



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.

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

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE



Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.
We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.
We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.
May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.
Amen.

LENTEN REGULATIONS AND LITURGICAL NOTES 2022 FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Lenten fast and abstinence regulations for the Diocese of Worcester are as follows:

- ◆ Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- ◆ Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty- nine (59) years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- ◆ Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK,

Dear Friends,

This weekend at all Masses we are taking up an in pew collection for the annual Partners in Charity appeal. "The Church exists to bring the message of Christ to the world," says Bishop McManus. "If we believe Christ cared for the poor and those who were on the periphery, as Pope Francis often puts it, then the Church must do that, too. That is what we are doing through the agencies and ministries of Partners in Charity by offering compassion to those less fortunate than ourselves." People are struggling in so many ways beyond dealing with the ongoing COVID pandemic, experiencing a hunger of the body, a hunger of the mind and a hunger of the soul.

Together with every parish and school in our Diocese, our Diocesan agencies and ministries are witnessing to the love of God made known to us through the Gospels. Making the face of Christ real to tens of thousands of people each year, we are assuring that our Catholic faith is alive and tangible in the world today, for it is a faith in action!

"As with the virtues of faith and hope, charity is only possible when we are infused with the grace of God," Bishop McManus said. "When we recognize the grace of God that is given to us, we can respond to those around us in need."

Our parish goal again this year is \$50,000. Please consider making a pledge that you can spread over several months. Make your gift in response to how generously God has blessed you. Thanks you for your generosity!

Lenten blessings!
Monsignor Pedone

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD EVERY SATURDAY FROM 2:30 UNTIL 3:45 PM THROUGHOUT LENT

A Lenten Prayer to begin each day....

As this day dawns along my Lenten journey, open my eyes to how I can follow you more closely along the road of love and self-sacrifice. Give me a heart that's grateful so as to recognize your countless blessings and generosity so I may share all I have with others.



May I comfort you in your Holy Passion by comforting others in distress that I meet along my daily road—especially the poor and forgotten. May I show true sorrow for my failings with a sincere resolution to overcome my faults with the help of your infinite mercy.

I entrust all this to you through your loving Mother, whose tender love I trust will guide my steps to lasting hope and eternal joy found only in you.

Amen

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Last October, Pope Francis announced the convening on a world-wide synod which he calls a Synod on Synodality. What is a Synod on Synodality? A synod is an ecclesial assembly convoked---depending upon its geographic scope---by the Pope or Bishop(s) to provide consultation and input on questions put to the synod by those leaders. Synods were held in the ancient Church. They can take place at the diocesan, provincial, regional, or universal level of the Church. In 1965 Pope Paul VI made the Synods of Bishops a permanent institution to provide counsel to the Pope in governing the Church. This gathering of Bishops and other invited participants will discuss the consultative processes of the Church. Pope Francis is looking for input from every diocese in the world to consider people's experiences in the consultative outreach of the Church at every level from parishes to dioceses to the universal Church. In our parish we are encouraging our parishioners to participate in an online survey on the Diocesan website worcesterdioecese.org/synod-2023 to express your experiences on the past consultative efforts at outreach in our Diocese and to get your input on important issues of evangelization and Eucharistic Revival. Please see the Synod webpage cited above to learn more about synodality, past consultative outreach in our Diocese and to take the online survey. For those of you who don't use the internet, the Catholic Free Press will have all of the Survey questions printed in its April 1 edition which you can use to fill out and return to 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609. There will also be copies of the Survey available in the vestibule of the church. Please note that your responses must be received by May 31.

40 Days for Life Continues through April 10

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>

JOIN US IN WATCHING "THE CHOSEN"

Continuing every Wednesday at 6:30 PM during Lent at our parish center, we will show episodes from season one of "The Chosen." This is a wonderful series and is the first-ever multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus. Created outside of the Hollywood system, "The Chosen" allows us to see Jesus Christ through the eyes of those who knew Him. No matter where you are in your journey with Jesus, this series is very moving and will help prepare you during this holy season of Lent for the great celebration of Easter. Please plan to join us and bring a friend or family member. So that we have an idea of how many people will be attending, please sign up on the list provided in the vestibule of the church.

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**

The Respect Life Ministry will be offering a Rosary during Exposition, Adoration and Benediction, which is held after the Stations of the Cross, on Friday, March 25 at 6:30 PM honoring the Annunciation, when Mary said "Yes". This is also for the International Day of The Unborn. Let us pray for the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. All are welcome.

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 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 or call **Elaine Ford** at **774-253-2996**. **Adult tickets are \$45 until March 21, 2022; afterwards \$60**. Student tickets are always \$30.

Join us on **Saturday April 9, 10AM-11AM** as our Parish K of C and the American Heritage Girls pray a vigil in front of Planned Parenthood on Pleasant Street. Bring your Rosaries as we Pray the Rosary and Devine Mercy Chaplet as a Parish and witness peacefully to the Gospel of Life! For more information please contact Richard Trubiano, K of C ProLife Chair at 774-253-8594

Something to remember.....

Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

**Live simply, Love generously,
Care deeply, Speak kindly.....
Leave the rest to God.**

<u>Financial Stewardship</u>	
For the week ending March 6, 2022	
<u>Income</u>	
Offertory:	
Week-End	\$2,528.11
Mail	1,258.00
On-Line Giving	503.25
Maintenance	247.00
Fuel	191.00
Latin America	146.00
Special Overhead Collection	80.00
Ash Wednesday	65.00
Priests Retirement	65.00
Easter Flowers	55.00
Easter	25.00
Palm Sunday	10.00
Catholic Relief Services	10.00
Good Friday	10.00
Total Offertory	\$5,193.36
CYC—Fish Fry (net of expenses)	755.00
Candles	113.00
Mass Stipends	150.00
Total	<u>\$6,211.36</u>
Expenses:	
Snow Plowing and Clearing	\$1,825.00
Office Supplies and Expense	509.24
Mass Coverage	200.00
Salaries and Wages	120.00
Total	<u>\$2,654.24</u>

MOUNT CARMEL GOLDEN YEARS CLUB

March 22, 2022

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

March 29, 2022

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

Cursillo is back!!!

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

2022: Women's: October 7-10
Men's: March 17-20
December 10-13

For more information contact **Elizabeth Santley @ 508-304-8871**, or at **esantley@yahoo**. Applcations 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.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY
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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**.

Through early donations we have to date:

22 Gifts Total: \$ 10,398

Ways to donate:

Online: Go to partnersincharity.net

By phone: Development office 508-929-4366

By mail: Checks payable to Partners in

Charity

**Appeal, note the parish, send to:
 Diocese of Worcester, 49 Elm St.,
 Worcester, MA 01609**

Through the Parish: at Mass or the office

Thank you for your support and generosity.

Upcoming Events

- Faith Formation (every Monday)
- Golden Years (every Tuesday)
- Knights of Columbus Meeting—7 pm (every 3rd Wednesday)
- “At the Foot of the Cross” - 6:30 pm (last Thursday of the month)
- STATIONS OF THE CROSS—6:30 PM** (every Friday during Lent)
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- Mar. 2—April 10—40 days for Life Spring Campaign
- Mar. 23—6:30 pm—”The Chosen” in the parish center
- Mar. 22—K of C Rosary Vigil
- Mar. 25—Annual Mass for Life—10 am at St. Paul Cathedral
- Mar. 25—Stations of the Cross—6:30 pm
- 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



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 19, 2022—4:00 p.m.

Joseph and Katherine Riggieri (Birthday Remembrance) by daughter, Dolores
David Sciammacco (Month's Mind) by Family
Caroline and Felix DiSilvestri by Family
Giuseppina Carusone by sister
Joseph DiLeo (In honor of St. Joseph) by Family

Sunday, March 20, 2022—8:00 a.m.

Deceased Members of the Penny Family

Sunday, March 20, 2022—10:30 a.m.

Elmer Sjosten by Family
Maria Visci (Birthday Remembrance) by Family
Isaac Preko and Julian Artavia by Family

Monday, March 21, 2022—7:00 a.m.

The Sick of the Parish

Tuesday, March 22, 2022—7:00 a.m.

The Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, March 23, 2022—7:00 a.m.

The People of the Parish

Thursday, March 24, 2022—7:00 a.m.

Parishioners Intentions

Saturday, March 26, 2022—4:00 p.m.

Antonia Ventriglia by Family
George Ciociolo (Birthday Remembrance) by Wife and Family
Adolfo Ortiz Jr. by the Ortiz Family

Sunday, March 27, 2022—8:00 a.m.

Frank and Elizabeth Pellegrino by Fran and Santino

Sunday, March 27, 2022—10:30 a.m.

Dora Martin (14th Anniversary) by grandson Michael C. Martin
Christopher T. Martin (12th Anniversary) by Michael C. Martin
Pepino, Pauline & Tom Pellegrino and Nicholas Verdolino by Fran and Santino

When the power of love
 overcomes
 the love of power,
 the world will know peace.



Jimi Hendrix



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, 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.

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

Joseph and Katherine Riggieri
 (Birthday Remembrance)
 By daughter Dolores

James O'Brien
 (Birthday Remembrance)
 By Tony and Nancy



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 Angela Colletta and Alfonso Polselli. God grant them peace forever and bring comfort to their families and friends.



The Waters of Baptism

Dominic Robert Bellerose
 daughter of
William and Gabriella Bellerose
 was initiated into our Christian family
 through the Sacrament of Baptism recently.

The Parish family of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto welcomes her.





Scrutinies: Examining our lives

The primary way that the Catholic Church assists the catechumens (called the elect after the celebration of the Rite of Election on the First Sunday of Lent, which we celebrated on March 6th), in the conversion process during Lent is through the celebration of the rites called Scrutinies. These rituals are celebrated on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent.

They are communal prayers celebrated around the elect to strengthen them to overcome the power of sin in their lives and to grow in virtue. To scrutinize something means to examine it closely. *The community **does not** scrutinize the catechumens; the catechumens scrutinize their own lives and allow God to scrutinize them and to heal them.*

This year, we at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel & Our Lady of Loreto Parish, have one Catechumen/Elect, Peter Kutchmanich and one candidate, Michael Letendre, who are continuing their journey to becoming members of the Catholic Church or continuing their initiation.

We must be careful when celebrating the Scrutinies if we think that the elect are the only sinners in our midst who need conversion. All of us are called to continuing conversion throughout our lives, so we join with the elect in scrutinizing our own lives and praying to God for the grace to overcome the power of sin that still infects our hearts.

We seek to raise the concrete issues that the elect need to confront; these issues then become the focus of the intercessions during the Scrutinies. We, as a parish, extend this discernment process to the wider community so that all are called to name the ways that evil continues to prevent us from living the gospel fully. Even if the parish does not do this in an organized way, every Catholic should spend some time reflecting on what obstacles to gospel living exist in his or her own life. Then when the Scrutinies are celebrated, we will all know that the prayers are for us as well as for the elect.

Taking seriously this dynamic of scrutiny and conversion gives us a richer perspective on Lenten "giving up." What we are to give up more than anything else is sin, which is to say we are to give up whatever keeps us from living out our baptismal promises fully. Along with the elect we all need to approach the season of Lent asking ourselves what needs to change in our lives if we are to live the gospel values that Jesus taught us. Our journey through these forty days should be a movement ever closer to Christ and to the way of life he has exemplified for us.

Scrutinies and Penance

The elect deal with sin through the Scrutinies and through the waters of the font; the already baptized deal with sin through the Sacrament of Penance. The same kind of reflection that enables all members of the community to share in the Scrutinies can lead the baptized to celebrate this Sacrament of Reconciliation to renew their baptismal commitment.

Lent is the primary time for celebrating the Sacrament of Penance, because Lent is the season for baptismal preparation and baptismal renewal because it is intended to enable us to start again to live the baptismal life in its fullness. Those who experience the loving mercy of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation should find themselves standing alongside the newly baptized at Easter filled with great joy at the new life God has given all of us.