



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.

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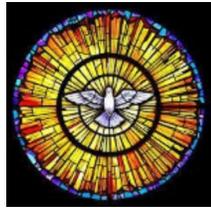
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As a reminder Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester in screening 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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

DEAR FRIENDS

It's hard to believe that Lent begins this Wednesday. The ashes we receive the first day of Lent challenge us with difficult but critical questions: Am I free? Am I making of my life all that I want it to be for myself and for those I love? What's keeping me from realizing the purpose I want my life to mean? Why do I feel entombed in disappointment and doubt?

Theologian Kay Lynn Northcutt calls this challenge "Lent's terrible gift." She writes: "The question, *Am I free?* is the terrible gift Lent comes bearing in its arms for us this and every year. Lent asks us how we are living our lives and reminds us that we die the way we live. Lent is the time not for giving up something of little consequence, but for identifying what is most essential in our lives, what is it that we are living for.

The Trappist monk Thomas Merton put it this way – 'Ask me not where I live, or what I like to eat, or how I comb my hair, but ask me what I think I'm living for, in detail, and ask me what I think is keeping me from living fully for the thing I want to live for.' That is Lent's terrible gift: an examination of our living."

So may we accept Lent's "terrible gift" – let these next six weeks be a time for looking at our lives through the prism of the Gospel, to 'turn' away from the things that monopolize our time and energy to do what brings true joy to our lives and a sense of peace and meaning to our spirits.

May the ashes we receive this Ash Wednesday begin a season of 'resurrection' in us.

Lenten blessings!
Monsignor Pedone

Ash Wednesday Blessing



Merciful God,
you called us forth from the dust of the earth;
you claimed us for Christ in the waters of Baptism.

Look upon us as we enter these Forty Days
bearing the mark of ashes,
and bless our journey through the desert of Lent
to the font of rebirth.

May our fasting be hunger for justice;
our alms, a making of peace;
our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts.

All that we do and pray is in the name of Jesus,
for in his Cross you proclaim your love
forever and ever. Amen.

ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 2ND

Masses will be celebrated at 7:00 am; 12:15 and 6:00 pm. Ashes will be imposed at all Masses.

A SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN UP AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND TO ASSIST IN HELPING OUR PARISH COVER OUR FINANCIAL SHORTFALL DUE TO RISING INFLATION AND SKYROCKETING ENERGY, UTILITY, SNOW PLOWING AND SANDING COSTS. So far we have received a little over \$7,000. We appreciate whatever you can do to help. MANY THANKS!!!

Did you know.....

The Liturgical color for Lent is purple, the color of repentance and sin.

The ashes we receive on Ash Wednesday symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the ashes are applied to a person's forehead, the following words are prayed: "Remember that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return."

K OF C ROSARY VIGIL AND REFLECTION FOR ALL THOSE SUFFERING

Please join the Parish Knights of Columbus on Tuesday March 22- 6:30-7:30 PM in the Church as we pray the **Holy Rosary** for those of us **undergoing suffering**. Following the Rosary there will be a **reflection and presentation video on suffering**. **Prayer Cards and Rosaries** will be given to those attending. Contact **Richard Trubiano for information @ 774-253-8594**



RCIA NEWS

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel & Our Lady of Loreto Parish is happy to welcome two individuals who have been on a faith journey, learning about

and/or rediscovering our Catholic Faith, with other members of our parish, since October.

On Sunday March 6th, our parish will be celebrating the Rite of Sending as we send, Catechumen, Peter Kutchnich, and Candidate, Michael Letendre, to St. Paul's Cathedral to be received by Bishop Robert McManus and elected to continued conversion in the Catholic Faith. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they prepare for Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Our Lenten Journey Continues:

Instead of thinking of Lent as a time to give up something, think of it as an opportunity to grow spiritually stronger and add more meaning to your life. If you would like to be included in a **gathering on Zoom**, to discuss our endeavors, please respond to Joan at joan_dargenis@yahoo.com

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If you would like to be included in our Lenten program, please call Lisa in the office at 508-753-5001 or email Joan at [joan\\_dargenis@yahoo.com](mailto:joan_dargenis@yahoo.com) and give us your email address so we can add you to the list.

**40 Days for Life Campaign**

March 2—April 10 (Ash Wednesday-Palm Sunday)

**Opening Night Candlelight Vigil—March 2—6-7 pm**

For more information:

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/worcester>.

**40 Days for Life Opening Candlelight Vigil**

All are welcome to join us for a Candlelight Vigil on **Wednesday March 2 from 6-7pm**. We'll begin with the Rosary from 6-6:30 and continue with non-denominational prayer and song from 6:30-7. We'll provide candles, and we'll also have a lot of 40 DFL books and booklets and small fetal models to hand out to those who are interested, to help you spread the pro-life message in your church, school, workplace, family, or neighborhood. If you're interested in learning more about 40 Days for Life, you can find more information at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/university> and you can sign up here: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/sidewalkoutreachapplication>

**FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY**



**Friday—March 11, 2022  
4:30– 6:00 pm.**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish  
37 Massasoit Road—Worcester

**Fish (Haddock) and Chips—\$15.00  
Baked Haddock with Rice Pilaf—\$15.00  
Fish Chowder—\$5.00**

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets will be available in the parish office or by emailing Joan at [Joan\\_dargenis@yahoo.com](mailto:Joan_dargenis@yahoo.com)

Deadline for orders is Friday, March 4, 2022

There will be no dining in, only drive through to pick up orders. Time slots will be assigned for pick up when your tickets are purchased.

**ZEPPOLES**

Unfortunately, like so many other traditions and events we still will not be celebrating Saint Joseph's day with our traditional St. Joseph Baccula Dinner. But you will still have the opportunity to enjoy the Zeppole for dessert. We are taking pre orders for the Zeppole and they can be picked up on Friday, March 18 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. We will be selling the Zeppole for \$4.00 each. If you would like to place an order email Joan at [joan\\_dargenis@yahoo.com](mailto:joan_dargenis@yahoo.com) or call Lisa in the office at 508-753-5001.

**THE ANNUAL WORCESTER DIOCESAN CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important in-person conference, scheduled for **Assumption University** on **Saturday, April 2, 2022**. Visit the conference website at [www.firstmensconf.org](http://www.firstmensconf.org) for information and to purchase tickets online and elsewhere. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: **Kevin O'Brien, Tim Francis, Dan Egan, Father Anthony Hamaty** and **Dr. Pat Castle**. For further information please email **Angelo Guadagno** at [angelo0527@gmail.com](mailto:angelo0527@gmail.com) or call **Elaine Ford** at **774-253-2996**. **Adult tickets are \$45 until March 21, 2022; afterwards \$60**. Student tickets are always \$30.

*Instead of counting sheep, talk to the Shepherd*

Financial Stewardship

For the week ending February 20, 2022

Income

|                         |             |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Offertory:              |             |                   |
| Week-End                | \$3,269.08  |                   |
| Mail                    | 1,785.00    |                   |
| On-Line Giving          | 773.75      |                   |
| Maintenance             | 235.00      |                   |
| Fuel                    | 98.62       |                   |
| Christmas               | 50.00       |                   |
| Home Missions           | 10.00       |                   |
| First Offering          | <u>5.00</u> |                   |
| Total Offertory         |             | \$6,226.45        |
| Funeral Stipends        |             | 600.00            |
| Catholic Free Press     |             | 156.00            |
| Parking Revenue         |             | 100.00            |
| Candles                 |             | 57.00             |
| Mass Stipends           |             | <u>50.00</u>      |
| Total                   |             | <u>\$7,189.45</u> |
| Expenses:               |             |                   |
| Salaries and Wages      |             | \$5,797.00        |
| Payroll Taxes           |             | 845.02            |
| Repairs and Maintenance |             | 430.00            |
| Offertory Envelopes     |             | 413.40            |
| Home Missions           |             | 349.00            |
| Funeral Stipends        |             | 175.00            |
| Employee Benefits       |             | 156.84            |
| Payroll Service Fee     |             | <u>117.00</u>     |
| Total                   |             | <u>\$8,283.26</u> |

Note: The Special Collection for Utilities and Snow Removal will be reported in total in the bulletin next weekend.

**A LETTER FROM BISHOP McMANUS**

February 24, 2022

My dear friends in Christ,

It is always a joy for me to gather with our retired priests as they reminisce about cherished moments in their lives when they were in active ministry. It is equally edifying for me to witness the admiration our parishioners have for the retired priests who served them and their loved ones over the years, particularly at the annual gathering for Celebrate Priesthood.

I write today to ask for your support for the Ash Wednesday Collection that assists in the care of retired priests of the Diocese of Worcester. Unlike the annual December collection for the Retired Religious priests, sisters and brothers who are members of religious orders throughout the country, the Ash Wednesday collection was inaugurated last year to help in the care of diocesan priests who do not benefit from the December collection.

We currently have 49 retired priests. In the next eight years, we estimate an additional 42 priests will reach our normal retirement age of 75. The annual costs for health insurance, housing and monthly stipends for retired priests have averaged between \$2.2 and \$2.6 million. Recent changes were made for future retirement benefits for priests who have not yet retired. Those measures are expected to save up to \$12 million through 2050. While Partners in Charity, Celebrate Priesthood and the endowments from Forward in Faith and Legacy of Hope are critical sources of support for priests' retirement, it took the addition of this Ash Wednesday collection last year for the Priests Retirement program to experience a more balanced budget.

Our retired priests have cared for us and our families throughout the decades. Please consider beginning the Season of Lent with a sacrificial gift to the Ash Wednesday Collection on March 2 to support our retired priests.

Please be assured of my prayerful gratitude for your support of all our various Diocesan efforts and for your consideration of this request.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester

**PARTNERS IN CHARITY**  
**APPEAL—2022**

**The Annual Diocesan Partners in Charity Appeal for 2022 has begun in our parish. By our baptism, we are called to “be the Face of Christ”, offering hope to those in need through works of prayer, charity and education. This is the reason for the annual Partners in Charity Appeal in the Diocese of Worcester.**

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

You are invited to watch the Appeal Video at home at [www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net).

Through early donations we have to date:

**Gifts 5      Total: \$3,248**

**More information will be coming next week.**

**Thank you for your support and generosity.**

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

**“Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may go to heaven”**

*St. Rose of Lima*



# MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 26, 2022—4:00 p.m.

**Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Giorgio and Frank, Francis and Stephen Giorgio** by daughter Linda  
**Adolfo Ortiz Jr.** by the Ortiz Family  
**The Deceased of the Murgo Family** by Family  
**Marcia DiLeo** (4th Anniversary) by Children

Sunday, February 27, 2022—8:00 a.m.

**Paula Bovenzi** by the Board of Catholic Charities

Sunday, February 27, 2022—10:30 a.m.

**John W. Kris** (7th Anniversary) by mother, Aldona

Monday, February 28, 2022—7:00 a.m.

**The Souls in Purgatory**

Tuesday, March 1, 2022—7:00 a.m.

**The Sick of the Parish**

Wednesday, March 2, 2022—7:00 a.m.

**Parishioners Intentions**

Wednesday, March 2, 2022—12:15 p.m.

**Parishioners Intentions**

Wednesday, March 2, 2022—6:00 p.m.

**Parishioners Intentions**

Thursday, March 3, 2022—7:00 a.m.

**Parishioners Intentions**

Saturday, March 5, 2022—7:00 a.m.

**Kathy Delorey-Konkol** (6 month anniversary) and  
**Margaret Konkol** by Joe Jonkol

Sunday, March 6, 2022—8:00 a.m.

**The People of the Parish**

Sunday, March 6, 2022—10:30 a.m.

**Philomena and Gesualdo Barresi** by daughter,  
 Julie Tufano

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**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, 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 Dermot Kelly. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

### Upcoming Events

- Faith Formation (every Monday)
- Golden Years (every Tuesday)
- Knights of Columbus Meeting—7 pm (every 3rd Wednesday)
- STATIONS OF THE CROSS—6:30 PM** (every Friday during Lent)
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- Feb. 24—"At the Foot of the Cross" - 6:30 pm (last Thursday of the month)
- Mar. 2—Ash Wednesday
- Mar. 2—April 10—40 days for Life Spring Campaign
- Mar. 4—6:30 pm—**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Followed by Exposition and Benediction
- Mar. 6—Rite of Election & Call to Continuing Conversion
- Mar. 11—Fish Fry (sign up by Mar. 4)
- Mar. 17-20—Men's Cursillo
- Mar. 19—St. Joseph Feast Day
- Mar. 22—K of C Rosary Vigil
- Mar. 25—Annual Mass for Life—10 am at St. Paul Cathedral
- Apr. 2—Annual Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference—Assumption University
- Apr. 2—First penance
- Apr. 10—Palm Sunday
- Apr. 14—Holy Thursday
- Apr. 15—Good Friday
- Apr. 16—Easter Vigil—Holy Saturday
- Apr. 17—EASTER SUNDAY
- Apr. 24—Confirmation
- May 1—First Communion



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

**Sunday, Feb 27, 2022**

**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Lord, that we may see**

People of goodwill generally assume they're not complicit in racism or racist practices. That's because we describe racism as attitudes, words, and acts intended to harm or subordinate people whose origins are different from ours. However, racism involves omissions as well as actions: in what we fail to do or say to make equality tangible for everyone. Racism can also be institutionalized in laws, education, hiring practices, economic opportunities, zoning regulations, and voting restrictions. Racism operates best under the surface. As Pope Francis reminds us: Let none of us imagine that the conversion of hearts isn't meant for us.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45 (84).* "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?"

**Monday, Feb 28, 2022**

**Build it up**

Ever wonder what the kingdom of God will be like? Well, look around, because you're already living in it. Not seeing all the love, peace, and justice you were promised? The kingdom of God began with Christ's death and Resurrection and will be brought into perfection by Christ at the end of time. Until then, it's our job as Christians to build the Kingdom up. Pray, discern what God is calling you to do, and act to make this world more harmonious and respectful of the dignity of others. And then of course, wait with hope.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Peter 1:3-9; Mark 10:17-27 (347).* "For men it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God."

**Tuesday, Mar 01, 2022**

**Your Rx for Lent**

While many Christians focus on feasting today—ahead of tomorrow's fasting—it's also a good time to survey a smorgasbord of penitential spiritual practices, perfect for the upcoming Lenten season. Saint John Chrysostom identifies five in one of his homilies: "I have shown you five paths of repentance: acknowledgement of your own sins, forgiveness of our neighbor's sins against us, prayer, almsgiving, and humility." Sounding more like a doctor than one of the doctors of the church, he concludes: "Now that we have learned how to heal our wounds, let us apply the cures." How will you fill your prescription?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Peter 1:10-16; Mark 10:28-31 (348).* "Do not act in compliance with the desires of your former ignorance."

**Wednesday, Mar 02, 2022**

**ASH WEDNESDAY; DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

**Add another step to your Lenten journey**

Ash Wednesday is full of rituals and traditions of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. But it includes an extra step. As Pope Francis puts it, it is a time "to find concrete ways to overcome our indifference." So in addition to your regular Lenten practices, try to care more deeply about the suffering and disaffected in your community. Volunteer at your parish, a local charity, or for a social cause. Or simply go for a walk and reflect on how Jesus is present in those you encounter along the way.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 (219).* "And your Father who sees in secret will repay you."

**Thursday, Mar 03, 2022**

**THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY; MEMORIAL OF KATHARINE DREXEL, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER**

**Exceed expectations**

Katharine Drexel was a wealthy heiress in late 19th-century Philadelphia. She rocked that world one day: "Miss Drexel Enters a Catholic Convent—Gives Up Seven Million," the Philadelphia Public Ledger announced when she decided not to simply become a nun but to found her own religious order. Head of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, she used her family fortune to found the nation's only Catholic university for African Americans (Xavier University in New Orleans), schools for Native Americans, and more. Are you, too, being called by God to do something unexpected?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25 (220).* "What profit is there for one to gain the whole world yet lose or forfeit himself?"

**Friday, Mar 04, 2022 -**

**FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE**

**A cleansing fast**

A couple years ago, two young white women decided that they needed to more closely align their spiritual practices of Lent with their commitment to being anti-racist. They chose, as they wrote in *Sojourners* magazine, to try fasting from media that lacked a diversity of voices and to spend Lent engaged with books, films, and podcasts written or directed by women of color. Their goal was to take a step toward repentance, which is one of the hallmarks of Lent. To repent is to turn away from sin, including the sin of racism. What Lenten practice of prayer, fasting, or almsgiving might you contribute toward being more intercultural and helping end racism?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15 (221).* "This, rather, is the fasting that I wish."

**Saturday, Mar 05, 2022**

**SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY—Tax forgiveness**

Tax collectors in Jesus' time were particularly despised. The Roman occupiers auctioned off the right to collect taxes to the highest bidders, who then aggressively collected taxes from their neighbors in order to turn a profit on their "investment." When Jesus calls Levi the tax collector to follow him and attends a celebration with Levi's tax-collecting cohorts, the shock among the Jewish leaders is evident. But Levi became Matthew, the evangelist, and wrote a vivid account of the Good News. Jesus sees beyond the worst in us and brings out the best. Follow his lead.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32 (222).* "Jesus saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the customs post. He said to him, 'Follow me.'"