



# 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

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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

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

Thank you to all who made donations in memory or in honor of a loved one for Christmas flowers to decorate the church.



A complete list of names of whom flowers were donated in memory of is available in the vestibule of the church.

**“AT THE FOOT OF CROSS”  
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** at the parish center. If you are grieving the loss of someone by death you are cordially invited to join us for sharing and mutual support. Please invite others who are grieving a loss of a loved one to join us as well. We meet the last Thursday of every month.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION -  
FEBRUARY 20TH  
AT SAINT PAUL CATHEDRAL**

This is open to Catholics who are not confirmed and are at least 18 years of age. If interested, please see Monsignor Pedone.

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

**FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK**

Dear Friends,

Dear Friends, I would like to share a story about a priest in the United Kingdom who preached at a funeral of a young woman who died of a drug overdose. It was one of the toughest challenges in his ministry: officiating at the funeral a young woman who died at the age of 24 from a contaminated drug injection. What do you say in the face of such indescribable tragedy? He preached on the words from the Song of Solomon, Set me as a seal upon your heart, a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death. Our faith as Christians is stronger than death, he said. Our hope is simply that we are “sealed” upon God’s heart.

The priest always wondered if his words had made any difference to the woman’s grieving family.

Then he received an extraordinary message from the woman’s father. He wrote that at his daughter’s funeral, “her brother was so upset that I wondered whether he’d taken much from it. For the rest of that summer, he withdrew from us and from most people. Some weeks later he acquired, on the inside of his right forearm, an indecipherable tattoo. It turned out that he’d asked my wife, in her beautiful handwriting, to write eight short words, which he then had permanently tattooed in mirror image. He decided on a mirror image, he said, ‘because I don’t want people knowing my business.’ The eight words were: Set me as a seal upon your heart.”

The priest, Rev. Samuel Wells, the vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields Church in London and former Dean of Duke University Chapel, tells the story in an essay in *The Christian Century* [January 29, 2020]. He writes that at first, he didn’t know how to respond to the father’s letter.

“How can we know what ministry truly means to people since we so seldom ask them to roll up their sleeves and provide the evidence? But what I know is this: Christ rolls up his sleeves in ministry around Galilee. In Jerusalem he rolls up his sleeves and bares his arm and shows us that love is strong as death, passion as fierce as the grave.” If the Holy Spirit provides the vision of what it means “to be set as a seal upon Christ’s heart, like a tattoo upon his arm,” Wells writes, “then all I can do us roll up my sleeves and say, bring it on.”

All of us, at one time or another, doubt we can realize the good we are called to do. We don’t think we can measure up to the expectations of others — and we’re not sure we want to. We struggle to make sense of our lives and to understand what we want to make of them. Isaiah’s vision read by Jesus in today’s Gospel includes us: the Spirit of God “is upon” us, too, leading us to the other side of doubt, setting us to the work of creating God’s Kingdom here and now, enabling us to see our lives and world illuminated with the peace and hope of our Creator. As Jesus realizes his identity in the Spirit of God at his baptism, we find our identity in that Spirit at our baptisms, as well.

Winter blessings!  
Monsignor Pedone

**January 25 marks the  
Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle...**

St. Paul, named Saul at his circumcision, was born at Tarsus, the capitol of Cilicia. He was a Roman citizen. He was brought up as a strict Jew, and later became a violent persecutor of the Christians. While on his way to Damascus to make new arrests of Christians, he was suddenly converted by a miraculous apparition of Our Lord. From a fierce persecutor he became the great Apostle of the Gentiles. He made three missionary journeys which brought him to the great centers of Asia Minor and southern Europe, and made many converts. Fourteen of his Epistles are found in the New Testament. He was beheaded in Rome around 66 A.D., and his relics are in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside-the-Walls near the Ostian Way.

— Excerpted from *Lives of the Saints*

**Did you know....**

**December 8, 2021 concluded the Year of St. Joseph. 2022 is the Year of the Family**

**According to St. John Paul II, a family is called to become a domestic church, which is the communion of life and love founded upon the sacrament of holy matrimony. In a unique way, the family as domestic church participates in the priestly, prophetic and kingly mission of Jesus Christ and his Church. By doing so, the Christian family becomes “one heart and mind” in faith.**

*The Family Fully Alive*

**January 19-27  
Join the National Nine Days for Life Novena!**

"9 Days for Life" is a national novena of prayer, penance, and pilgrimage sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops taking place from Jan. 19 through 27. During this time we pray in a special way for the healing and conversion of our nation and for all people impacted by the culture of death.

The centerpiece of this prayer effort is a simple novena with different intentions, brief reflections and suggested acts of reparation that can be received directly each day by email, text message, or through a new mobile app for smartphones. It is particularly youth-friendly, while at the same time useful and adaptable by adults, teachers and catechists, families, parishes, etc.

To learn more about the 9 Days for Life novena, or to sign up to receive the daily intentions, visit [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com). Don't forget to check out the "[Resources for Leaders](#)" webpage for ideas you can use with your parish or group.

**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY –  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

Although we will not be able to meet and celebrate with cake and chocolates. We will continue our tradition of celebrating marriage. World Marriage Day (WMD) honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life. We will have a list of marriages as we do every year. Please send us, via email [lisaolmc@gmail.com](mailto:lisaolmc@gmail.com) or call the parish office at 508-753-5001, your name and marriage date and how many years you have been married. We still will have a special gift for the top ten couples who have been married the longest.

**Be Positive in 2022!!**

If you FAIL, never give up because “**FAIL**” means **First Attempt In Learning**.

END is not the end. In fact, “**END**” means **Effort Never Dies**.

If you get NO as an answer, think of “**NO**” as a **Next Opportunity**.

God grant me the serenity to accept  
the **people** I cannot change,  
The courage to change the **one** I can,  
And the wisdom to know it is **me**.

**When we come to Mass, let us all be respectful of the Eucharist in the tabernacle and spend some quiet time with Jesus. Its nice to see people we haven't seen for awhile and gather with friends and family, but as we go through the vestibule and enter the main part of the church, its time to visit with Jesus.**

**PRAYER BEFORE MASS**

Come, Holy Spirit, quiet my heart and my head, as I gather with my family, friends and neighbors to celebrate Mass. Quiet the thoughts and distractions that will keep me from worship. Open my mouth in prayer and song. Open my ears to hear God's word. Open my eyes to the mystery of the Eucharist. Open my heart to receive Jesus with love. May I go forth strengthened to take the Mass into my life this week.

Financial Stewardship  
For the week ending January 16, 2022

Income

Offertory:	
Week-End	\$2,504.00
Mail	1,740.00
On-Line Giving	818.25
Fuel	155.00
Maintenance	115.00
First Offering	40.00
Solemnity of Mary	10.00
Christmas	10.00
Home Missions	10.00
Immaculate Conception	5.00
Catholic University	<u>5.00</u>
Total Offertory	\$5,412.25
Funeral Stipends	300.00
Mass Stipends	135.00
Memorial Donations	75.00
Candles	72.00
Cemetery Baskets	60.00
Parking Revenue	40.00
Catholic Free Press	39.00
Sanctuary Lamp	10.00
Total	<u>\$6,143.25</u>
Expenses:	
Calendar Raffle Winners	\$900.00
Payroll Taxes (December)	868.13
Supplies	249.45
Salaries & Wages	120.00
Funeral Stipends	100.00
Payroll Service Fee	58.00
Total	<u>\$2,295.58</u>

**ON-LINE GIVING**

We would like to remind you that we currently offer Online Giving. We want to provide you the convenience of being able to give the way you want, whenever you want. Online Giving offers you the opportunity to make secure, automatic contributions from your bank account to our church. Online Giving costs you nothing and provides many advantages to you and the church:

**Benefits for You:**

- No check writing or ATM stops
- Safe, secure, and confidential transactions
- Use a checking/savings account or credit/debit card
- Schedule recurring or one-time donations
- Change a gift or account anytime you like
- View your giving history anytime

**Benefits for the Church:**

- Reduces check processing fees
- Creates peace in knowing your data and auto-deposited gifts are secure
- Provides giving history for tax statements
- Reaches a wider demographic of givers

We ask that you consider using this service—especially if you currently manage your bills or banking online. To register for Online Giving, please visit the church website at [mtcarmel.ws](http://mtcarmel.ws) and click on the link for on-line giving or call Lisa at 508-753-5001.

**WEEKLY OFFERING MADE EVEN EASIER**

**Scan the QR Code and you will go directly to our secure on-line giving site.**



Or  
**Text "Give" to 774-260-8254**

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL AND OUR LADY OF LORETO PARISH  
CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS**

1/10/22	#0304	Nancy Swett	\$100.00
1/11/22	#0258	Ellie Owsowski	\$100.00
1/12/22	#0253	Brenda Osowski	\$100.00
1/13/22	#1205	Michele DiLiddo	\$100.00
1/14/22	#0525	Daniel Visceto	\$100.00
1/15/22	#1054	Charles & Rita Radzik	\$100.00
1/16/22	#0328	Richard Setaro	\$100.00

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

If you would like a copy of your 2021 contribution statement please call the main office at 508-753-5001 or email [lisaolmc@gmail.com](mailto:lisaolmc@gmail.com)

**Cursillo is back!!!**

Cursillo weekends are a wonderful, fun way to give you a start on this journey.

**2022: Women's: February 3-6  
October 7-10  
Men's: March 17-20  
December 10-13**

For more information contact **Elizabeth Santley @ 508-304-8871**, or at [esantley@yahoo.com](mailto:esantley@yahoo.com). Applications are available in the vestibule of the church.

**If anyone who has made a Cursillo would like to be a sponsor, please contact Elizabeth Santley.**

**God has his own time.**

**We are just impatient.**

# MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, January 22, 2022—4:00 p.m.

**Victoria DiLeo** by Family  
**Nino Sasso** (Fifth Anniversary) by Wife and Family

Sunday, January 23, 2022—8:00 a.m.

**Louise Buffone** (30th Anniversary) by daughter Nancy

Sunday, January 23, 2022—10:30 a.m.

**The People of the Parish**

Monday, January 24, 2022—7:00 a.m.

**Bobby Quaiel** by Chet DiLeo

Tuesday, January 25, 2022—7:00 a.m.

**Lucy Pavao** by David Soares

Wednesday, January 26, 2022—7:00 a.m.

**Vera Sbrogna** (10th Anniversary) by husband Gus

Thursday, January 27, 2022—7:00 a.m.

**Deceased Members of the Joseph & Matilda Arsenault Family** by Francis Penny

Saturday, January 29, 2022—4:00 p.m.

**Marie Chase** by Family

Sunday, January 30, 2022—8:00 a.m.

**Terry Larson** (9th Anniversary), **Mary Flynn** (22nd Anniversary), and **Catherine St. Jean** by David & Karen Gouin  
**Adolfo Ortiz Sr.** (Anniversary) by The Ortiz Family

Sunday, January 30, 2022—10:30 a.m.

**Bobby Pugliese Jr.** (16th Anniversary) by Family



**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, 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, Aldona Kibelkstis, Richard and Rita Sharameta, Mary Antonucci, Cindy Worthington, George Burton, Beverly DeMarco, Lucille Carrier, Richard Rolla, George Burton, Charlotte O'Mara, Renate Perry, Angela Vizzo, Chet DiLeo, Jacob Rivera, Stephanie Berthiaume Cowie, Fulvia D'Amico, Dolores Ventresca, Lois Harris and Luisa (Angelina) Polselli. 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

One way to spread **JOY** is to put

**J**esus first  
**O**thers second  
**Y**ou third

**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.

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

**Something to think about....**

If we all did the things we are capable of doing, we would astound ourselves.

**Thomas Edison**

**GOLDEN YEARS CLUB**

Due to the recent increase in positive Covid cases there will be no Golden Years Club during the month of January. They will resume again in February.



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

**Sunday, Jan 23, 2022**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / WORD OF GOD SUNDAY**

**Those aren't fighting words**

Most fights don't start with a punch, but with a word. That's because words are among the most powerful forces on the planet. Ideas divide or unite a society. Insults scar, just as kind words can heal. Our sacred story contained in scripture is a word meant to make the world whole. Pope Francis asks us to honor the word of God this Sunday. We begin by symbolically enthroning the Bible in our homes today: putting it in a place of honor. This reminds us of the deeper enthronement of God's word in our hearts. Make room for one Bible verse every day.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 (69). "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."*

**Monday, Jan 24, 2022**

**MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

**God, our shield and our strength**

We live in tumultuous times for sure. But the world has been topsy-turvy before. Saint Francis de Sales lived during the religious, political, and social upheaval of the Protestant Reformation. And he became known for his gentleness and patience in the face of it. Leave it to him, the patron saint of writers, to pen a prayer that is timeless balm for troubled souls: "Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either he will shield you from suffering, or he will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations . . ." A balm for these troubled times.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Mark 3:22-30 (317). "If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand."*

**Tuesday, Jan 25, 2022**

**FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE**

**Harden not your heart**

Paul has always been a controversial figure. Before becoming a Christian, he was a persecutor of Jesus' followers. Paul's biblical words advising women to be submissive to their husbands have been alternately obeyed, rejected, and reinterpreted. But the word "conversion" on this feast reminds us what Christian life is about. The Catechism of the Catholic Church quotes Saint Ambrose on the "two conversions" in Christian life—one of them a one-time event and the other ongoing. "There are water and tears, the water of Baptism and the tears of repentance." What parts of your life still require repentance?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18 (519). "Jesus . . . appeared to you on the way by which you came, that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."*

**Wednesday, Jan 26, 2022**

**MEMORIAL OF TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS**

**Stay the course**

Evangelizing and living the gospel demands much of us. Saints Timothy and Titus serve as examples to us of holding fast to the faith among difficult circumstances. Friends and companions of Saint Paul, they ended up becoming bishops and leaders of the early church. They helped Paul to spread the gospel during those difficult early years. Timothy paid the ultimate price for encouraging others to embrace the emerging Christian faith. Reflect on the ways you choose to follow Jesus Christ and embrace his mission despite the challenges and difficulties it presents.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5; Mark 4:1-20 (520; Gospel 319). "[T]hose sown on rich soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit thirty and sixty and a hundredfold."*

**Thursday, Jan 27, 2022**

**MEMORIAL OF ANGELA MERICI, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER**

**Wise counsel for the overwhelmed**

On this memorial of Saint Angela Merici, 16th-century founder of the Ursuline Sisters, it makes sense to recall one of her many insights into faith-filled living. She advised the overwhelmed thus: "Do not lose heart, even if you should discover that you lack qualities necessary for the work to which you are called. He who called you will not desert you, but the moment you are in need he will stretch out his saving hand." May you find that saving hand when you reach the end of your rope.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29; Mark 4:21-25 (320). "Is a lamp brought in to be placed under a bushel basket or under a bed, and not to be placed on a lampstand?"*

**Friday, Jan 28, 2022**

**MEMORIAL OF THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

**Root yourself in honesty**

G.K. Chesterton once said of philosopher and theologian Thomas Aquinas, "Being himself resolved to argue, to argue honestly, to answer everybody, to deal with everything, he produced books enough to sink a ship or stock a library." We could use a little more Thomas in our media, especially social media, because today we're not always sure if things are actually true or merely "internet true." For Thomas, honesty was key to communication. He considered it beautiful, honorable, and a reflection of moral goodness itself. May we take to heart his commitment to honesty in all of our communication.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mark 4:26-34 (321). "Once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."*

**Saturday, Jan 29, 2022**

**Sea of hope**

Alonzo Ketcham Parker, a 19th-century travel writer, called the Sea of Galilee "a fifth gospel" due to the amount of biblical history that occurred on its shores. It is the site where Jesus performed many of his most renowned miracles, such as walking on water, calming the storm, and feeding the multitude. Villages and settlements dotted the shore in Jesus' day, and most of Jesus' followers probably gained their livelihood and nourished their families from its bounty. The nourishment continues every time we read the vivid accounts of biblical drama that occur on the holiest of seas. Dive in!

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41 (322). "He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Quiet! Be still!' The wind ceased and there was great calm."*