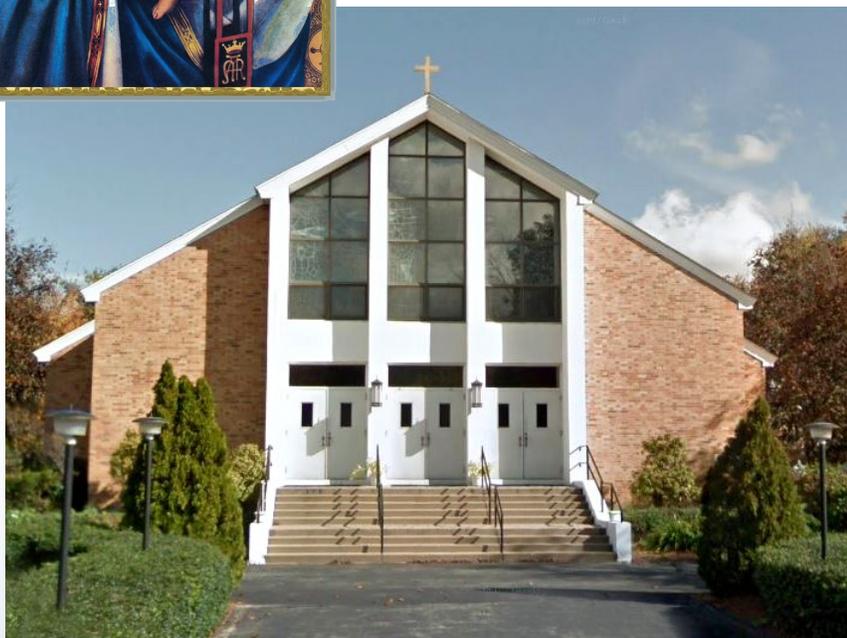




# Our Lady of Mount Carmel *and* Our Lady of Loreto Parish

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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

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**

In a recent Sunday Angelus address, Pope Francis spoke about how at times our faith gets “wobbly.” Everyone, he said, including the Pope, experiences trials that can shake his or her faith; the key to survival is to call out to the Lord for help.

“When we have strong feelings of doubt and fear and we seem to be sinking (and) in life’s difficult moments when everything becomes dark, we must not be ashamed to cry out like Peter, ‘Lord, save me.’

The Pope was referring to a passage in the Gospel (Matthew 14: 22-23) when Jesus walks on the water of a stormy lake, but the disciples think they are seeing a ghost. Jesus reassures them that it is He, but Peter wants proof. Jesus calls him to walk on the water as well, but Peter gets frightened and starts sinking. Peter cry out, “Lord save me,” and Jesus takes him by the hand.

“The Gospel narrative is an invitation to abandon ourselves trustingly to God in every moment of our life, especially in times of trial and turmoil,” the Pope said. Like Peter, he said, believers must learn to knock on God’s heart, on Jesus’ heart. “Lord save me is a beautiful prayer. We can repeat it many times,” said the Pope.

We also should reflect on how Jesus responded: immediately reaching out and taking Peter’s hand, showing that God never abandons us. “Having faith means keeping your heart turned to God, to His love, to His fatherly tenderness amid the storm,” the Pope continued. “In dark moments, in sad moments, He is well aware that our faith is weak; all of us are people of little faith – myself included,” the Pope said. “Our faith is weak, our journey can be troubled, hindered by adverse forces,” but the Lord is “present beside us lifting us back up after our falls, helping us grow in faith.”

I find our Holy Father’s words comforting and encouraging, reminding us that the Lord is always there to help, save and protect us. Sometimes we’re tempted to think that God has abandoned us, but it is precisely in those moments that the witness of faith, the witness of love and the witness of hope shine the most.

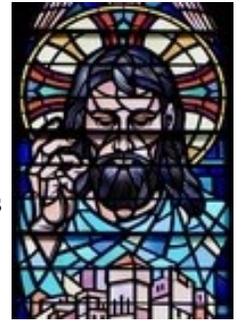
Summer blessings!  
Monsignor Pedone

**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!

**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.**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

A Zoom meeting is planned for the CCD teachers on Monday, August 31 at 6:00 p.m. At that time we will be discussing plans for the 2020-2021 CCD program.

We are still waiting for any decisions by the diocese regarding our options for scheduling Religious Education classes. We will keep everyone informed as soon as we have more information. At this time we have plans in place for both remote learning and face to face teaching.

Once we have more information from the diocese we will have a Zoom meeting in September inviting parents, students, and guardians who are interested to join us in discussing the options that are available and work best for everyone.

First Penance for the 2020 class will be on **Saturday, September 19 at 8:30 a.m.**

First Communion for the 2020 class will be on **Sunday, September 20 at 10:30 a.m.**

We are thinking of hosting a weekly Bible Study via Zoom for all those interested. If you are interested please email Joan D'Argenis at [joan\\_dargenis@yahoo.com](mailto:joan_dargenis@yahoo.com) or call Lisa at 508-753-5001.

**Keep in mind:**

While we are happy to be back in the Church for Mass, there are many who are still choosing to wait before coming back. 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**), CATHOLIC TELEVISION (**channel 101** from Boston)

All have wonderful programs and can also be accessed via the internet: Mass, the Rosary, as well as other interesting programs. Try them.

(One such program is on channel 101 - "Going My Way", which "stars" two priests singing and playing the piano!)

**Our Lady's Annual  
Miraculous Medal Novena**

**Begins on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>  
for 9 consecutive Tuesdays,  
ending on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.**



**A great opportunity for graces and the tremendous power of intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patroness of our parish.**

**This year's speakers are:**

- Tuesday, Sept. 1 - 7:00 pm—Msgr. Stephen Pedone**
- Tuesday, Sept. 8 -7:00 pm— Msgr. Robert K. Johnson**
- Tuesday, Sept. 15 - 7:00 pm - Rev. John F. Madden**
- Tuesday, Sept. 22 - 7:00 pm—Rev. Frederick D. Fraini**
- Tuesday, Sept. 29-7:00 pm – Bishop Robert J. McManus**
- Tuesday, Oct. 6 - 7:00 pm – Rev. Jonathan J. Slavinskas**
- Tuesday, Oct. 13-7:00 pm—Deacon Paul Audette**
- Tuesday, Oct. 20 -7:00 pm—Msgr. Thomas J. Sullivan**
- Tuesday, Oct. 27-7:00 pm - Rev. Juan D. Echavarria**

**More details to follow.**

**WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA**

**Website URL:** <https://mtcarmel.ws/>

Of interest is the updated information and a blog on the new site.



**YouTube and Facebook:**

Look for the **F for Facebook** and the **Arrow for YouTube** on the website.

If you want to see Loreto Facebook posts on your personal news feed, you must set your personal news feed to "Most Recent" and not "Top Stories". Also, if you want to see visitor posts on the Church's Facebook page you should click on "Posts" on the left side of the Church's page.

You can also view the Church's Facebook feed on the Social Media Link on the website.

Anyone who has historical pictures of events of either Mount Carmel or Loreto parishes is invited to submit them so we can share them on our new social media channels.

With this ongoing revolution in social media communications, we can use this medium to do so wonderful many things to aid in religious education, spirituality development, timely news articles and events of which we need to be educated so that we can respond as informed and knowledgeable Catholics. We will develop podcasts on a parish level that can help to deepen our understanding of our faith and what the Church is teaching about certain issues and events, and so much more. The possibilities are endless.

***Pray...Pray...Pray...***

**Financial Stewardship**

For the week ending August 16, 2020



Income

Offertory:	
Week-End	\$2,053.33
Mail	1,570.00
On-Line Giving	553.80
Assumption	353.00
Maintenance	90.00
Eastern Europe	45.00
Total Offertory	\$4,665.13
Funeral Stipends	300.00
Parking Revenue	135.00
Candles	76.00
Mass Stipends	60.00
Sanctuary Lamp	20.00
Total	<u>\$5,256.13</u>
Expenses:	
Payroll Taxes (July)	\$840.51
Clergy Benefit Plan	503.50
Diaconate	375.00
Repairs & Maintenance	373.75
Professional Fees	214.00
Supplies	134.98
Salaries & Wages	120.00
Church in Eastern/Central Europe	96.00
Rubbish Removal	65.00
Funeral Stipends	50.00
Total	<u>\$2,772.74</u>

**PARTNERS IN CHARITY**  
**APPEAL**



**"Envision Faith in Action"**

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

<b>August 17 update:</b>	
<b># of Gifts</b>	<b>Total</b>
160	\$ 46,150.20

**We have reached 92% of our goal!**

**This appeal provides a vital lifeline to so many in our Diocese and throughout Worcester county. Many thanks to all who pledged or donated! We need your help to make our goal.**

**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

**Family BBQ—A Success!!**

We would like to extend a special **"Thank You"** to all who participated in our BBQ Dinner held last weekend. We must note that the chicken was disappointing. We were supposed to get chicken quarters and not pieces. Some of the pieces were very small and we apologize for that. Other than that, the meal tasted great. This being our first time doing business with Smokestack Urban, in the future we will be more aware of portion sizes.

**Financial Report for BBQ:**

<u>Income:</u>	
Ticket Sales (84)	\$2,100.00
In-kind Donations	386.00
Total:	\$2,486.00
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Caterer & Supplies	<u>\$1,459.69</u>
<u>Net Income:</u>	\$1,026.31

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

**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!

**AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS**

Do you know of a girl aged 5-18 drawn to Christ-centered scouting? Come explore American Heritage Girls (AHG)! AHG Troop 0716, located at Our Lady of Loreto, 33 Massasoit Road in Worcester is hosting an "Ice Cream Truck" socially distant social and registration night on September 8 from 5:00-6:30 (out of doors, weather permitting). Come learn more about the programs which celebrate the hearts and lives of girls and how her gifts, talents and abilities can lead her and others to a closer relationship to Christ. Please contact Lynn Minasian-Somers, Troop Coordinator for more information (508) 393-8642.



# MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 22, 2020—4:00 p.m.  
**John “Jack” Ruggieri and Deborah Lazzaro** by Family

Sunday, August 23, 2020—8:00 a.m.  
**Marino and Joseph Piscitelli** by Felix Piscitelli  
**Luigi Papa** by sister-in-law Josie DelloStritto

Sunday, August 23, 2020—10:30 a.m.  
**Angela (Groccia) Catino** (2nd Anniversary) by daughters  
**Ida Mastrototaro DeMauro** (4th Anniversary) by Children

Monday, August 24, 2020—7:00 a.m.  
**Parishioners Intentions**

Tuesday, August 25, 2020—7:00 a.m.  
**The Sick of the Parish**

Wednesday, August 26, 2020—7:00 a.m.  
**The Souls in Purgatory**

Thursday, August 27, 2020—7:00 a.m.  
**Parishioners Intentions**

Saturday, August 29, 2020—4:00 p.m.  
**The People of the Parish**

Sunday, August 30, 2020—8:00 a.m.  
**Parishioners Intentions**

Sunday, August 30, 2020—10:30 a.m.  
**John Cariglia** (Tenth Anniversary) by Wife and Children  
**Michael P. Martin, Sr.** (First Anniversary) and **Philip C. Porcaro** (Third Anniversary) by Michael C. Martin

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

The first ever cordless phone was created by God.

He named it “PRAYER”.  
 It never loses its signal and you never have to recharge it.

Use it anywhere...



**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, Maxwell Mitchell, Lynn Wagner and Joseph Bellino. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

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

**James O’Brien**  
 By Family

**Ursula Toscano and Family**  
 By Tony and Nancy Coffone



**Women of Faith—a Ministry of the Sisters of St. Anne**

The September 12th Gathering has been **CANCELLED**. You are invited to visit their website, [womenoffaithssa.org](http://womenoffaithssa.org) For other ways to enhance your spiritual life, click on [web-siteresources](#). There you will find many areas to explore, such as “3 Minute Retreats Online” (reflections from Loyola Press), “Sacred Space” (a site for daily prayer) and much more.

**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: **Men’s:** September 10-13 (**tentative**)  
 2020: **Women’s:** October 22-25

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



## Take Five for Faith Sunday, Aug 23, 2020

### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

What is to be healed must first be acknowledged

Today, on the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition, we seek forgiveness for what's been called the "original sin" of our nation: seeing people of color as exploitable resources. Generations of slaveholders were unrepentant about horrific acts they deemed to be entirely moral. The sin of racism that made such attitudes possible has been condemned heartily by the church in more recent generations—though some church leaders in generations past were late coming to that perspective as slaveholders themselves. If racism is to be overcome, we each have confessions to make, repentance to do, and voices to raise.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20 (121)*. "The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar."

## Monday, Aug 24, 2020

### FEAST OF BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

Take your place

Bartholomew gets only a mere mention as one of the 12 apostles in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and is believed to have been the one called Nathanael in the Gospel of John. But what does a name matter, when Jesus knows you, and knows your character, before you even meet? The "greater things" to come that Jesus promised Bartholomew didn't include the glory of a leading role in salvation history, since little else is known about him, but did include being a firsthand witness to God's glory. There's a front-row seat waiting for you, too.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Revelation 21:9b-14; John 45-51 (629)*. "Here is a true child of Israel. There is no duplicity in him."

## Tuesday, Aug 25, 2020

### MEMORIAL OF LOUIS

A royal example of God's kingdom

No wonder Saint Louis is the patron saint of the Franciscan Secular Order. He used his position in the world—as King Louis the IX of France—to help build the kingdom of God. Like Francis of Assisi, Louis fed lepers and beggars, usually waiting on them himself. He built hospitals and orphanages to take care of his people. He was committed to being a just ruler: "upholding the cause of the poor." Pray such a priority might overshadow partisan politics among policy makers.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17; Matthew 23:23-26 (426)*. "Cleanse first the inside of the cup, so that the outside also may be clean."

## Wednesday, Aug 26, 2020

Keep it real

Hypocrisy is the "practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's own behavior does not conform." Jesus made it clear that he had no patience with such duplicity, as he called out those who spent more time criticizing the religious practices of others rather than living his law of love. Examine your attitudes and words today to see how often critical judgment of others is your prevailing state of mind. The list of small critiques, like little pinpricks, can easily deflate a joyful spirit. Ask for the grace to be centered in Divine love.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18; Matthew 23:27-32 (427)*. "Even so, on the outside you appear righteous, but inside you are filled with hypocrisy and evildoing. Woe to you, . . . you hypocrites."

## Thursday, Aug 27, 2020

### MEMORIAL OF MONICA

Stick-to-itiveness pays off

Saint Monica, one of a relatively small number of African saints, is typically described as Saint Augustine's long-suffering mother, who prayed, cajoled, and urged him to abandon his wayward life and embrace Christianity, which he eventually did. Her own intellectual and leadership abilities are unrecorded except as they influenced her family members, but her story of persistence and strength continues to inspire. Many in the church uphold her as a model of enduring faith. If you feel like quitting when faced by a difficult problem or problematic family member, pray to Saint Monica for wisdom and perseverance.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51 (428)*. "Jesus said to his disciples: 'Stay awake!'"

## Friday, Aug 28, 2020

### MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

A sin for the ages

In his theological work *The City of God*, Saint Augustine (354-430) proposed that slavery, an accepted practice of his day, was sinful and did more harm to the slaveholder than the enslaved person. Although Augustine's sentiment may have seemed enlightened for its time, slavery, particularly among poor people and people of color, continues to this day in various forms around the world. We can see the evil that racism perpetuates. All of humanity is straining under the weight of this sin. It is time for each of us to "open wide our hearts," as the U.S. bishops advised in their [pastoral letter on racism](#). We do well to have a first (or fresh) look at it today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13 (429)*. "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

## Saturday, Aug 29, 2020

### MEMORIAL OF THE PASSION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Bravely lead the way

Speaking up—when staying silent would have been easy—cost John the Baptist his earthly life, though it gained him a special place in the heavenly pantheon. He stands as a unique witness to the coming of the Lord, and along with Jesus and Mary, is the only individual honored with multiple feasts in the liturgical calendar. You may not always risk death to speak out against injustice, but it does take courage and a sense of duty to something greater than yourself. Let John the Baptist be the inspiration you need to be a prophetic voice.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (430); Mark 6:17-29 (634)*. "When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb."