



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.

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 & confi-
dential voicemail). You may also contact Mon-
signor 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.

FOURTH OF JULY

*Life, Liberty,
and the pursuit of
Happiness*

Dear Lord,

On this Independence Day I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted.

May I always remember that my freedom was purchased with a very high price.

My freedom cost others their lives.

Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord.

Grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Christ. Amen.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

This weekend we celebrate the Fourth of July and the founding of our great country on July 4, 1776. It's recorded that, shortly after the Declaration of independence was signed in Philadelphia, celebrations took place throughout the land, and many of the former colonists, they were just starting to call themselves Americans, set off cannons and marched in fife and drum parades. Fifty-six men came forward to sign the parchment. It was noted at the time that they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honors. And that was more than rhetoric. Each of those men knew the penalty for high treason to the crown. "We must all hang together," Benjamin Franklin said, "or we will most assuredly hang separately." They were brave. They stayed brave through all the bloodshed of the coming years. Their courage created a nation built on a universal claim to human dignity. On the proposition that every man, woman, and child had a right to a future of freedom. Let us reflect on those words again: "We hold these truths to be self evident. All men are created equal. That they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Millions came here in search of a dream of freedom, inaugurated in Independence Hall. Both my Italian and Irish ancestors, like many of yours, had courage, traveled great distances, settled in a foreign land, and then passed onto their children and their children's children the blessings and dreams of this great land. We are the beneficiaries of this courage. They wanted to share the hope that is America.

All through our history, our presidents and leaders have spoken of national unity, and warned us that the real obstacle to moving forward within the boundaries of freedom, the only permanent danger to the hope that is America, comes from within. Let us continue to be vigilant and prayerful and united.

As we celebrate the 245th anniversary of our country's founding, let us be grateful for all the blessings and freedoms, especially religious freedom, we have received and are protected because of the sacrifices of so many. May Almighty God continue to bless us and watch over our beloved country and our people and keep us safe from the dangers within and without that threaten us. And may Mary, the Mother of God and our mother, the patroness of the United States of America, continue to protect us.

May God bless you and the United States of America!
Monsignor Pedone

PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JULY 5TH. MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AS USUAL AT 7:00 AM. HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY!!

July 6, 2020:

Feast Day of St. Maria Teresa Goretti



Maria Teresa Goretti (October 16, 1890 – July 6, 1902) is an Italian [virgin-martyr](#) of the [Catholic Church](#), and one of the youngest [saints](#) to be [canonized](#).^[1] She was born to a farming family. Her father died when she was nine, and they had to share a house with another family, the Serenellis. Maria took over household duties while her mother, brothers, and sister worked in the fields.

One afternoon, [Alessandro](#), the Serenellis' twenty-year-old son, made sexual advances to her. When she refused to submit to him, he stabbed her fourteen times. She was taken to the hospital but she died forgiving him. He was arrested, convicted, and jailed. During imprisonment, he repented. After 27 years he was released from prison and visited her mother to beg forgiveness, which she granted. He later became a [lay brother](#) in a monastery, dying in 1970. She was [beatified](#) in 1947, and canonized in 1950. She is especially venerated in the Congregation of the Passion ([Passionists](#)).

VACATION BIBLE & SUMMER PROGRAM

Please sign-up in Advance
Ages 4 – 10
July 19 – July 23 (8:30 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Beach TripsTuesdays -July 13 & July 27
- Chicken BBQSaturday, August 14
- Miraculous Medal Novena.-Tuesdays, September 7- November 2
- Yard Sale/Flea MarketSaturday, September 18
- Women's Cursillo..... ..October 14-17
- Ladies' EventSunday, October 17
- Parish BazaarSaturday, November 6
- Men's Cursillo..... ..November 11-14

Keep watching for more events!

Cursillo is back!!!

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock..." It's time to learn more about your Faith. Cursillo weekends are a wonderful, fun way to give you a start on this journey.

Two weekends are being offered in 2021.

Women's: October 14-17
Men's: November 11-14.

For more information contact **Elizabeth Santley @ 508-304-8871**, or at esantley@yahoo. Applications are available in the vestibule of the church.

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.

Vacation Prayer

**Lord, in our work and play we know your goodness and love.
Bless us with joy as we set out for our days of vacation.
Let them bring us rest and refreshment.
Protect us as we travel.
Give us gentle weather and peaceful times.
Be with us at the meals we enjoy and in the activities we share.
In all we do, let us grow in our love for you and for each other.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Fr. Michael Kwatera

Financial Stewardship

For the week ending June 27, 2021



Income

Offertory:	
Week-End	\$3,350.26
Mail	687.00
On-Line Giving	561.80
Peter's Pence	254.00
Maintenance	218.00
Assumption	20.00
Eastern Europe	5.00
Total Offertory	\$5,096.08
Sale of Mount Carmel Property	7,200.00
Funeral Stipends	600.00
Mass Stipends	110.00
Donations	105.00
Candles	91.00
Parking Revenue	60.00
Total	<u>\$13,262.06</u>
Expenses:	
Salaries and Wages	\$6,061.00
Repairs and Maintenance	213.50
Funeral Stipends	200.00
CYC	161.56
Employee Benefits	156.84
Supplies	98.71
Total	<u>\$6,891.61</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 \$ 50,925.00 from 174 donors.

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.
and in the Parish Office

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



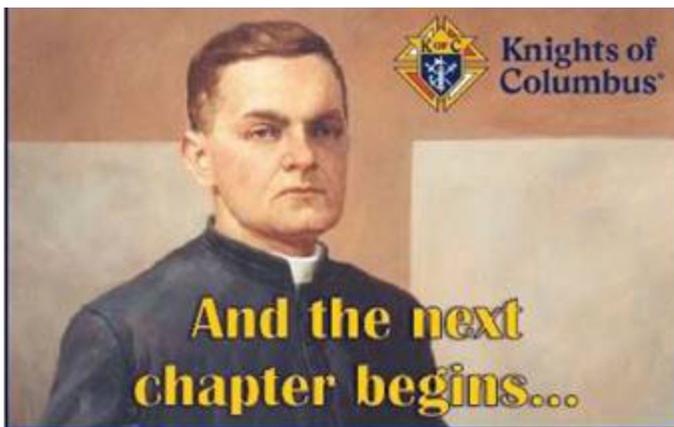
Sponsored by Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish:

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. 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

Enter Code

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 3, 2021—4:00 p.m.

Thomas Buffone (17th Anniversary) by Mom, Dad and Brothers

Lena Meringolo by Children

Maura and Hughie Cathcart, Elizabeth, James and Seamus Shannon and Brendan Shanley by the Shanley Family

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

Monday, July 5, 2021—7:00 a.m.

The Sick of the Parish

Tuesday, July 6, 2021—7:00 a.m.

Mary King by Glenn, Anna, Santina and Antonio

Wednesday, July 7, 2021—7:00 a.m.

Irene Normantis by Jonas Jurgelaitis

Thursday, July 8, 2021—7:00 a.m.

Rose (Pignataro) Pingitore, Anthony Baker Pignataro and John Pignataro by Maria and Frankie Pignataro

Saturday, July 10, 2021—4:00 p.m.

Peter Griffin by Family

Rita Favulli (Birthday Remembrance) by Anna Fenuccio

Carmine Paldino (Month;s Mind) by Wife and Children

Sunday, July 11, 2021—8:00 a.m.

Francis Flynn and Arthur Lizotte Jr. by Karen and David Gouin

Linda E. Sacco by husband Pat Sacco and Family

Sunday, July 11, 2021—10:30 a.m.

Frank Morrone (Birthday Remembrance) by wife Diane and Children



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 Dzieczek, 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, Richard Rolla and George Burton. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

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

Mary Coffone Altomare
(Birthday Remembrance)
By Anthony and Nancy Coffone



God has his own time.

We are just impatient.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you to all who donated volleyballs for our parish team. 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.



GOD Bless AMERICA

Rest in Peace

We, the parish community of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto, extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Janice Pepper. May God grant her peace forever and bring comfort to her family and friends.



DONATIONS NEEDED

The parish is seeking donations for its vacation/summer bible program. We are in need of craft sticks, glue sticks, construction paper and colored tissue paper. Please feel free to drop donations off at the parish center Monday-Thursday from 8 am—4 pm. We are also seeking volunteers who can play a musical instrument.



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

Sunday, Jul 04, 2021

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Get Jesus right and get right with Jesus

With so many Christian "brands" out there—Catholic and Protestant, evangelical and contemplative, high church or pop church—it's easy to wonder who's got Jesus right. Interpreting his significance is key to the church's mission. Still, Jesus' identity has been debated since his own generation. Mark's gospel, the earliest written, betrays a perceived shadow on Jesus' paternity: He's identified as Mary's son rather than the son of Joseph, as would have been customary. Later gospels replace what was seen at the time as a less-than-honorable reference by calling Jesus the "carpenter's son." The question remains: Is Jesus more than a human sage? Is he Lord of your life?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 2:2-5; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6a (101). "Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon?"*

Monday, Jul 05, 2021

MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL

Seek the common ground of reconciliation

The world is rife with conflict. Many friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors are at odds over politics, racial strife, and pandemic behavior and vaccines. After all this, it can be hard to ever feel the same way about certain people in our lives. But we're called to be peacemakers nonetheless—and that starts with our personal relationships. Saint Elizabeth of Portugal brokered peace in her family to stop civil war. We've never needed her brand of reconciliation more.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 28:10-22a; Matthew 9:18-26 (383). "Courage, daughter! Your faith has saved you."*

Tuesday, Jul 06, 2021

MEMORIAL OF MARIA GORETTI, VIRGIN, MARTYR

A mission of mercy

Pope Francis proclaimed an extraordinary Year of Mercy in 2015, but it was one of the Catholic Church's youngest saints—11-year-old Maria Goretti—who took the message abroad. The Pilgrimage of Mercy, featuring Maria's major relics, traveled across the United States that year, attracting multitudes to veneration, prayer, and the sacrament of Reconciliation. Canonized a modern-day "virgin martyr," dying at the hands of a would-be rapist in 1902, this humble Italian girl became "The Little Saint of Great Mercy" for forgiving her murderer upon her deathbed. Who do you need to forgive? Let Maria's example be a reminder of what is possible.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38 (384). "His heart was moved with pity for them."*

Wednesday, Jul 07, 2021

Harden not your heart

In 2018, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issued a pastoral letter against racism: *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*. In that letter, the bishops remind us that as a nation "we have never sufficiently contended with the impact of racism." In a week when the United States honors the founding principles of this country and that all are created equal, people of faith are called to examine their own perceptions and practices and do their part to ensure equality for all people. Embrace the bishops' invitation to fight the evil of racism and take time this week to read and reflect on their letter: *Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Matthew 10:1-7 (385). "As you go, make this proclamation: 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"*

Thursday, Jul 08, 2021

Sometimes the miracle is endurance

The gospel for today refers to the amazing powers Jesus conferred upon his followers to cure and revive. But we know many people in Jesus' day and today do not experience a miracle cure but instead must bear a cross. Our faith gives us the wisdom to know how and when to bear suffering when a solution is absent and when to struggle against injustice; both can be paths to God. Indeed, miracles themselves, the church teaches, are not merely wondrous events; they are meant to transform us and bring us closer to God. Which way are you being called right now? To struggle against suffering and injustice? Or to bow to a cross in your life? Over a lifetime, we may be called to both paths.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Matthew 10:7-15 (386). "Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons."*

Friday, Jul 09, 2021

Hang in there

Each of us will be put to the test when it comes to our faith. How we react to tragedy, scorn, injustice, boredom, betrayal, illness, and loss will present moments of truth for us. Will our faith endure? Saint Paul tells the Romans that "tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope." Paul knew a thing or two about perseverance. His lengthy missionizing sea journeys covered something on the magnitude of 10,000 miles and many months on often rough seas. When you feel tested, turn to Paul for inspiration. Stay the course!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23 (387). "Whoever endures to the end will be saved."*

Saturday, Jul 10, 2021

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Ever Virgin, ever esteemed

It is ironic but true that the Blessed Virgin Mary is mentioned more times in Islam's Qur'an than in the Christian New Testament. Parts of two chapters of the Qur'an are devoted to Mary. Much like in the gospel of Luke, one chapter tells the story of the events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The other speculates about Mary's family, her parents and siblings, making linguistic parallels to the family of Moses. As in Catholic tradition, Islam considers the Mother of Jesus the greatest of all women of faith. The spiritual influence of the Virgin Mary transcends even religious differences.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Matthew 10:24-33 (388). "Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known."*