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.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
Please contact the parish office at 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.

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.

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 TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Glorious Saint Michael, guardian and defender of the Church of Jesus Christ, come to the assistance of His followers, against whom the powers of hell are unchained. Guard with special care our Holy Father. The Pope, and our bishops, priests, deacons, all our religious and lay people and especially the children.

Saint Michael, watch over us during life, defend us against the assaults of the demon, and assist us especially at the hour of death. Help us to achieve the happiness of beholding God face to face for all eternity.

Saint Michael, intercede for me with God in all my necessities. Obtain for me a favorable outcome in the matter I recommend to you. (Pause). Mighty Prince of the heavenly host, remember me for I am weak and sinful and also prone to pride and ambition. Be for me, I ask, my powerful aid in temptation and cruelty, and above all do not forsake me in my time of struggle with the powers of evil.

Amen

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

This Sunday at the 10:30 AM Mass, our seven students in Grade 2 will receive their First Holy Communion, receiving our Lord Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven and eternal life. We are very proud of them of they make this important step forward in their young spiritual lives. Please pray for them. May their families, as well as our parish community, be good examples to them of what it means to be faithful and faith-filled Catholics.

This week, Don Pegg, our deacon-intern, will begin his canonical retreat in preparation for his ordination to the permanent diaconate on Saturday, June 5th. Please pray for him and for the other candidates who will be ordained that day.

We are still substantially short of our Partners in Charity goal of $50,000. If you haven't done so already, please make a gift or a pledge to this important appeal that benefits so many. Of course, you can make an additional gift if you like. You can drop off your gift at the parish office, place it in the collection basket or mail it directly to: Partners in Charity Appeal, 49 Elm Street, Worcester 01609. Thank You!

We recently had to make repairs to both the church's and parish center's heating system. Several pumps, motors and valves had to be replaced at a cost of over $11,000, so that we can have heat in both buildings. Thankfully, we have the money to pay for it, but we had to take it out of savings.

Thank you for your continuing generosity to your parish!

Easter Blessings!

Monsignor Pedone

The Easter Season continues…..

The Resurrection of Christ culminates in His Ascension into Heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, which inaugurates the mission of the Church to spread the Good News of salvation to all the world!

The Easter Season ends on Pentecost Sunday.

We ask that you pray for our young people who are receiving First Communion today.

Antonio Bianco
Ariana Casamasina
Jayden Jackson
Alessia Bianco
Lucas Gallati
Luciana Lopez
Landon Morris

May is the Month of Our Blessed Mother

Strengthen your friendship with Mary, the patroness of our parish, by saying the rosary every day during the month of May. Also, visit our Rosary Garden behind our parish center, and say the rosary while you walk through the mysteries.

Join us in the Rosary Garden on May 7 at 6:00 p.m. to celebrate the month of Mary and praying the Rosary.

Prayer to Mary, Our Mother

Mary, our Mother, I come to you with my needs and beg you to help me.
I honor you as my Mother and helper and trust in your love for me.
Lead me on the path of virtue, and preserve me from every evil.
Let me enjoy your protection and walk in your love and peace.
Guide me closer to Jesus, who gave you to me to be my Mother.

The Waters of Baptism

Josie McGovern
child of Derek and Lauren McGovern
and
Leonardo Lopes
child of Leo and Kathryn Lopes
were initiated into our Christian family through the Sacrament of Baptism recently.

The Parish family of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto welcomes them.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Commitment Sunday for Confirmation students and their sponsors will take place on Sunday, May 16 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. We invite our parish community to join us and support these young men and women of our Christian community as they follow Jesus and his gospel.

EASTER FLOWERS

Many thanks to all who made donations to our parish for Easter flowers. Our sanctuary was decorated beautifully for the Easter season. A complete listing of donations made in memory or in honor of loved ones is available in the vestibule of the church.

VIRTUAL MOTHER'S DAY ROSE DRIVE

Dear Parishioners,

This year's "Roses for Mother's Day" event has been changed because of Covid-19 concerns. A virtual fundraiser will be carried out this year in the form of a Go-Fund-Me campaign. All proceeds will go to supporting Problem Pregnancy in Worcester. This organization offers women an alternate choice to abortion. They support women and their families with housing, medical care, ultrasound tests, maternity clothing, baby clothing, cribs, car seats, legal help, spiritual counseling, life skill counseling and vocational assistance at NO COST to the woman. You can access the link at: gf.me/u/zqhc3q or mail a check to

Problem Pregnancy
495 Pleasant St.
P.O. Box 7422
Worcester MA 01605-7422

Respect Life Ministry

SEX ED IN THE WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Thank you to all who made calls and appeared virtually at last Monday's meeting on sex-ed proposals. Unfortunately, the Standing Committee voted 2-1 to recommend to the full School Committee that "Rights, Respect & Responsibility" be implemented this fall as a comprehensive "health" curriculum in the Worcester Public Schools. There was some discussion about sex-ed being for middle school as part of a comprehensive health program for K-12. However, the recommended program is identified by its publisher as a sex-ed curriculum and includes objectionable lessons as early as kindergarten. We are seeking clarification as to whether the recommendation includes those lessons and will inform you by Flocknote. The full School Committee will consider the matter at its meeting this Thursday, May 6 at 6 PM. The Zoom information for that meeting will also follow by Flocknote. Thank you.

Are you wondering about COVID vaccines? While vaccines hold promising relief from the coronavirus pandemic, not all vaccines are created equal. There are serious medical-moral questions that must be considered in order to form one's conscience so as to make the best decisions possible. The Diocese of Worcester has issued a helpful document called "Forming Consciences on COVID Vaccines: What Catholics Should Know". Please see the enclosed bulletin insert and learn more by visiting www.worcesterdiocese.org/vaccines.

Financial Stewardship

For the week ending April 25, 2021

Income

Offertory:		
Week-End	$2,441.00	
Mail	1,530.00	
On-Line Giving	506.80	
Maintenance	190.00	
Fuel	95.00	
Easter	50.00	
Palm Sunday	30.00	
Ascension	27.00	
Catholic Communications	15.00	
Peters Pence	15.00	
Easter Flowers	10.00	
Catholic Relief Services	10.00	
Good Friday	10.00	
Total Offertory		$4,929.80
Transfer from Savings		12,000.00
Funeral Stipends		600.00
Expense Reimbursement		297.50
Mass Stipends		90.00
Candles		77.00
Donations		42.00
Sanctuary Lamp		10.00
Total		$18,046.30

Expenses:

Legal Fees	$12,000.00
Diocesan Invoices	3,615.00
Salaries and Wages	1,495.00
Repairs and Maintenance	852.00
Clergy Benefits	799.33
Clergy Conference	595.00
Rubbish Removal	196.35
Funeral Stipends	150.00
Employee Benefits	78.00
Total	$19,780.68

Please Note:

PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK PROPERLY; IT MUST COVER YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE WHILE YOU ARE IN CHURCH.

PLEASE PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING WHEN RECEIVING COMMUNION.

IF YOU ARE FIRST IN A PEW, PLEASE MOVE TO THE MIDDLE OF THE ROW SO OTHER S MAY SIT AT THE ENDS.

IF YOU PREFER THE END SEAT, PLEASE STAND AND LEAVE THE ROW SO SOMEONE MAY SIT IN THE MIDDLE AND THEN RETURN TO YOUR SEAT.

Please help us to keep everyone safe.

Thank You

PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL—2021

The Annual Diocesan Partners in Charity Appeal for 2021 has begun in our parish. By our baptism, we are called to "Be the Face of Christ", offering hope to those in need through works of prayer, charity and education. This is the reason for the annual Partners in Charity Appeal in the Diocese of Worcester.

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:

By text: Text **donate** to 84576 for the easiest and most secure way to donate .

By mail: Diocese of Worcester/Partners in Charity
49 Elm St.
Worcester, MA 01609 .

On line: at **partners- charity.net**.

By phone: Development office 508-929-4366

In church: Envelopes for your donations will be available shortly

Gifts to date: 114 Total: $ 32,216.21

Instead of counting sheep, talk to the Shepherd

MASS on TV:

Public Access Stations now carrying Masses:

Daily Mass

Worcester Ch 194 "the people's channel" - 9 am
Spencer Ch 192—9am
Holden/Auburn Ch 191—9 am
Shrewsbury Ch 28 and 328—4:30 pm

Sunday Mass

Worcester Ch 194—Spanish—8 am
English—10 am; replays Monday—6 pm
Spencer Ch 192—Sunday 10 am
Holden/Auburn Ch 191—Sunday 10 am
Templeton Ch 8—Sunday 10 am
Athol/Orange Ch 13/135—Sunday 10:30 am
Paxton Ch 192 Sunday 4 pm, replay Monday at 6 pm and 8 pm

The 10:30 am Mass on Sundays is live streamed from our church on our Facebook page.

Other avenues for worship are EWTN and the Catholic TV network.

Saturday, May 1, 2021—4:00 p.m.
Robert Carreau (5th Anniversary) by Wife
Brendan Shanley (Birthday Remembrance) by Family
Maura Kathcart (4th Anniversary) by the Shanley Family

Sunday, May 2, 2021—8:00 a.m.
Susan Stapinski (8th Anniversary) by Paul Stapinski

Sunday, May 2, 2021—10:30 a.m.
For the Children of the First Communion Class

Monday, May 3, 2021—7:00 a.m.
The Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, May 4, 2021—7:00 a.m.
Tom Quinn by Louise Faiola

Wednesday, May 5, 2021—7:00 a.m.
The Sick of the Parish

Thursday, May 6, 2021—7:00 a.m.
The People of the Parish

Saturday, May 8, 2021—4:00 p.m.
Concetta DiVirgilio by Family
Robert Carreau (Remembrance of 50th Wedding Anniversary) by Wife
Ricardo Mustica, Joey Arcuri and Domenica Mustica by Family

Sunday, May 9, 2021 - 8:00 a.m.
Linda E. Sacco by her husband Pat and Family

Sunday, May 9, 2021—10:30 a.m.
Katherine Riggieri by daughter Dolores
Emilio Taffuri by sister
Frances Tomaiolo (First Anniversary) by Family
Mary DiLeo Artuso by daughter

VOLLEYBALL

The Diocese of Worcester will be offering Volleyball for all students in grades 7 -12. If there is enough interest we could have a team from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel/Our Lady of Loreto. If you are interested please email Joan at joan_dargenis@yahoo.com

I am also looking for a coach if there is enough interest. Deadline to register a team is May 19.

Please pray for the sick of our parish: Francis Caffone, Donna Grasseschi, Lori Blackwell, Matteo Fiore, Patrick Loconto, Frank "Butch" Rano, Sylvia Pusateri, Thelma Ortiz, Cynthia Pedone, Roland Dionne, 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, Maxwell Mitchell, Lynn Wagner, Carol Youngstrom, Rudy Aromando, Chris Watson, Vera Novick, Aldona Kibelkstis, Carol Toscano, Richard and Rita Sharameta, Rita Czechowski, Peter & Mary Antonucci, Geraldine Pisarczyk, Cindy Worthington, William Fiorino and George Burton. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

MOUNT CARMEL GOLDEN YEARS CLUB

May 2021

May 4, 2021
10:00 AM Socializing
12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social
After Lunch Bingo

May 11, 2021
10:00 AM Socializing
10:30 A.M. Board Meeting
12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social
After Lunch Bingo

May 18, 2021
9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. VNA "Keep Well Clinic"
10:00 A.M. Socializing
12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social
After Lunch Bingo

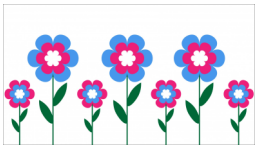
May 25, 2021
11:00 a.m. Memorial Mass
12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social

***Bingo for members only**

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

Reminder:

Next Sunday, May 9, is Mother's Day



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

Sunday, May 02, 2021
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Search for the truth
We've entered an age when discovering the truth feels more complicated than ever. Some of us are leery of "facts," knowing how easily they can be manufactured, massaged, or politicized. Traditional sources of truth—government, news media, even organized religion—have proven to be subject to the same failures to which we ourselves are prone. How do we sort out truth from all the political noise that distorts what we hear? John says the Spirit's been given to us for precisely this task. Pray for the gift of holy discernment.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8 (53). "Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."*

Monday, May 03, 2021
FEAST OF PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES - Don't think less of others
Poor James the Lesser. The other apostle named James—the Greater—got the better nickname. We don't even know anything about James the Lesser, other than his name and that Jesus picked him to be one of the 12—but that alone speaks volumes about this James. We've all experienced what it feels like to have labels attached to us that make us feel less in the eyes of others, if we even feel seen or known at all. But God looks past those labels to the truth of our identity. That's where you'll find your value and dignity, even if others don't seem to. Remember that, like James, you are God's chosen.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14 (561). "Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?"*

Tuesday, May 04, 2021
EASTER WEEKDAY—May their force be with us
Today is Teacher Appreciation Day, recognizing teachers as a force for good—especially in this pandemic year. Through John Baptist de La Salle, patron saint of all teachers, we might say the best educators naturally follow a "Lasallian" philosophy of education. "The Lasallian tradition emphasizes the fact that all people, especially the young, have an inherent dignity which comes from their being created in the image of God," explains St. Mary's College of Winona. "Education is a means of developing this dignity for the well-being of each student as well as for the well-being of our society." Thank a teacher today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a (286). "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."*

Wednesday, May 05, 2021
EASTER WEEKDAY—Celebrate the dignity of diversity
Though today's "Cinco de Mayo" celebrations commemorate but a single Mexican victory over France at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862, in the United States it has become an opportunity to honor the heritage and culture of Mexican people. As folks revel in parades and festivals, enjoying Mexican cuisine and music, we recall these words from the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "Human interdependence is increasing and spreading through the world . . . embracing people who enjoy equal natural dignity." Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a prayer of gratitude for the richness of human diversity.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8 (287). "I am the vine and you are the branches."*

Thursday, May 06, 2021
EASTER WEEKDAY—Focus on the essentials
One of the earliest conflicts in the church had to do with whether Gentiles should have to follow the laws and customs of Judaism. Because Christianity grew out of Judaism, early church leaders had a hard time sorting out what was essential to the emerging Christian faith and what was simply the "way we've always done it." This question continues to vex church leaders to this day and has gone through many iterations—from questions about ritual practices, to prayers and social norms. What is essential to the faith? That we love God with our whole heart, mind, and soul, and love our neighbor as ourselves. Everything else may well be a matter of custom. When it comes to faith, take time today to get back to the basics.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 15:7-21, John 15:9-11 (288). "It is my judgment, therefore, that we ought to stop troubling the Gentiles who turn to God."*

Friday, May 07, 2021
EASTER WEEKDAY- Connect with creation and Creator
If you have a garden, you might be checking the forecast these days to see if conditions are right for planting. Gardens play an outsize role in the Christian imagination. From the Garden of Eden to the Garden of Gethsemane, key events happen in gardens. For centuries communities of sisters, brothers, and priests have cultivated gardens for food, edification, and connection to a major metaphor for spiritual development. Seek out a patch of green, and whether you plant a seed or enjoy a bloom, connecting with creation will connect you with the Creator.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17 (289). "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain."*

Saturday, May 08, 2021
EASTER WEEKDAY—Elevate your spiritual gaze
Blessed Teresa Demjanovich (1901-27) has been called America's "Little Flower." Like Thérèse from Lisieux, France, Teresa from Bayonne, New Jersey was a spiritual writer of great insight who also died young. Because of her virtue, her writings, and a miracle healing attributed to her intercession, she was beatified in the Newark cathedral in 2014, the first-ever such ceremony held in the United States. Her elevation to sainthood awaits confirmation of a second miracle. Teresa's mother died in the 1918 pandemic, which killed well over 500,000 Americans. Sound sadly familiar? Ask Blessed Teresa's intercession for all who have suffered because of COVID-19.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21 (290). "You do not belong to the world, and I have chosen you out of the world."*