



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

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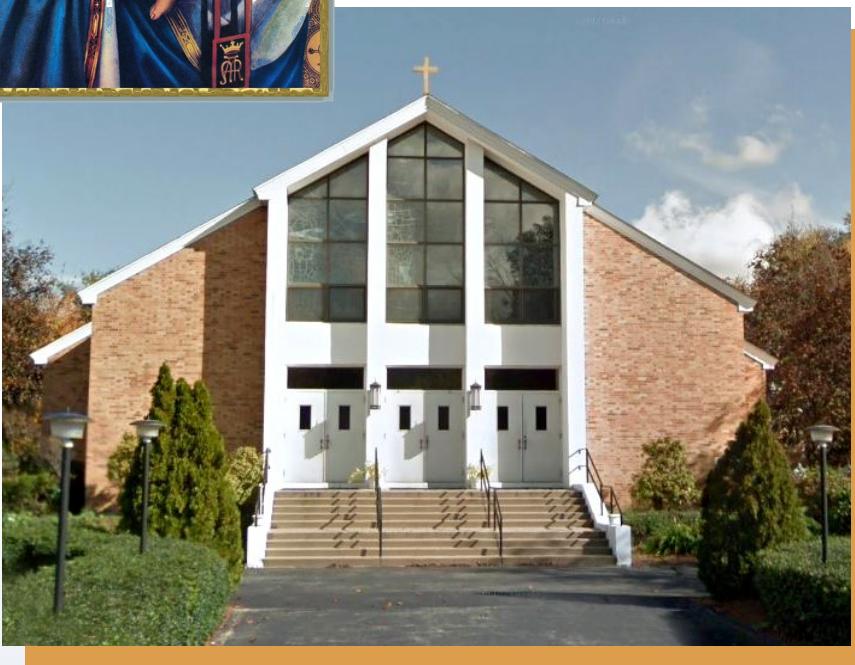
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## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

Saturdays from 3:00-3:45  
Or by appointment—please call 508-304-9988 to schedule.

## PARISH REGISTRATION

To become a registered member of the parish, please call 508-753-5001 or register on-line at [www.mtcarmel.ws](http://www.mtcarmel.ws).

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

One thing I hear so consistently from people is how much they missed receiving the Eucharist during the time the churches could not have public worship services. Years ago, I was speaking to a woman who belonged to the Methodist Church. She told me she started attending Mass with her Catholic fiancé. Eventually, felt called to become Catholic. She entered her the RCIA program at her future husband's parish. This woman told me how excited she was to receive the Body of Christ that coming Easter Vigil. "You Catholics are so spoiled," she told me. "So many Catholics who were born into and grew up in the faith don't realize the great gift the Eucharist is, what a privilege it is to receive Holy Communion! You just take it for granted and so many Catholics don't come to Mass to receive their Lord Jesus in Holy Communion. That's so sad. I am so excited and I can't wait until Easter Vigil to receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time."

I was embarrassed by what she said but she was right. A number of Catholics are quite cavalier about receiving Holy Communion. Nowhere is this more evident that at funerals and weddings. Often Catholics who haven't come to Mass in years are lost, they don't know what to do, especially as they come forward to receive Holy Communion, often chewing gum and talking to everyone around them.

Perhaps a little refresher is in order. As you come forward to receive Holy Communion currently you must be wearing a mask or facial covering. You should not be eating something or chewing gum or talking. You should not "pluck" or "grab" the host from the minister's hand. Cradle one hand on top of the other and raise both hands toward the minister, a type of enthronement for the Lord of heaven and earth, your Creator, who you are about to receive. Please respond "Amen," from the ancient Hebrew meaning "yes, it is," as the minister says the "Body of Christ." If you wish to receive not in the hand but on the tongue, you will be asked to wait until everyone else has received so that the minister can properly sanitize his or her hands.

Step to the side and consume the host in the presence of the Communion minister. NEVER RETURN TO YOUR SEAT HOLDING THE HOST IN YOUR HAND. CONSUME IT BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE ALTAR AREA.

The Church still maintains the rule about the Eucharistic fast, that means you must refrain from food or drink one hour, except water, before you receive Holy Communion. If you are infirm, the fast is fifteen minutes.

If you are aware of serious or mortal sin, you must receive absolution through sacramental confession before receiving Holy Communion.

The period after the reception of Communion should be a time that we spend in reflection and gratitude for the great gift we have received, the Son of the living God!

I notice that some leave the church building regularly right after receiving Holy Communion. I understand that there are some situations that require this. However, please make every effort to stay the extra minute or two it takes for the Mass to end. I'm sure the Lord appreciates the extra effort.

The Mass is the summit of our worship of God, and the Eucharist is the source, the center and summit of our Catholic faith. Let us always cherish and honor the Eucharist, the very Body and Blood of Jesus and our Catholic faith which is so precious a gift!

Summer blessings!  
Monsignor Pedone

#### **PRAYER FOR ST. PADRE PIO OF PIETRELICINA BY POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II**

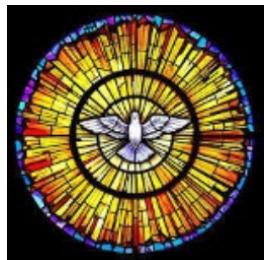
"Teach us, we pray, humility of heart, so that we may be counted among the little ones of the Gospel to whom the Father promised to reveal the mysteries of His Kingdom. Help us to pray without ceasing, certain that God knows what we need even before we ask Him. Obtain for us the eyes of faith that will help us recognize in the poor and suffering, the very face of Jesus. Sustain us in the hour of trouble and trial and, if we fall, let us experience the joy of the sacrament of forgiveness. Grant us your tender devotion to Mary, mother of Jesus and our Mother. Accompany us on our earthly pilgrimage toward the blessed Homeland, where we too, hope to arrive to contemplate forever the Glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen."

#### **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.



**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.**

**TRIDUUM TO SAINT PADRE PIO OF PIETRELGINA**

Beginning Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> and following on Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM we will have a triduum of prayer to St. Padre Pio seeking his intercession to help end this terrible COVID-19 pandemic. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. Feel free to invite family members and friends.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Confessions will be heard **every Saturday from 3:00 to 3:45 PM. It is no longer necessary to make an appointment for confession.**

**PARISH CENTER HOURS**

Our summer parish center office hours have begun. The center will be open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and Fridays 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Please remember to wear a mask when coming into the building for the health and safety of all.

**One way to spread JOY is to put**

**Jesus first  
Others second  
You third**

**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and  
Our Lady of Loreto  
FAMILY BBQ**

**Catered by SMOKESTACK  
Urban Barbecue**



**TO-GO BOXES AVAILABLE**

**When:** Saturday, August 15, 2020 after 4:00 PM Mass

**Where:** Outside on church grounds (Weather permitting)

**Cost:** \$ 25 pp – tickets now on sale after Masses and in the office (deadline to purchase tickets is August 9<sup>th</sup>)

**Menu:** BBQ Chicken Quarters, Sliced Brisket, Mac & Cheese, Cucumber Salad, Cornbread, Dessert, and Beverages

**NOTE: Social distancing will apply.** For those who don't feel comfortable at a gathering, "to go" boxes will be available for you to take home and enjoy.

**OUR SOCIAL MEDIA CONTACT INFORMATION IS:**

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/MtCarmelandLoreto/>;  
Website <https://mtcarmel.ws/>  
Youtube: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1LUJnLered3PHxNyaFS43g?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1LUJnLered3PHxNyaFS43g?view_as=subscriber)

**About Our Website and Social Media Channels**

Website: <https://mtcarmel.ws>  
Things of interest

**Blog**

Facebook and YouTube Channel: Remember, in order to see Mt. Carmel/Loreto Facebook Posts on your personal news feed you must set your news feed to Most Recent and not Top Stories. And if you want to see visitor posts on the Mt. Carmel/Loreto Page you should click on Posts on the left side of the Mt. Carmel/Loreto Facebook Page.

You can also view Mt. Carmel/Loreto's Facebook News Feed on the Website's "Social Media Link" without having to use your own Facebook Page. This makes viewing it very easy.

**Our Social Media Channels**

Facebook and YouTube: Look for these icons on web page. F is for Facebook and the arrow is for YouTube.

Financial Stewardship  
For the week ending July 19, 2020

Income

## Offertory:

Week-End	\$1,551.00
Mail	1,618.29
On-Line Giving	451.80
Maintenance	<u>275.00</u>
Total Offertory	\$3,896.09
Rental Income	250.00
CYC	147.00
Donation	100.00
Candles	79.00
Mass Stipends	<u>50.00</u>
Total	<u>\$4,522.09</u>

## Expenses:

Diocesan Invoices (July)	\$3,843.00
Payroll Taxes (June)	857.72
Repairs & Maintenance	675.00
Water & Sewer	233.14
Supplies	153.50
Employee Benefits	78.00
Professional Fees	<u>64.00</u>
Total	<u>\$5,904.36</u>

**PARTNERS IN CHARITY  
APPEAL**

"Envision Faith in Action"

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



**July 21 update:**  
# of Gifts      Total  
151            \$ 44,475.20

We have reached 89% of our goal!

Thank You for your continued support and generosity!!

**AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS**

American Heritage Girls is a Christ-centered scouting program for girls that emphasizes leadership, patriotism, and community service as girls earn badges in areas of interest as diverse as Outdoor Skills, The Arts, and Science and Technology. Come and be a part of this exciting program based here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish. Contact Alessandra at [dasoares8@charter.net](mailto:dasoares8@charter.net) or 508-754-4588 for more information. The official website is <https://americanheritagegirls.org/>

**July 29, 2020: Memorial of Martha**

Let Martha be an inspiration.

**Martha** of Bethany (Aramaic: מִתְּרָה Martâ) is a biblical figure described in the Gospels of Luke and John. She is remembered as the one who was fretting when Jesus came to dinner, in sharp contrast to her sister Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet. Jesus tells Martha that Mary has chosen the "better part". Martha clearly takes Jesus' correction to heart. When he comes to Bethany again, this time because her brother Lazarus has died, Martha is the active one, the doer. She runs out to greet Jesus while Mary stays at home. But now Martha's anxiety has given way to faith: "I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

**What does it mean to be a Martha?**

As noun, "a **Martha**" is a woman who keeps herself very busy with domestic affairs. She sometimes talks with the Marthas in the house. 'Being "a real **Martha**" implies that she has no time for what really matters because she is so busy fussing over frivolities.

**MIRACULOUS  
MEDAL NOVENA**

Our annual Miraculous Medal Novena will begin on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> and continue every Tuesday through October 27<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars!

**Are you interested?**

If you are interested in the **Knights of Columbus** at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish, please visit the parish website and click on the link to the Knights of Columbus, where you can watch a 5 minute video presentation by one of its members.

Thank You,  
Rick Annunziata

**QUESTIONS ABOUT HOMESCHOOLING?**

Given the closure of some our Catholic schools, and the uncertainty of what public schools may look like come September, you may be considering homeschooling for the first time. When I first considered homeschooling, I was blessed with others explaining to me all the different options available. Perhaps you don't know anyone who homeschools. Feel free to call me, Alessandra, at 508-754-4588, to ask questions; I'd be happy to speak with you. It's certainly doable, and no, you don't have to come from a teaching background. Just a willing heart and love of your unique child!

# MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 25, 2020—4:00 p.m.

**Rocco** (15th Anniversary) and **Mary** (12 1/2 Anniversary) **Fortunato** by Paul and Elaine (Fortunato) David  
**Philomena and Augustine Sbrogna and all Sbrogna Family Members** by Gus Sbrogna  
**Ann Hayden** (15th Anniversary) by Judy Hayden

Sunday July 26, 2020—8:00 a.m.

**In Thanksgiving to St. Jude** by a grateful parishioner  
**Joe Gillespie** by Mom, Pat Naple

Sunday, July 26, 2020—10:30 a.m.

**Pepino, Pauline & Thomas Pellegrino and Nicholas Verdolino** by Fran and Santino  
**Marco Salerno, Vincenza Cafaro and Doriano Cafaro** by son and wife  
**Joseph Riggieri Sr.** (34th Anniversary) and **Kathryn Riggieri** (30th Anniversary) by daughter Dolores

**Maria A. Dimolfetta** by Family

Monday, July 27, 2020—7:00 a.m.

**The Sick of the Parish**

Tuesday, July 28, 2020—7:00 a.m.

**Parishioners Intentions**

Wednesday, July 29, 2020—7:00 a.m.

**Thank you to God** by a grateful parishioner

Thursday, July 30, 2020—7:00 a.m.

**The Souls in Purgatory**

Saturday, August 1, 2020—4:00 p.m.

**Joseph Lapomardo** (2nd Anniversary) by Family  
**Rita Favulli** by Aldona Kibekstis  
**Sophie Sciammacco-Welch** (First Anniversary) by Sons and Daughters

Sunday, August 2, 2020—8:00 a.m.

**The People of the Parish**

Sunday, August 2, 2020—10:30 a.m.

**Joseph C. DiLeo** (5th Anniversary) by Family  
**John Vecchio** by Andrea and Matt DiLeo

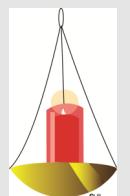
**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH IN YOUR WILLS, BEQUESTS AND UPON THE DEATH OF LOVED ONES FOR DONATIONS. MANY THANKS!**



**Please pray for the sick of our parish:** Francis Cafone, Susan Stomski, Donna Grasseschi, Lori Blackwell, Carmella Szklarz, Matteo Fiore, Patrick Loconto, Frank "Butch" Rano, Vincent Pusateri, Sylvia Pusateri, Thelma Ortiz, Cynthia Pedone, Roland Dionne, Louis Naple, Sue Cozzolino, Anthony DeAngelis, Anthony & Paul Locantore, Ann Servidio, Eleanor Gallo, Maria Dziczek, Joseph Vancelette, Vinny Tiscione, Madelyn Martin, Anthony Paldino, Ann Marie Verdolino, Emma Taubert, Charlene Swalec, Irene Bastardo, Lorrie Tufano, Riccardo & Silvia Cazzaniga, Marty DeMango and Maxwell Mitchell. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

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

**Vera Sbrogna**  
By husband, Gus



**Seventh in a series of 10:**

Simple prayers you can say anytime, anywhere.

7. “Not my will, but yours.”

This prayer, of course, echoes Jesus’ prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:42 NIV). It helps to pray this “breath prayer” when you’re anxious or impatient. It places the praying heart in a position of surrender, where great answers are likely to come.

**A Simple Morning Prayer**

You have given me another day, O God, untouched and new. I ask you to renew me, too!

Forgive the many errors that I made yesterday and let me try again, dear God, to walk a little closer to you.

But, father, I am well aware I can’t make it on my own. Take my hand and hold it tight for I can’t walk alone.

Amen  
(Ebenezer Lutheran Church  
Columbia, SC)



**Have an awesome day, and know that someone has thought about you.**



*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.*

**Sunday, Jul 26, 2020****SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****Treat the children well**

Happy Parents' Day! Children are the treasure in every society. For a viable future, we have to invest deeply in their upbringing. Golden-mouthed saint John Chrysostom offered tips on child-rearing: Let the saints enter your home through the naming of your children. Teach your kids Bible stories. Raise them singing psalms and hymns. Encourage in them a bold, not timid, spirit. Disciplined self-possession will benefit them all their lives. Show them actions have consequences, now and in eternity. Finally, give more care to your children than you do for your job, home, wealth, and possessions.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52 (109). *"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field."*

**Monday, Jul 27, 2020****What is the parable of your life?**

Jesus used a lot of parables to teach his followers—so many that his disciples asked him why. So that the “mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you,” he answered. Parables offer a relatable way to understand an abstract spiritual lesson. Most of us know what it is like to plant, cook, eat, manage money, run a business, deal with relationship conflict. What Christian truths would you like your own simple life story to reveal to others? How that parable unfolds is up to you.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Jeremiah 13:1-11; Matthew 13:31-35 (401). *"All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables."*

**Tuesday, Jul 28, 2020****Sow the seeds of faith**

Blessed Stanley Rother, a missionary and the first U.S. priest to be declared a martyr, died this day in 1981. Not only did he love and serve his flock of indigenous Guatemalans, he helped build a medical clinic, school, and radio station. But it was his upbringing as an Oklahoma farm boy that endeared him even more to his modest agricultural community—a priest who preached but also plowed their fields. As a farmer, he understood the parables of Jesus more than most: how seeds must die, how flocks need a shepherd, how the harvest requires extra help—our help. Play your part.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Jeremiah 14:17-22; Matthew 13:36-43 (402). *"The field is the world, the good seed the children of the Kingdom."*

**Wednesday, Jul 29, 2020****MEMORIAL OF MARTHA****Let Martha be an inspiration**

We remember today a friend of Jesus who with her brother, Lazarus, and her sister, Mary, provided a home of friendship that was a place of respite for the Lord. She could prepare a meal and manage the many details of hosting a gathering of friends. She could speak her mind honestly and trust that she would be heard. She recognized that Jesus was the Messiah. She was human enough to be crabby yet faithful enough to believe that Jesus was able to bring life out of death. Saint Martha, in these challenging days, pray for us.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21 (403); John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42 (607). *"Yes, Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Messiah."*

**Thursday, Jul 30, 2020****Deliver us from evil**

The United Nations has declared today “World Day Against Trafficking in Persons.” Church leaders have been outspoken on this global issue that targets poor and marginalized people, robbing them of their God-given dignity. In today’s gospel Jesus envisions the kingdom of heaven as devoid of wickedness. Today is a good moment to oppose the wickedness of trafficking by adding your voice to the many who are committed to raising awareness and rooting out this evil.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Jeremiah 18:1-6; Matthew 13:47-53 (404). *"The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous."*

**Friday, Jul 31, 2020****MEMORIAL OF IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST****Soldier us through**

Saint Ignatius of Loyola died in 1566 of Roman fever, a type of malaria. During a time of pandemic, it seems appropriate to call on the aid of a saint known for his survival instincts and spiritual prowess. After all, most thought Ignatius, a Castilian soldier, would die from injuries sustained in battle at age 30, but instead he lived another 35 years. During his time of convalescence, he experienced a spiritual conversion that led to the development of his popular *Spiritual Exercises* and the founding of the Jesuit order that has as its motto “For the greater glory of God.” What can you do today, following Ignatius’ example, to give God glory despite times of confinement and uncertainty?

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Jeremiah 26:1-9; Matthew 13:54-58 (405). *"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and in his own house."*

**Saturday, Aug 01, 2020****MEMORIAL OF ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH****Speak plainly**

Alphonsus was a bright and gifted youth, earning doctorates in both civil and canon law in Naples at 16. He was so small at the time of his graduation, he later wrote, that his doctoral robes swallowed him up, causing spectators to erupt in laughter. But faith was no laughing matter to the young man, who in short order left the legal profession and dedicated his life to the church to serve those on the margins. This brilliant doctor of the church believed in plain speech. “I have never preached a sermon which the poorest old woman in the congregation could not understand,” he said. Let your own witness be simple and direct.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24; Matthew 14:1-12 (406). *"For in truth it was the LORD who sent me to you, to speak all these things for you to hear."*