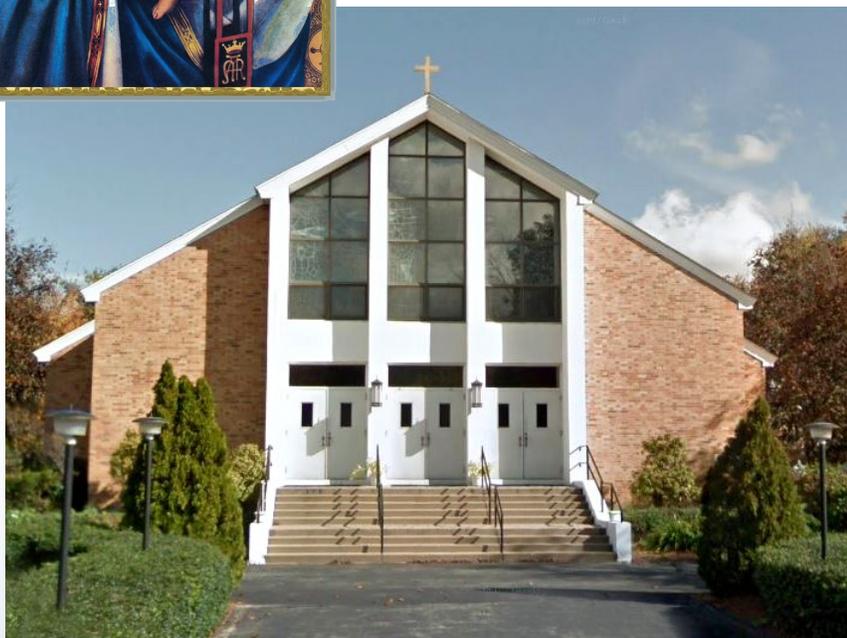




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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

It seems that every time we pick up a newspaper or turn on the radio or TV news reports, we learn about shootings and stabbings and other acts of violence. Two weeks ago on a Sunday afternoon, a man dressed as a FedEx delivery person rang the front door bell of Federal Judge Esther Salas' home in New Jersey. Daniel, the judge's 20 year old son and only child, answered the door and was immediately shot and killed by the individual. When Daniel's dad went to help his son, he was shot and critically injured by a self-proclaimed antifeminist crusader who was reported to state in a letter police found that he was "taking care on unfinished business" before his body was later discovered after his suicide. Apparently he felt he had a right because of his "antifeminist cause" to cruelly and heartlessly take the life of an innocent person and shatter that person's family. How Sick! How deranged!

In Worcester, June and July have proven to be deadly months with an alarming number shootings, stabbings and murders. One person shot and killed his "friend" because of a disagreement over a tip left at restaurant. At the Auburn Mall recently, a teenager was stabbed and critically injured because of an argument over a girlfriend. In Chicago and New York, babies and infants are being shot while they sit in their carriages, innocent victims of such senseless violence. People are seen not as human beings but as objects that can and should be easily destroyed if they get in someone's way or simply disagree with them.

Every day and night in some of our major cities, self-righteous individuals who promote special causes cavalierly attack and destroy people's businesses and ruin their livelihoods and feel justified in doing so. They attack, injure and even maim police officers who are trying to quell the disturbances and protect lives and property. In New York City, Mayor William DeBlasio encourages the protests during which police are attacked and he urges the local district attorney to look the other way because people have a right to protest. Yes, Mr. Mayor, they have a right to protest but not to destroy other people's lives, health, well being and property. Rights come with responsibilities and actions come with consequences.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi was recently asked about her reaction and response to the destruction of historical monuments, religious statues, among which were statues of St. Junipero Serra in several cities in California. The Speaker's response: "Well, people will be people. They are just doing what they do." Excuse me, Madam Speaker??!! God help us and our country!!

Sadly, so many of our people, including our politicians and leaders, both Democrat and Republican are failing us in providing leadership, have forgotten God. We need to stand on principle not on the winds of the latest fad or cause blowing through. Remember, the Roman Emperor Nero sang while Rome burned.

God has been pushed to the rear of the room and has been replaced in the lives of many by "me first," "what I want is more important than what you want," and "if you don't agree with me I can destroy you" because that is my self proclaimed right. Remember – actions have consequences and we are "reaping the whirlwind." The Jewish people in the Old Testament experienced God's reaction to their faithlessness and lawlessness. God turned away from them and they experienced the destruction of their cities and their exile into foreign countries who subjugated them.

The same can easily happen to us if we fail to turn back to God with all our hearts and make Him the center of our lives and our guiding force in living our lives. The choice is ours and remember – choices have consequences!

Summer blessings!
Monsignor Pedone

A PRAYER IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

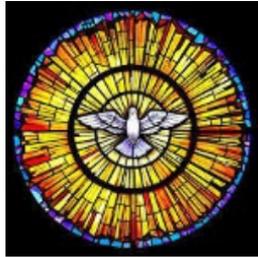


O God, whose Only Begotten Son bore the weight of human suffering for our salvation, hear the prayers of your Church for our sick brothers and sisters and deliver us from this time of trial. Open our ears and our hearts to the voice of your Son: Be not afraid, for I am with you always. Bless all doctors 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.

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."

**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 PIETRELCINA

Beginning Monday, August 10th and following on Tuesday, August 11th and Wednesday, August 12th, 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 you calendars and plan to join us. Feel free to invite family members and friends.

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

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.

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

Catered by SMOKESTACK
Urban Barbecue



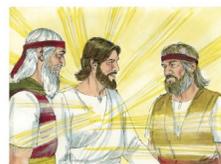
****TO-GO BOXES AVAILABLE****

- 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 9th)

**TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED
THIS WEEK**

- 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.



Thursday, August 6

The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

This Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord recalls the revelation of

Christ's glory on Mount Tabor in the presence of his disciples, Peter, James and John. Christ was *transfigured* before their eyes, shining with Divine light, and He was joined by Moses & Elijah, representing the Old testament: the Law and the prophets.

The word "transfiguration" comes from the Latin roots *trans-* ("across") and *figura* ("form, shape"). It thus signifies a change of form or appearance.

The Transfiguration falls on the same date, August 6, every year. In 1456, in celebration of the Christian victory over the Muslim Turks at the siege of Belgrade, Pope Callixtus III extended the celebration of the Feast of the Transfiguration to the Universal Church, and set its date as August 6.

Financial Stewardship
For the week ending July 26, 2020



Income

Offertery:	
Week-End	\$1,400.00
Mail	2,178.00
On-Line Giving	821.80
Maintenance	531.00
Assumption	47.00
Fuel	40.00
Easter	20.00
Palm Sunday	<u>10.00</u>
Total Offertery	\$5,047.80
CYC	463.00
Gifts & Bequests	248.33
Expense Reimbursement	122.45
Mass Stipends	110.00
Candles	52.00
Other	40.00
Sanctuary Lamp	<u>10.00</u>
Total	<u>\$6,093.58</u>
Expenses:	
Salaries and Wages	\$5,672.48
Supplies	1,026.95
Repairs and Maintenance	396.00
Employee Benefits	136.02
Organist	<u>125.00</u>
Total	<u>\$7,356.45</u>

A LETTER FROM BISHOP McMANUS

July 31, 2020

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

“Restore the Church – Build the Future” is the theme for the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe** (CCEE) which will be taken up in our diocese on the week-end of August 9. Your donation supports strengthening Catholic education, seminary formation and development of new lay leaders in 28 countries.

Around the world, women who face unplanned pregnancies or who have experienced abortion or miscarriage suffer psychological stress. They need material and emotional support to help them to heal. This reality is especially true in Eastern Europe, where for decades, the Soviet system proposed abortion as a method of birth control. Today in this developing region of the world, many pregnant women face difficult financial situations, are abandoned by partners and family members, and confront other hardships that compound their circumstances. In the Lithuanian capital of Vilnius, however, women who previously would have been alone and vulnerable in such times now have access to assistance and support when they face challenging pregnancies or losses.

Since 2014, Crisis Pregnancy Center has provided a wide range of long-term help to hundreds of women: psychological counseling, job search assistance, training in infant care, life skills such as budget management, and group therapy for women who have experienced miscarriages and lost babies. Where few government resources are available to support these kinds of services, local organizations — with the help of the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (CCEE) — are accompanying the most vulnerable women and helping them to choose life, even in their time of greatest need.

For more information about the collection and who it supports, visit www.usccb.org/ccee. I ask that you keep these programs in your prayers and that we join our fellow Catholics in the United States in contributing generously to this collection. Thank you for your help to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe.

With every prayerful best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

PARTNERS IN CHARITY
APPEAL

“Envision Faith in Action”

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

July 21 update:
of Gifts Total
155 \$ 44,775.20

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 or 508-754-4588 for more information. The official website is <https://americanheritagegirls.org/>

QUESTIONS ABOUT HOMESCHOOLING?

Given the closure of some of 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, August 1, 2020—4:00 p.m.

Joseph Lapomardo (2nd Anniversary) by Family
Rita Favulli by Aldona Kibelkstis
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

Monday, August 3, 2020—7:00 a.m.

Parishioners Intentions

Tuesday, August 4, 2020—7:00 a.m.

The Sick of the Parish

Wednesday, August 5, 2020—7:00 a.m.

The Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, August 6, 2020—7:00 a.m.

Parishioners Intentions

Saturday, August 8, 2020—4:00 p.m.

John Fenuccio (Birthday Remembrance) by Family
Deceased Members of the Rocco & Loretta Piccolomini Family by Clara D'Elia & Family
In Honor of Our Lady of Miraculous Medal and Our Lady of Lourdes by Clara D'Elia
Deceased Members of the Pasquale & Theresa D'Elia Family by Clara D'Elia & Family

Sunday, August 9, 2020—8:00 a.m.

The People of the Parish

Sunday, August 9, 2020—10:30 a.m.

Angelina Aiello (First Anniversary) by Family

Banns of Marriage

Greggory M. Nelson
 &
Diep T. Ngo



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 Dzaczek, 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:

Joe DiSilvestro
 By Mary

James F. Tarallo (22nd Anniversary)
 By Wife Mary and Family



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

Eighth in a series of 10:

Simple prayers you can say anytime, anywhere.

8. "Bring your Kingdom."

Breathe this prayer when you're overwhelmed by sadness and horrors of the latest news or a devastating diagnosis. In just a few words, it expresses a heartfelt desire for the day when the "salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God" (Revelation 12:10 NKJV) will be fully realized and the Evil One will be defeated.

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 mark when coming into the building for the health and safety of all.

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



Sunday, Aug 02, 2020

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The glass is still half empty

August is National Water Quality Month, which may not sound exciting, or even like a religious issue. Yet the sacred character of water is attested from the Creation story, in which God's Spirit hovers over the waters, during the corrective flood in Noah's time, at the Red Sea's freedom crossing, up to the cleansing

sign of Baptism. Isaiah issues the divine invitation: Come to the water! But what if that water is risky to drink, as it is for some of our nation's citizens and a sizeable percentage of the world population? Support clean water projects, because water is life.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 55:1-3; Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21 (112).* "Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water!"

Monday, Aug 03, 2020

A port for any storm

Jesus' mother Mary has many titles—one of them is Our Lady, Star of the Sea. Under this name, she is a protector of seafarers. But Mary is a guiding star for all of us as we seek her son through the storms of life. Saint Bernard of Clairvaux wrote: "If the winds of temptation arise; if you are driven upon the rocks of tribulation look to the star, call on Mary. If you are tossed upon the waves of pride, of ambition, of envy, of rivalry, look to the star, call on Mary." Don't lose sight of her, and you won't lose your way to Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 28:1-17 (407); Matthew 14:22-36 (408).* "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

Tuesday, Aug 04, 2020

MEMORIAL OF JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST

Come to the curer of souls

Most male Catholic saints were priests. Some were priests whose great intellect sparked important theological concepts. Others traveled to exotic places to teach about Christ. Still others died as courageous martyrs. But the French saint John Vianney—commonly known as the Curé of Ars—became a saint simply by being an ordinary, but extraordinarily dedicated, parish priest. In French, the word *curé* means "pastor," or one who is "charged with the care of souls." Vianney cared for thousands of souls who sought spiritual healing in the confessional, where he spent up to 16 hours a day. Seek ordinary ways to be holy today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Matthew 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14 (408).* "People brought to him all those who were sick."

Wednesday, Aug 05, 2020

MEMORIAL OF THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY MAJOR

The Word made flesh set in stone

How many papal basilicas are there in Rome? St. Peter's gets primary attention, but actually there are three more, each with its own rich history, including St. Paul Outside the Walls and St. John Lateran. The one whose dedication we celebrate today, St. Mary Major (Santa Maria Maggiore) pays homage to Mary our mother and her role in the life of her son. Pope Sixtus III built this basilica after the Council of Ephesus (431) decreed that Mary is the mother of God incarnate (*Theotokos*). The theology is important. Once again, the church makes clear that Jesus was both divine and human. Thus, we believe in the sacredness of human life, and we look to Mary's unflinching love, as God-bearer and first disciple, for inspiration.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 31:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28 (409).* "With age-old love, I have loved you."

Thursday, Aug 06, 2020

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Shining like the sun

The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is important enough to be part of Matthew, Mark, and Luke's gospels, and the Feast of the Transfiguration has been celebrated since the ninth century and officially on the Roman Catholic calendar since the mid-15th century. This emphasis points toward our deep human longing for transcendence, for a glimpse of divine light such as that experienced by Peter, James, and John. What can you do today to open yourself up to Jesus' light? Perhaps pray for the gift of perception, of receptivity to God's presence.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9 (614).* "And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light."

Friday, Aug 07, 2020

MEMORIAL OF CAJETAN, PRIEST

Faith takes courage

Since the first followers of Jesus, the church has had its struggles, but always, the Holy Spirit keeps the church faithful. Courageous people in every age rise up to lead renewal within the church. In the early 1500s, that person was Cajetan, who felt the pain of the Body of Christ and dedicated himself to doing something about it. With friends, he founded a group of clergy dedicated to trusting in God's providence and claiming no property nor money from the people—the opposite of clergy at the time who were becoming wealthy off the backs of the people. In time, the same church that Cajetan sought to reform recognized him as a saint. Who are the courageous ones in your life who help you stay faithful? Draw strength from them to help institute necessary reforms in our time.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Matthew 16:24-28 (411).* "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny [themselves], take up [their] cross, and follow me."

Saturday, Aug 08, 2020

MEMORIAL OF DOMINIC, PRIEST

Listening is the first step in preaching

Into a 13th-century world where few knew basic theology, and wealthy, mediocre preachers traveled with retinues, Dominic brought dramatic change. He encouraged his friars to study the essentials of the faith, preach eloquently, live simply on what they could beg, and leave enclosed monasteries to reach out to people where they saw the need. By putting himself amid people, Dominic found opportunities to brilliantly counter the Albigensian heresy, a popular dualism that saw spirit as good, matter as evil, and denied the Incarnation. Take time to hear what others are saying so that you are sure to respond as Dominic did with the gospel of love that promotes the dignity of all.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Habakkuk 1:12—2:4; Matthew 17:14-20 (412).* "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed . . . nothing will be impossible for you."