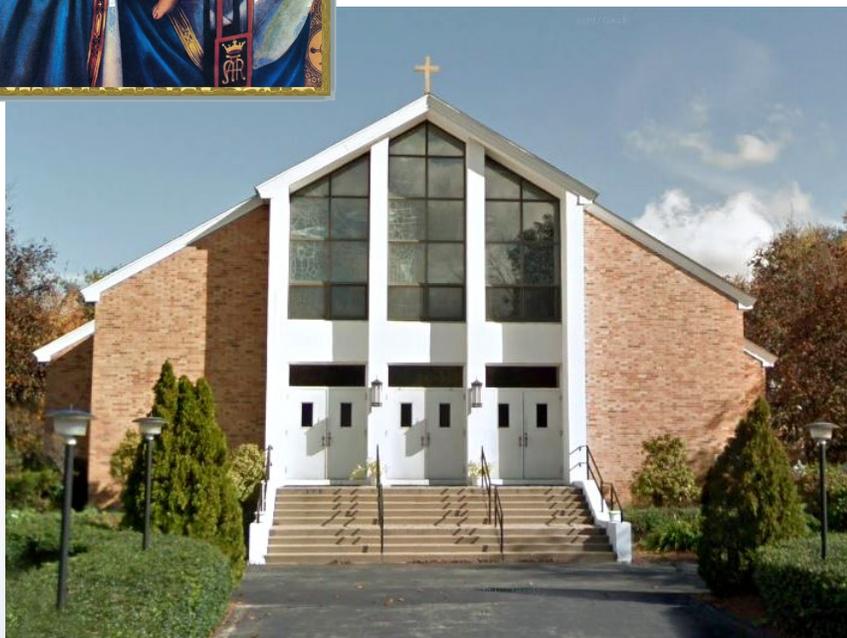


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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

The following story comes from a recent article in the *New York Times*:

Pamela Addison never expected to be a widow at 36. A year ago, she held her six-month-old son and two-year-old daughter and watched helplessly as paramedics rushed her husband Martin to the hospital. It was the last time Pamela would see her husband alive. Martin Addison died 26 days later of COVID-19. It was a devastatingly frightening time for the young mom.

But then she received a sympathy card from another young widow whose husband had died of the virus just a few weeks before. "You're not alone," the card read.

Pamela was soon in contact with the card's sender, Kristina Scorpo. Last fall, the two now single moms launched a Facebook support group, Young Widows and Widowers of COVID-19, for women and men like them struggling as single parents in the isolation brought on by the pandemic. The group has more than 400 members across the country and the United Kingdom.

"We didn't plan on this," Kristina says. "We didn't plan to be widowed at 36 or 33. We didn't plan to raise our kids without our partners that we saw our lives with and we saw a future with."

The members of the group are especially welcoming to those who have just lost their husbands or wives, "when it feels hopeless, like there isn't going to be happiness again or joy," Pamela explains. "I feel like we can help them. Even if they're not where I am now, I can support them. And that's healing for me, too."

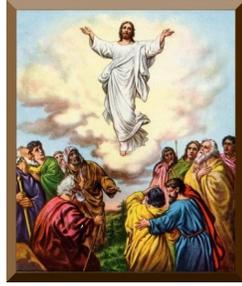
What these two women have done is the work Jesus challenges all of us to take on. In every kindness we offer, in every word of encouragement and comfort we utter, in every moment we spend listening and supporting, we proclaim the Risen Jesus' Gospel of compassion, mercy and reconciliation. Every good work — however small or hidden — is a spark of the light of the Risen Christ in our midst.

Easter Blessings!
Monsignor Pedone

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES
COMMITMENT SUNDAY**

Today (Sunday) at the 10:30 AM Mass, our seven Confirmation candidates will pledge their commitment to continue to prepare themselves to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next Sunday, May 23rd, at St. Paul Cathedral by Bishop McManus. Please pray for them!

The Ascension of the Lord....



This past Thursday, we celebrated Jesus' departure in his physical presence, the solemnity of the Ascension. This marks the end of Jesus' priceless, first stage of God's saving plan in Jesus, the final chapter in Jesus' physical presence in the history of salvation and the beginning of the second stage, which involves you and me.

“Jesus said to his disciples: Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.” (Mark 16:15)

How do we do that? Besides formally teaching about Jesus, we can “preach” by the example of our lives. That is what people notice first about us. We preach the gospel when we tend to those who are suffering. We preach the gospel when we support the social outreach efforts of our parish. We preach the gospel when we comfort one another. Lets use the many gifts that God has given us to “preach the gospel”.

May is the Month of Our Blessed Mother
PRAY THE ROSARY !!!



PARISH YARD SALE
SAVE THE DATE



Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish plans to have a multi-family yard sale on September 18th with a rain date of September 25th. Everyone is welcome to purchase an 18' x 18' space. Please spread the word! You don't need to be a parishioner to purchase a space. Larger spaces available. More details to follow.



Join us as we pray the rosary
Friday, May 21,
at 4:00 pm in our
Rosary Garden.

We commend to your prayers the soul of Antoinette Salemmo, who passed away recently. May the angels lead her into paradise!



VOLLEYBALL SIGNUP

Tuesday, May 18 at 6:00 p.m. at the Parish Center



We are very excited that Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto will be putting together a volleyball team this year. We will have a meeting and sign-up on **Tuesday, May 18**. At this time we will talk about the team and what the individual responsibility will be. Games will be play on Monday evenings. We will need to choose a night for practice as well. Any parish youth in grades 7 - 12 will be eligible to play.

CALLING ALL YOUTH GRADES 7 - 12

We will be meeting on **Tuesday, May 18 at 6:00 p.m.** to discuss the upcoming Volleyball season.

I am inviting everyone, both youth and parents to join us at **5:30 p.m.** for Pizza and to discuss the many opportunities for the kids this summer. I have listed a few below, remember space will be limited and the early bird will get the worm.

Please RSVP for Tuesday evening so I will know how much pizza to order. My email is joan_dargenis@yahoo.com

WHITEWATER RAFTING!

Thursday, August 5, 2021
@ Crabapple Whitewater

Join us for whitewater rafting on Thursday, August 5th on the Deerfield River in Charlemont, MA. Spots for the day are available at a discounted price \$45/person (regular admission is \$85). Space is very limited and will be given on a first come first serve basis.

AERIAL ADVENTURE PARK: HIGH ROPES & ZIPLINE

Wednesday, July 21, 2021
Boundless Adventures, Berlin MA

High School and Middle School youth are invited to join in for an afternoon at Boundless Adventures, an aerial adventure park in Berlin MA, on Wednesday, July 21st. Discounted tickets are available for our Diocesan group at a cost of \$30/person (general park admission is \$50).

WORSHIP NIGHT

All high school youth are invited to attend our Diocesan summer worship nights! These events are open to any incoming freshmen to outgoing seniors. Worship nights include icebreakers, witnesses, praise and worship music, and Eucharistic Adoration! There is **NO COST**

Friday, July 9th 7-9pm
St. Luke, Westborough

Financial Stewardship
For the week ending May 9, 2021



Income

Offertory:	
Week-End	\$2,363.77
Mail	1,619.00
On-Line Giving	1,001.80
Ascension	151.00
Maintenance	125.00
Peters Pence	30.00
Catholic Communications	20.00
Easter	10.00
Fuel	5.00
Total Offertory	\$5,325.57
Transfer from Savings	12,000.00
Parking Revenue	1,850.00
Mass Stipends	180.00
Candles	89.00
Memorial Donations	25.00
Sanctuary Lamp	20.00
Total	\$19,489.57
Expenses:	
Utilities: (April)	
Electricity	\$1,805.36
Natural Gas	783.87
Internet, Cable & Phone	525.04
Heating Oil	387.22
Total Cost of Utilities	\$3,501.49
Repairs and Maintenance	12,377.39
Rector—Food & Household	1,323.30
Office & Administrative	268.51
Mass Stipends	190.00
Confirmation Gowns	127.00
Salaries and Wages	120.00
Funeral Stipends	70.00
Total	\$17,977.69

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 OTHERS 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 2021 APPEAL



The Annual Diocesan Partners in Charity Appeal is well on its way to completion.

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

There are several ways to give to this worthy cause:

By text: Text donate to 84576

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

On line: at partners-charity.net/donate

By phone: Development office 508-929-4366

In church: Envelopes for your donations are available

Checks should be made payable to:

Partners in Charity

Gifts to date: 126 Total: \$ 36,591.21

We are at 73% of our goal.

We are \$13,408.79 away from our goal.

Your gift will help the Diocese implement its essential charitable, pastoral, and educational works in the year ahead. Tens of thousands of people are the beneficiaries of our charitable giving such as those living at the Nazareth Home for Boys, the care of 52 retired priests, poor families served by Pernet Family Health Service, seniors receiving home health care through Catholic Charities, children seeking a good education, those preparing for the priesthood or diaconate, the developmentally disabled at Mercy Centre, and many more.

Thank You for your generosity!!

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 15, 2021—4:00 p.m.

Eric Carter (10th Anniversary) by Julie Tufano
Deceased Members of the Martone Family
Ida Rose Blood (6 month Anniversary) by Family
Frank and Anna DeLuca by Family
Joseph Valarioti (Month's Mind) by sister Flo Murgo

Sunday, May 16, 2021—8:00 a.m.

In Honor of St. Jude for a Favor Received
Joseph R. Sama Sr. (8th Anniversary) by Family
Susan Stapinski (Birthday Remembrance) by Paul Stapinski
Linda Sacco by William Mangano Jr.

Sunday, May 16, 2021—10:30 a.m.

Stella and Fred Corey by John and Family
Nikki Gangai by daughter Marlene and son-in-law Steve Perno

Monday, May 17, 2021—7:00 a.m.

The Sick of the Parish

Tuesday, May 18, 2021—7:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving for Maria Ortiz by the Ortiz Family
Rose Morello by Family

Wednesday, May 19, 2021—7:00 a.m.

The People of the Parish

Thursday, May 20, 2021—7:00 a.m.

Mario and Antonetta Caputo by Louise Faiola

Saturday, May 22, 2021—4:00 p.m.

Albert C. Nasitano by Family
Mary and Michael Guerra by Anna Fenuccio
Restituto Banzuela by the Banzuela Family

Sunday, May 23, 2021—8:00 a.m.

Claire and Henry Gouin by David and Karen Gouin
Linda E. Sacco by Stanley and Gail Dogil
Yana Ruggieri by Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Chionchio

Sunday, May 23, 2021—10:30 a.m.

Lucy Sjosten (Anniversary) by Family
Carolyn Padavano (First Anniversary) by Family
Lucy DiLeo (93rd Birthday Remembrance) by Family



Please pray for the sick of our parish: Francis Cafone, 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 Dzi-czek, 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, George Burton, Beverly DeMarco and Lucille Carrier. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

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

Eric Carter
by Julie Tufano

Nancy Macaruso Johnson
by Anthony and Nancy Coffone



MOUNT CARMEL GOLDEN YEARS CLUB

May 2021

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.

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

A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you to the American Heritage Girls who took the time this past week to do some weeding and cleaning up of the front of the church. Your hard work is greatly appreciated.



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

Sunday, May 16, 2021

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—Good things come from unlikely places

It may bring a smile to our lips to hear the argument for why we're obliged to love others: because God loves us first. And if God can love us (be honest here!) then clearly love need not be earned. This World Communications Day, Pope Francis invites us to consider how future-apostle Nathaniel once dismissed Jesus because of his origins: "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" To really love people, we have to begin by not categorizing them: by gender or race, nationality or religion, native language or political party. Even Nazareth holds surprises!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11b-19 (60). "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another."*

Monday, May 17, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY—Solitude and solidarity

Many have experienced more solitude than they care for during the pandemic, but it'd be a shame to lose the lessons of the experience once it's over. Catholics have a strong tradition of finding the sacred in solitude. The monastic life, for example, is all about withdrawing from society to draw closer to God and ultimately to each other. Turning inward is an opportunity for growth. Ritualizing the routines of life—in the midst of grief and stress and fear—helps to maintain inner stability and clarity. At the same time, far too many haven't had the luxury of solitude to remove themselves from danger—let this fact light a fire in all of us to fight for justice for those who have risked all to serve society this past year.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33 (297). "I am not alone, because the Father is with me."*

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JOHN I, POPE, MARTYR—Define your terms

In 2011, the Nicene Creed in English changed from the poetic-but-imprecise "one in being"—recited at Mass for more than 40 years—back to a seemingly unusual, clunky Latin word: *consubstantial*. We learned that *consubstantial* was a critical distinction hammered out at various church councils to clarify that Jesus was divinely co-eternal with God. It was a pronouncement specifically designed to refute the Arian heresy that denied Christ's divinity. The struggle against Arianism cost Pope John I his life in 526. Words matter. Take time to choose the right ones.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a (298). "Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began."*

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY—Going home

Final farewells are difficult. While there can be grace in the chance to express love and gratitude, there also can be great pain at the thought of never again seeing a face, touching a hand, hearing a voice. There is true heartache in accepting that there will be no more shared meals, meaningful discussions, shared futures planned together as we surrender the companionship of a loved one. It is a bitter-sweet time because the grief of anticipated loss is proof of an equally deep love. Yet it is not the end—faith promises us more. On this Easter Wednesday, with trust in the promise of new life, give thanks to God for someone whose love and faithfulness has enriched your life.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19 (299). "They were all weeping loudly . . . for they were deeply distressed that (Paul) had said that they would never see his face again."*

Thursday, May 20, 2021

MEMORIAL OF BERNARDINE OF SIENA, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS, MISSIONARY—History will be our judge

Church history is filled with admirable figures who stand out for their tender love and compassion. Bernardine of Siena was not that kind of saint. A fire-and-brimstone preacher with a moralizing temperament, he encouraged "bonfires of the vanities" where townsfolk pitched household items suggestive of luxury or leisure—mirrors, perfumes, games—into the fire. Seen from our vantage point, many of his sermons had antisemitic, misogynistic, and homophobic overtones. Though a commanding preacher who lived a life of devotion, Bernardine—like all of us—was a product of his times, limited by the pastoral and theological perspectives handed down to him. His innovations in vernacular preaching continue to inspire, yet his limitations in compassion and inclusion serve as a cautionary tale. None of us has a monopoly on moral purity. Kindness and compassion, however, never go out of style.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26 (300). "And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one."*

Friday, May 21, 2021

MEMORIAL OF CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES, PRIEST, MARTYR, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS—Live fully

Each of us is called to give our lives fully on behalf of our love for and commitment to God. Most of us will not die a martyr's death, but some of us will. Christopher Magallanes was one such person. Christopher's call to be a martyr was lived every day through his prayer and ministry as a priest: founding schools, providing work opportunities, and even constructing a dam to help the people. He was killed because of his love for the people, a love emanating from his deep faith. How does our faith inspire us to give of ourselves fully?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19 (301). " 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' "*

Saturday, May 22, 2021

MEMORIAL OF RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS—Hope is a perennial

We all could use a friend like Saint Rita of Cascia. Wed against her will at the tender age of 12, she somehow survived abuse and family feuds to become a reconciling force in a violent region of 15th-century Italy. She has acquired a following, along with Saint Jude, as the patron of hopeless causes. On her deathbed, it is said she asked for a rose from her garden. Though it was winter, we are told a single blooming rose was found and brought to her. Never lose hope—no cause is hopeless!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25 (302). "There are also many other things that Jesus did."*