



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

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## 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.

## 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

## 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).

## MINISTERIAL STAFF

**Rev. Msgr. F. Stephen Pedone**, Pastor  
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As a reminder Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester in screening those who work with children in our care and in helping victims of abuse find healing.

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a Church employee or volunteer in the past, please contact The Office for Healing and Prevention at 508-929-4363 (direct line & confidential voicemail). You may also contact Monsignor Pedone, or Deacon Montiverdi at 508-753-5001. If you are concerned about a current case of abuse, please contact the local civil authorities immediately.

All church staff and volunteers must complete a CORI form and complete a Safe Environment Training session. For more information please contact our Safe Environment Coordinator Pat Solitro at 508-753-5001.

**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.

**RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK**



Religious Freedom Week will be celebrated in dioceses nationwide from **June 22 to June 29**. Throughout the week we will focus on the importance of preserving the essential right of religious freedom, both now and in the future, for Catholics and all people of faith. This year's theme is "Solidarity in Freedom". The significant feast days during the week (Saints Thomas More and John Fisher – June 22, Saint John the Baptist – June 24, and Saints Peter and Paul – June 29) inspire us to follow the example of these great saints who loved God above all and remained faithful in the face of adversity. Please visit [www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek](http://www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek) to download the "Pray-Reflect-Act" pages for each day on various religious liberty topics. These excellent resources are intended to inspire us to learn more about religious liberty from a Catholic perspective, help us to pray about particular issues, and provide us with tools to act on what we learn. Additional information and resources for parish and personal use can be found at [www.worcesterdiocese.org/religiousfreedomweek](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/religiousfreedomweek).

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Dear Friends,

We are about to begin a new ministry in our parish in hopes of serving the special needs of widows and widowers. It's entitled "At the Foot of the Cross." I've been listening to several recently widowed parishioners who feel the need to come together spiritually to share their feelings of grief and loneliness after having lost their life's partner through death and mutually to support each other.

There will be a meeting of interested widows and widowers on Wednesday, June 30th at 6:30 pm in the parish center. I see this as a vital ministry to help support our parishioners and others who have lost a spouse through death. Please feel free to bring a friend. Refreshments will be served.

I want to thank all those who supported the annual Partners in Charity appeal. Because of your generosity we were able to make and exceed our goal of \$50,000. To date, you as a parish have donated or pledged \$50,925. There were 174 donors. It's still possible to donate or pledge to this appeal. When making a gift please specify that it is for Partners in Charity. **THANK YOU!**

At our last Parish Council meeting, we discussed the parish census. Currently, we have 463 registered and active households. Active means you are attending Mass with some frequency and are supporting the parish financially. Of that number 391, receive offering envelopes.

There are 1,075 inactive households, which means you do not support the parish financially and seldom, if ever, attend Mass here. I will begin to pare that list and remove names of those who have long been inactive. Some have moved, are in nursing homes or assisted living facilities, or have passed away. We will soon be sending out letters to this inactive group to determine their status and whether they wish to remain parishioners.

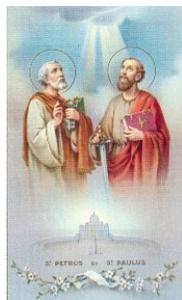
I kindly ask that you call the parish office when a loved one is housebound, in the hospital or healthcare facility and would like to be visited and receive the sacraments of the Eucharist, penance and the anointing of the sick. Because of HIPPA laws, these healthcare facilities cannot give out information on their patients so we need you to inform us if you or a loved one would like a visit. The parish office number is 508-753-5001.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Sanghee Kim, our organist at the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturdays. She is returning to Korea to care for her elderly and infirm mother. We thank her for her years of service both at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto churches and assure her of our prayers and best wishes.

Summer blessings!  
Monsignor Pedone

**A NOTE OF THANKS**

The Respect Life Ministry collected \$343 in donations on Father's Day weekend. This will all be donated to Project Rachel. Thank you all for your generosity.



**June 29, 2021:  
Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul**

In Christian tradition, St. Peter was one of the 12 Apostles of Jesus. Roman Catholic tradition holds that Jesus established St. Peter as the first pope (Matthew 16:18). Jesus also gave him “the keys of the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 16:19), which is why he is often depicted at the gates of heaven in art and popular culture. After Jesus' death, he served as the head of the Apostles and was the first to perform a miracle after Pentecost (Acts 3:1–11). The two Letters of Peter in the Bible are attributed to his authorship, though some scholars dispute this.

St. Paul the Apostle, original name Saul of Tarsus, one of the leaders of the first generation of Christians, often considered to be the most important person after Jesus in the history of Christianity. In his own day, although he was a major figure within the very small Christian movement, he also had many enemies and detractors, and his contemporaries probably did not accord him as much respect as they gave Peter and James. Paul was compelled to struggle, therefore, to establish his own worth and authority. His surviving letters, however, have had enormous influence on subsequent Christianity and secure his place as one of the greatest religious leaders of all time.

Both Peter and Paul died around the year 64.

**VACATION BIBLE & SUMMER PROGRAM**

Please sign-up in Advance  
Ages 4 – 10  
**July 20 – July 23** (9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cost is \$25 per child or donation. Family is \$35 or donation includes breakfast and lunch.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALFRED (MEBI) NOSIKE AND DOMENIC SENA WHO WERE AWARDED PARISH SCHOLARSHIPS!**

Alfred, who graduated from Saint John High School in Shrewsbury, will be attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, and Domenic, who graduated from Saint Paul High School, Worcester, will be attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the fall. Our prayers and best wishes go with you!



Next weekend we will celebrate the Fourth of July, our Independence day.

Independence Day is a patriotic holiday for celebrating the positive aspects of the United

States. Many politicians appear at public events to show their support for the history, heritage and people of their country. Above all, people in the United States express and give thanks for the freedom and liberties fought by the first generation of many of today's Americans. The Statue of Liberty is a national monument that is associated with Independence Day.

Please celebrate safely. Although fireworks are illegal in Massachusetts, there seem to be plenty of them around. Keep in mind that they can do a lot of damage to people and property.

Dear Parishioners,

You may have noticed a garden area with a few new sprouts on the church grounds. This is our new pollinator garden, planted with native wildflowers to encourage the presence of pollinating insects such as butterflies and bees. You have the chance to create your own pollinator garden at home, too-- seed bombs (which are balls of tissue paper and flower seeds) and instructions on how to plant them are available at the back of the church. The pollinator gardens are one way in which our parish is trying to implement Laudato' Si, Pope Francis's call to care for God's creation in a special way. The pollinators of our region are suffering because of the increased use of pesticides and the loss of the native plants they rely on for food and shelter, but with actions like this, we can keep them thriving for years to come. This project is sponsored by the Diocese of Worcester Environmental Stewardship Ministry and was carried out by American Heritage Girls Troop 0716 from Our Lady of Loreto Church.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Beach Trips .....Tuesdays — July 13 & July 27
- Chicken BBQ .....Saturday, August 14
- Yard Sale/Flea Market ....Saturday, September 18
- Ladies' Event .....Sunday, October 17
- Bazaar .....Saturday, November 6

Keep watching for more events!

**July 3, 2021: St. Thomas, Apostle**

**Thomas the Apostle, also called Didymus, was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus according to the New Testament. Thomas is commonly known as "Doubting Thomas" because he doubted Jesus' resurrection when first told of it; later, he confessed his faith, "My Lord and my God," on seeing Jesus' crucifixion wounds.**

Financial Stewardship

For the week ending June 20, 2021



Income

|                                 |            |                   |
|---------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Offertory:                      |            |                   |
| Week-End                        | \$2,494.49 |                   |
| Mail                            | 1,020.00   |                   |
| On-Line Giving                  | 612.05     |                   |
| Maintenance                     | 179.00     |                   |
| Assumption                      | 30.00      |                   |
| Catholic Communication Campaign | 20.00      |                   |
| Peters Pence                    | 20.00      |                   |
| Ascension                       | 7.00       |                   |
| Total Offertory                 |            | \$4,382.54        |
| Funeral Stipends                |            | 600.00            |
| Mass Stipends                   |            | 190.00            |
| Expense Reimbursement           |            | 170.00            |
| Candles                         |            | 104.30            |
| Donations                       |            | 61.00             |
| Sanctuary Lamp                  |            | 10.00             |
| Total                           |            | <u>\$5,517.84</u> |
| Expenses:                       |            |                   |
| Diocesan Invoices (June)        | \$3,615.00 |                   |
| Payroll Taxes (May)             | 864.75     |                   |
| Repairs and Maintenance         | 630.00     |                   |
| Offertory Envelopes             | 277.91     |                   |
| Funeral Stipends                | 200.00     |                   |
| Supplies                        | 166.22     |                   |
| Salaries and Wages              | 120.00     |                   |
| Employee Benefits               | 78.00      |                   |
| Office Expense                  | 58.00      |                   |
| Total                           |            | <u>\$6,009.88</u> |

**PARTNERS IN CHARITY**  
**2021 APPEAL**

The Annual Partners in Charity Appeal is nearing the end in our parish.



**WE HAVE MET OUR GOAL!!!**

To date we have collected \$ 50,975.00.

**Thank You for your kindness and generosity!!!**

**BEACH TRIPS**

**July 13 - Hampton Beach**

**July 27 - Gloucester Beach**

Bus will leave at 8:30 a.m.

Adults \$25.00 and kids \$15.00 with a cap of \$45.00 for families up to four people. Any additional family members (over four people) I would charge \$5.00 per person. Please email Joan at Joan\_Dargenis@yahoo.com or call the parish office to reserve your seat.

**CHICKEN BBQ!!!**  
**SAVE THE DATE!**



**Saturday, August 14 after 4:00 Mass**

In lieu of the Italian Festival this year, join us for a Chicken BBQ—1/2 BBQ chicken prepared by Mark Gentile, tossed salad, potato salad, pasta salad, a beverage and dessert.

**Tickets on sale now after all Masses.**

**Donation is \$20.** We will set up outside for dinner as well as offer to-go containers for those that don't wish to stay. Any questions, don't hesitate to call the parish office at 508-753-5001, or Elaine Beaudry at 508-769-1473.

**YARD SALE/FLEA MARKET**  
**SAVE THE DATE**



Sponsored by Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish:

**September 18th - rain date of September 25th.**

**\$ 50 for an 18'x18' space; larger spaces available**

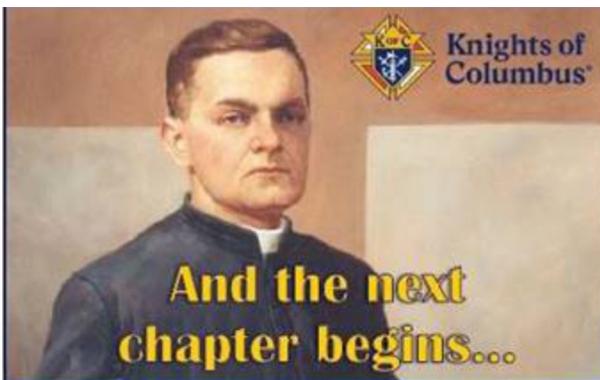
**Set up—8:30 am.....hours—9 am-3 pm**

**All left over items must be removed from church grounds once sale ends.** Spread the word!!! All are welcome—parishioners, non-parishioners, crafters, vendors and Food Trucks as well!

Registration forms are available in the office or by emailing Kate Mercadante at [koronakate5157@gmail.com](mailto:koronakate5157@gmail.com).

Please indicate the size of the space you want when you register.

**Registrants must provide their own tables.**



Fr. Michael J. McGivney, our Founder was Beatified October 31, 2020

Be a part of this new chapter and his legacy by becoming a Knight of Columbus today!

**Free Online Membership\***

For new online membership applications submitted through June 30, 2020

\*regular dues are \$30/year

Visit [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus)

Enter Code

**MCGIVNEY2020**

# MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, June 26, 2021—4:00 p.m.

**Rita Czechowski** by Lou Tripodi  
**John Joseph Kiley** by Helen Collins

Sunday, June 27, 2021—8:00 a.m.

**Mary Ellen Mayo** (First Anniversary) and **Anthony Cottone** (25th Anniversary) by Karen and David Gouin

Sunday, June 27, 2021—10:30 a.m.

**Santo & Maria Totaro; Nunzia Stramacchia and Peter & Joan MacGregor** by Family  
**Sheila Groccia** by Family  
**Dominic DiBaro Sr.** (10th Anniversary) by Family  
**John Gabriel** (21st Anniversary) by niece Barbara

Monday, June 28, 2021—7:00 a.m.

**The Souls in Purgatory**

Tuesday, June 29, 2021—7:00 a.m.

**Helen Tripodi** by Aldona Kibelkstis

Wednesday, June 30, 2021—7:00 a.m.

**Irene Martinkiene** by Aldona Kibelkstis and Family

Thursday, July 1, 2021—7:00 a.m.

**The Sick of the Parish**

Saturday, July 3, 2021—4:00 p.m.

**Thomas Buffone** (17th Anniversary) by Mom, Dad and Brothers  
**Lena Meringolo** by Children

Sunday, July 4, 2021—8:00 a.m.

**The People of the Parish**

Sunday, July 4, 2021—10:30 a.m.

**Giovanni Picirillo and Pasqualina Picirillo** by Carmine and Esther  
**Daniel Groccia** (6th Anniversary) 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 Dzielczek, 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, Peter & Mary Antonucci, Geraldine Pisarczyk, Cindy Worthington, William Fiorino, George Burton, Beverly DeMarco, Lucille Carrier and Richard Rolla. 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

**Dominic DiBaro Sr.**  
(10th Anniversary)  
by Children and Grandchildren

**John Gabriel**  
(21st Anniversary)  
by niece Barbara



**VOLLEYBALLS NEEDED**

Our parish volleyball team is seeking donations of volleyballs to practice with. If you would like to come out and support the team please call the parish office for the schedule. Games are played on Monday nights at St. Christopher's in Worcester and St. Joseph's in Charlton.



**MOUNT CARMEL GOLDEN YEARS CLUB**

June 2021

**June 29, 2021**

10:00 AM Socializing  
 PAPER SALE  
 12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social  
 After Lunch Bingo

**\*Bingo for members only**

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

***Rest in Peace***

*We, the parish community of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto, extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of Josephine Ventresca, Rocco Martinelli Sr., Charles Paldino and Rose A. Puleo. May God grant them peace forever and bring comfort to their families and friends.*





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

**Sunday, Jun 27, 2021**

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**God is the champion of life**

We're made for immortality. Christianity celebrates that death has no sting and life has no end. Our tenacious possession of the lives we're given is a sign of our refusal to accept death as the last word on the subject of our lives. We're impatient with limitations, reject gloom-and-doom projections, and insist on second opinions when the news is grim. We relentlessly cling to hope despite the odds of our predicament. God is on our side in this stubborn grip we have on life. God intends for death itself to pass away. Put your resources at the service of life.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24; 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43 (98).* "God did not make death, nor does [God] rejoice in the destruction of the living."

**Monday, Jun 28, 2021**

**MEMORIAL OF IRENAEUS, BISHOP, MARTYR—We're part of the Lord's great chain of being**

It's fun to consider "six degrees of separation"—the theory that everyone on Earth is connected to any other person by a chain of five acquaintances. Perhaps you even know how you are connected to someone famous. Imagine being only three degrees separated from Jesus! Saint Irenaeus is known for that claim. He studied under Polycarp, who had been a disciple of the apostle John. We may be countless more degrees removed than Irenaeus, but all Christians are part of the chain that goes back to our Lord because we're the beneficiaries of what's been passed down the links along the way—as well as being links ourselves to the future. Keep those connections strong.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 18:16-33; Matthew 8:18-22 (377).* "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go."

**Tuesday, Jun 29, 2021**

**SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES—Call me by my new name**

Before Jesus, they were Simon and Saul; afterward, Peter and Paul. In the great biblical tradition, both experienced a name change to signify God's call to a new and greater destiny. They became the two pillars of the church. Jesus gave Peter the "keys" to unlock the "kingdom of God," on Earth as it is in heaven—the Kingdom Jesus preached about for three years. Paul received a "sword," the "sword of the Spirit" that's the word of God—which Paul used as he spread the gospel to new lands. Is there something new you can do for God today?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19 (591).* "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

**Wednesday, Jun 30, 2021**

**You are part of God's agenda**

Prayer has many forms and many expressions: It turns our hearts and minds to God with a desire to praise, to request, to give thanks, or to intercede on behalf of others. Prayer is conversation with God; sitting in silence with God; sharing with God every hope and fear we carry. But as Saint Thomas Aquinas reminds us, "We set forth our petitions before God, not in order to make known to Him our needs and desires, but rather so that we ourselves may realize that in these things it is necessary to turn to God for help." Go ahead, place your concerns on God's desk. There's always space.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 21:5, 8-20a; Matthew 8:28-34 (379).* "When the poor one called out, the LORD heard."

**Thursday, Jul 01, 2021**

**MEMORIAL OF JUNÍPERO SERRA, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS, MISSIONARY—Man on a mission**

Today the church honors Saint Junípero Serra, the Spanish Franciscan missionary who tirelessly evangelized native peoples in California in the late 1700s, founding the first nine of 21 missions in the region. His sainthood is not without controversy since missionaries were enmeshed in the brutal Spanish conquest of the Americas, but Serra's record also shows he endured many hardships late in life for the sake of the gospel, genuinely loved the indigenous people, and defended their rights against the worst Spanish abuses. His memorial is a good time to learn about and pray for greater justice for Native Americans and all Indigenous Peoples.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 22:1b-19; Matthew 9:1-8 (380).* "He then said to the paralytic, 'Rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home.'"

**Friday, Jul 02, 2021**

**Pray for us sinners**

Sometimes denial, shame, and fear keep us from recognizing the harmful effects of our sin. Pope Francis encourages us to give even our sin over to God. As he put it in a 2013 homily, "In my own life, I have so often seen God's merciful countenance, his patience; I have also seen so many people find the courage to enter the wounds of Jesus by saying to him: Lord, I am here, accept my poverty, hide my sin in your wounds, wash it away with your blood. And I have always seen that God did just this—he accepted them, consoled them, cleansed them, loved them." Draw close to Jesus and be comforted.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Matthew 9:9-13 (381).* "Go and learn the meaning of the words, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

**Saturday, Jul 03, 2021**

**FEAST OF THOMAS, APOSTLE—Let doubt deepen your faith**

We have come to know today's saint as "Doubting Thomas," but in terms of his legacy, it was the missionary zeal that grew out of his doubt that endures. According to tradition, Thomas traveled far, reaching the Malabar Coast of southwest India, where he established a community still known today as "Saint Thomas Christians." A more diverse mix could not be found: the Nazranis, as they are called, are said to be "Indian in culture, Christian in faith, and Syrian in liturgy," with a dash of Jewish and Hindu influence for good measure. Your doubt can be the catalyst to a faith that endures and leaves a rich legacy. Ask God to help your unbelief!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29 (593).* "You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones."