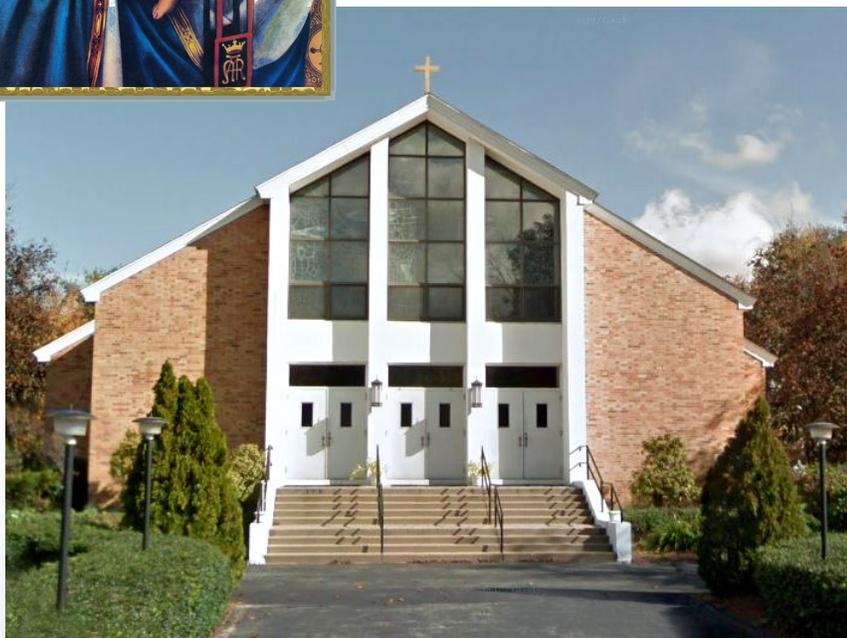


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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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.

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are doing well and staying healthy during this time of social distancing and quarantine, while keeping sane at the same time!

It’s hard to believe that a week has passed since Easter Sunday. This weekend we celebrate *Divine Mercy Sunday*. *Jesus told Sister Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when “all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened.”*

Some wonder, as I’ve heard many say, that the coronavirus pandemic is a punishment from God. It may very well be. But maybe it is a test. In the end, only God Himself knows with perfect certainty exactly why He has allowed any of what we’re experiencing now to occur. God always takes an eternal view of things for only God can see far down the road. The greatest good that God desires for each one of us is perfect union with Him, partially in this world and forever in the next.

Perhaps we need to ask ourselves: What is God asking of me in this present moment, or more precisely, what is God asking of me on this Divine Mercy Sunday? Maybe God is asking of us greater trust in Him and in His love and care for us. He is inviting us during this difficult time perseverance in prayer. This is a perfect time to take up the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We have Divine Mercy prayer cards available at the parish center and in the church vestibule. Remember – the church is open every day for you to make and visit and to pray. We would be happy to mail you a card. Please pray for all the victims of this Covid-19 virus, for all those healthcare workers laboring on the front lines who care for the sick, and for a quick end to this pandemic.

Maybe God is asking us to discover new ways of practicing the corporal acts of mercy. I urge you to call neighbors, loved ones, friends and acquaintances to check on them and see if they need anything. Start a prayer or rosary chain where you promise to pray at the same time daily Ask the Holy Spirit to inspire you during this Divine Mercy Sunday and every day. And please continue to pray for our parish and for each other...and if I may humbly ask...for me

Easter blessings!

Monsignor Pedone

A Prayer for Divine Mercy

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

~Concluding prayer of the Divine Mercy Chaplet

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE



The Our Lady of Mount Carmel Knights of Columbus will be conducting a Food Drive outside of the Parish Center from 11:30-1:30 Sunday April 19. Please stop by and drop off a donation – no need to get out of the car; the Knights will remove the bags or boxes directly from your car trunk! The food will be donated to Worcester’s Friendly House Food Pantries. Thank you for your help in a time of increasing need.

Did you know...

The “First Sunday after Easter” - which is designated in “The Liturgy of the Hours and the Celebration of the Eucharist” as the “Octave Day of Easter” - was officially called the Second Sunday of Easter after the liturgical reform of Vatican II. Now, by the Decree of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, the name of this liturgical day has been changed to: “*Second Sunday of Easter or of Divine Mercy.*”

How it came about:

In the 1930’s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. “St. Faustina’s Diary” records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy be observed.

Pope John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina on April 30, 2000. Five days later, on May 5, 2000, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would also henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

He declared: “It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church, will be called ‘Divine Mercy Sunday.’ “

**SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION AND
FIRST COMMUNION**

Our young people were initially scheduled to be confirmed on Sunday, April 19th, but with Governor Baker's prohibitions on public gatherings the Diocese has postponed the ceremony. We will let the students and their families know once we are notified by the Diocese.

Our First Communion ceremony will need to be postponed as well. We will keep families informed of when this can be rescheduled.

THE CHURCH REMAINS OPEN DURING THE DAY. PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO STOP IN TO PRAY AND TO VISIT AND SPEND A FEW MOMENTS WITH OUR LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT REPOSED IN THE TABERNACLE.

**A PRAYER IN TIME OF
PANDEMIC**

O God, whose Only Begotten Son bore the weight of human suffering for our salvation, hear the prayers of your Church for our sick brothers and sisters and deliver us from this time of trial. Open our ears and our hearts to the voice of your Son: Be not afraid, for I am with you always. Bless all doctors and nurses, researchers and public servants; give us the wisdom to do what is right and the faith to endure this hour, that we might gather once again to praise your name in the heart of your Church, delivered from all distress and confident in your mercy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

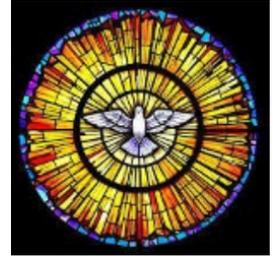


Something to keep in mind:

Even though we cannot participate in the sacrifice of the Mass at this time, it is comforting to know that there are several stations on television where we can find a connection to our faith. Channel 193 in Worcester, which televises from St. Paul's Cathedral, EWTN (channel 18), and CATHOLIC TELEVISION (channel 101 from Boston) all have wonderful programs and can also be accessed via the internet. Try them.



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



Lord God, You love us with 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.

LINKS TO MASSES FROM THE CATHEDRAL

Here are links to the streaming video of Masses at the Cathedral in English and Spanish.

VIMEO DAILY MASS-ENGLISH
<https://vimeo.com/diocesefworcester/dailymass>

VIMEO DAILY MASS-SPANISH
<https://vimeo.com/398855105>

VIMEO SUNDAY MASS-ENGLISH
<https://vimeo.com/150110122>

VIMEO SUNDAY MASS-SPANISH
<https://vimeo.com/399648308>

Here are the livestream links: LIVESTREAM DAILY MASS-ENGLISH

<https://livestream.com/diocesefworcester/dailymass>

LIVESTREAM DAILY MASS-SPANISH
<https://livestream.com/diocesefworcester/misa>

LIVESTREAM SUNDAY MASS-ENGLISH
<https://livestream.com/diocesefworcester/events/4318707>

LIVESTREAM SUNDAY MASS-SPANISH
<https://livestream.com/diocesefworcester/misadomingo>

PRAY THE ROSARY !!!

**Today is
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**



Financial Stewardship

For the week ending April 12, 2020

Income

Offertory:

Weekly	\$2,770.00
On-Line Giving	1,168.30
Easter	710.00
Donations (Cash)	325.00
Palm Sunday	275.00
Fuel	255.00
Good Friday	180.00
Easter Flowers	140.00
Maintenance	70.00
Catholic Relief Services	16.00
Candles	10.00
Mass Stipends	10.00
Total Offertory	<u>\$5,929.30</u>

A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS

I am so grateful to the vast majority of you who are maintaining your donations to our parish. Without your great generosity we would have to cease all operations. We have been able to pay our regular employees, albeit at greatly reduced hours, and to pay our bills, such as withholding taxes, utilities, insurances, etc. May God continue to bless you for your goodness and kindness.

Monsignor Pedone

PARTNERS IN CHARITY
APPEAL

“Envision Faith in Action”

Our goal this year remains the same at \$50,000.



You are invited to watch the Appeal Video at home at www.partners-charity.net.

There are several ways to give to this worthy cause:

- *Envelopes for your donations which were available last weekend, may be mailed directly to the Parish Center.
- ***Text giving:** Text the word: **donate to 84576.**
- *Donations can also be made online at partners-charity.net.

As of April 8, 2020, we have received:

<u># of Gifts</u>	<u>Total</u>
45	\$16,605.

Thank You for your continued support and generosity!!



A few photos (on this page and the last page) of Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses both here and in the chapel at the Parish Center that were celebrated by Monsignor Pedone.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 18, 2020

Camillo and Concetta Finocchi by Daughter and Family
Charles D'Elia Sr. (Anniversary) by Family

Sunday, April 19, 2020

Leonard Cariglia by Family
Josie Lavarante (25th Anniversary) by Carol Masoero
Peter and Claire Pecorelli by Family
Joseph & Amelia Conte by John and Family
Denise Pappas (First Anniversary) by Family

Monday, April 20, 2020

Parishioners Intentions

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

The Sick of the Parish

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

The Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, April 23, 2020

The People of the Parish

Saturday, April 25, 2020

Rose, Henry and Robert Turco by Al and Marie Cecchini

Sunday, April 26, 2020

Antonietta Fraioli by Jose DelloStritto and Family
Erika Gremo by Michael, Cindy and Dad
Anthony and Yolanda Padavano by Angela, Alisa and David

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

Five Simple Rules to be Happy

Free your heart from hatred
Free your mind from worries
Live simply
Give more
Expect less



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 Colazzo, Paula Mari, Sim Simone, Cathy Coffey, Mildred Bassan, Vincent Pusateri, Sylvia Pusateri, Debbie Caffone, Joseph Ginkus, Philip Powers, Virginia Czubrynski, Karen Remian, Sandra Powers, Jennifer Bodinizzo, Martin Laine, Belinda Sahagun, Thelma Ortiz, Cynthia Pedone, Roland Dionne, Maxwell Mitchell, Louis Naple, Sue Cozzolino, Carol Iaconi, Anthony DeAngelis, Anthony & Paul Locantore, Antoinetta Froio, Kelly Piscillo, Ann Servidio, Eleanor Gallo, Maria Dziczek, Joseph Vancelette, Vinny Tiscione, Adolfo Ortiz Jr., Madelyn Martin, Anthony Paldino, Ann Marie Verdolino, Theresa Parretti, Marie Cherry, Emma Taubert, Francis Parretti, Charlene Swalec, Christopher Pace, Irene Bastardo, Lorrie Tufano and Riccardo & Silvia Cazzaniga. 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 family and friends of

Victor Gialanella, brother of Deacon Paul Gianaella. May God grant him peace forever and bring comfort to his family and friends.



CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOLING

Ever consider Catholic homeschooling? In times like these, are you wondering if this may be your calling, but you have a lot of questions? Seeing problems in your children's learning now that they're home, but not sure how to address them? You may not know that Worcester county has a vibrant homeschooling community. There are many philosophies and strategies to fit all sorts of families, even yours. If you're interested but wondering what homeschooling would look like for you, feel free to call or email me with any questions. Alessandra 508-754-4588

One way to spread JOY is to put

**Jesus first
Others second
You third**

How about making a Cursillo weekend?

Cursillo or “short course in Christianity”, involves organized talks, discussions, and witness presentations of the participants own lives, struggles and triumphs in Christ. Weekends are held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT.

2020: **Women’s:** May 28-31, October 22-25
 2020: **Men’s:** September 10-13

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



ON-LINE GIVING

We would like to remind you that we currently offer Online Giving. We want to provide you the convenience of being able to give the way you want, whenever you want. Online Giving offers you the opportunity to make secure, automatic contributions from your bank account to our church. Online Giving costs you nothing and provides many advantages to you and the church:

Benefits for You:

- No check writing or ATM stops
- Safe, secure, and confidential transactions
- Use your checking/savings account or credit/debit card
- Schedule recurring or one-time donations
- Change a gift or account anytime you like
- View your giving history anytime

Benefits for the Church:

- Reduces check processing fees
- Creates peace in knowing your data and auto-deposited gifts are secure
- Provides giving history for tax statements
- Reaches a wider demographic of givers

We ask that you consider using this service—especially if you currently manage your bills or banking online. To register for Online Giving, please visit the church website at mtcarmel.ws and click on the link for on-line giving or call Lisa at 508-753-5001.



Instead of counting sheep, talk to the Shepherd

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

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