Cathed-
ral

Mar. 1-4—Lenten Mission in Northborough

Mar. 8—“Hello Dolly” theater trip

Mar. 19—Feast of St. Joseph; Mass @ 5:30 pm, dinner
to follow.

Mar. 24—10:00 am—Annual Mass for Life @ St. Paul
Cathedral

Mar. 28 - 20th Diocesan Catholic Men’s Conference @
Assumption College

Lenten Supper—Knights of Columbus—@ Our
Lady of Loreto Church hall

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Check the CYC NEWS for other events

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Check the Catholic Free Press for more
Diocesan Events

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: September 10-13

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



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, February 20
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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Lenten Mission in Northborough

St. Rose of Lima Church, 244 W. Main St. (Rt. 20), Northborough is offering a Lenten Parish Mission **Sunday, March 1 – Wednesday, March 4, 7 – 8 pm.** Rev. Michael MacInnis will preach on the theme: *"Our Lenten Journey: From Ashes to Glory."* Fr. Mike is Spiritual Director at St. John's Seminary, Brighton, MA and Professor of Human Formation at The Theological Institute at The Pastoral Center in Braintree, MA. Specializing in Franciscan Spirituality, Fr. Mike has extensive experience facilitating retreats and workshops. All are welcome!

SONS OF ITALY CARNIVALE 2020

Worcester Lodge #168 will host "Carnivale 2020" on **Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 6:00pm** at St. Anne's Church, Shrewsbury.

Please join us for an evening of fun, food and family. The event is BYOB and tickets are now on sale for \$35.00 per person.

Please contact Mike Scaglione at (508) 635-7959 or Maria Stella Fiore at (774) 253-7015 to purchase or for further details.

MOUNT CARMEL GOLDEN YEARS CLUB

February 2020

February 18, 2020

9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. VNA "Keep Well Clinic"
10:00 AM Socializing
12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social.
After Lunch Bingo

February 25, 2020

10:00 AM Socializing
10:30 A.M. Board Meeting
12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social.
After Lunch Bingo

*Bingo for members only

Notice: If the schools are cancelled or delayed so is the Golden Years Club.

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

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Just as Mary and Joseph took Jesus to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, present your marriage to the Lord. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are **Mar 13-15, 2020** in Duxbury, MA and **Apr 18-19, 2020** in BREWSTER, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

OPEN HOUSE AT ST. PETER CENTRAL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

St. Peter Central Catholic Elementary School, 865 Main Street in Worcester will host an Open House on Sunday, March 1 from 1:00 pm—3:00 pm. St. Peter's has openings in Grades Pre-K-7. Please visit us on March 1, or call 508-791-6496 for information or visit our website at www.stpetercentralcatholic.com