



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.

Holiday: 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.

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe we are entering into the last weeks of Lent. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the following Sunday we celebrate the great feast of Easter. When you come to church this weekend, you will notice the statues and cross covered with purple cloth. Why does the Church suggest we do this? First of all, we use veils to alert us of the special time we are in. These purple coverings are a reminder that something is different. These last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a powerful reminder to get ready.

Second, the veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene.

Third, the Church uses veils to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday.

The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own lives on earth. We live in a 'veiled' world, in exile from our true home. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the beauty everywhere in our lives.

Lenten Blessings!
Monsignor Pedone

"AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS"

Our monthly meeting for those experiencing the loss of a loved one, especially a spouse or life partner, are invited to join us for an informal gathering of support and sharing at the parish center. Our next meeting is Thursday, April 28th at 6:30 pm.

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

Lenten Prayer

Lord, you remained in constant communion with God in prayer. Spending time with God is not something I am in the habit of doing every day. My life is too busy. When I list all the things I need to do, prayer is not at the top of the list. I make time to shop, to work out, to go out to eat, to be with friends and to watch my favorite television program. I know it is impossible to be a loving, kind, forgiving and merciful person without a strong prayer life. Lord, slow me down so that I will take time to be with you in prayer. Help me to experience the joy and peace that come from a closer relationship with you. Nourish me with your daily bread of love and compassion.

Amen



Fr. Warren J. Savage

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 worcesterdiocese.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.

DEANERY PENANCE SERVICE

The priests of the parishes of our Deanery, including Monsignor Pedone, will gather on Tuesday, April 12th at 6:30 PM at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, 34 Ward Street, Worcester, to hear confessions. All are invited to attend this special event to experience and celebrate the great mercy of God in time for the celebration of Easter.

PARISH SCHOLARSHIPS

Again this year the parish is awarding scholarships to deserving parishioners who are seniors in high school and will be attending college in the fall. Applications are available in the vestibule of the church or at the parish center. They must be completed and returned to the parish center no later than Friday, April 29th.

A NOTE OF THANKS

I want to thank the members of our parish Knights of Columbus Council for donating the two rose colored dalmatics worn by Deacon Gerry and Deacon Don last Sunday. Thank you also, men, for your gifts to the members of the First Communion and Confirmation classes. Your kindness and generosity are deeply appreciated.

THE MIDPOINT OF LENT

Last week was Laetare Sunday, Laetare meaning "to rejoice", and rose vestments were worn. It marked the midpoint of Lent.

These last weeks seem to have flown by.

Didn't we begin the season of Lent with the best of intentions? Do we feel like nothing is going on? If so, can a six week journey be completed in the next few weeks? The answer is YES! It doesn't take long for God, when we are ready.

Beginning again is possible when we have the desire for something real during Lent. Feeling guilty for not doing much about Lent won't get us very far. What we need is a real expectation that God has something for us to hear, to learn, to change—and we need to be ready to listen.

Lent really begins when we can say: "Help me Lord! Help me to be honest with myself before you. Let me know your presence today. Help me face the challenges presented to me today. Give me freedom to make different choices, act on the graces you give me, refrain from escaping but rather give myself to loving as you have loved me".

Let's give Lent a new start in the days ahead. God is offering us more than we can ask or even imagine. Let us continue on our journey toward Easter.

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

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

There is a bill in Massachusetts, H.3005, The Taxpayer Conscience Protection Act , being discussed by the Joint Committee on Revenue. This bill allows taxpayers who oppose abortion based on moral or religious principles to have that part of their state taxes redirected to the Baby Safe Haven initiative. The Baby Safe Haven program allows a parent to surrender a newborn to a designated facility with no questions asked. It does not reduce your tax liability but redirects it to a specific purpose. Mass Health has spent over \$2 million each year over the last 5 years for abortions. This is an opportunity to help babies in need. More information will follow as this bill moves through the legislature.

Financial Stewardship
For the week ending March 27, 2022

Income

Offertory:	
Week-End	\$3,229.00
On-Line Giving	951.48
Mail	643.00
Easter Flowers	566.00
Maintenance	255.00
Fuel	250.00
Latin America	111.00
Priests Retirement	110.00
Easter	25.00
Ash Wednesday	<u>13.00</u>
Total Offertory	\$6,153.48
Donations	601.00
Partners in Charity	258.00
Candles	107.00
Catholic Free	39.00
Sanctuary Lamp	10.00
Total	<u>\$7,168.48</u>
Expenses:	
Diocesan Invoices (March)	\$3,674.00
Partners in Charity	258.00
Supplies	148.64
Salaries and Wages	120.00
Employee Benefits	78.00
Total	<u>\$4,278.64</u>

PARTNERS IN
CHARITY
APPEAL—2022

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.

To date:

74 Gifts Total: \$ 29,073.79

58% of our goal

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 continued support and generosity.

Lenten Schedule for the Week of
April 3

7:00 am - Mass

Monday, April 4

7:00 am - Mass

Tuesday, April 5

7:00 am - Mass

Wednesday, March 30

6:30 pm—"The Chosen" in the Parish Center

Thursday, April 6

7:00 am - Mass

Friday, April 8

6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross

Exposition and Benediction

Saturday, April 9

2:30-3:45 pm - Confessions

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)

Mar. 2—April 10—40 days for Life Spring Campaign

April 2—First Penance

April 6—6:30 pm—“The Chosen” in the parish center

April 8—6:30 pm—Stations of the Cross

Apr. 10—Palm Sunday

Apr. 14—Holy Thursday

Apr. 15—Good Friday

Apr. 16—Easter Vigil—Holy Saturday

Apr. 17—EASTER SUNDAY

April 21—Knights of Columbus—7pm

Apr. 24—Confirmation

April 28—“At the Foot of the Cross” - 6:30 pm

May 1—First Communion

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>

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, April 2, 2022—4:00 p.m.

Bob Morello Sr. by Virginia Lelakis

Francis J. "Butch" Mahoney (Month's Mind) by a Friend

Shaun Rand by the Banzuela Family

Sunday, April 3, 2022—8:00 a.m.

Mario Quarta (Anniversary) by Ann Marie and Tony Quarta

Dorothy Patilla Riggieri (2nd Anniversary) by daughter Maria

Sunday, April 3, 2022—10:30 a.m.

Louis P. Naple Jr. (First Anniversary) by Wife

Joseph and Amelia Conte by John Conte and Family

Maria (5th Anniversary) and **David** (17th Anniversary) **Clem** by Children

Antoinette Salemmo by Children

Amy Bifano by Family

Russell Cournoyer Sr. by Family

Theresa Groccia (Anniversary) by Family

Monday, April 4, 2022—7:00 a.m.

The Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, April 5, 2022—7:00 a.m.

Parishioners Intentions

Wednesday, April 6, 2022—7:00 a.m.

The Sick of the Parish

Thursday, April 7, 2022—7:00 a.m.

Parishioners Intentions

Saturday, April 9, 2022—4:00 p.m.

Joseph Valarioti (First Anniversary) by Family

Sunday, April 10, 2022—8:00 a.m.

Linda E. Sacco by husband Pat Sacco and Family

Sunday, April 10, 2022—10:30 a.m.

Joseph and Rachel Toscano by Family

Guiliano Taffuri, Giovanna Stellato, Emilio Taffuri, Giuseppe Iannotta and Giovanni Cionti by daughter

Julie & Salvatore Marchese and Theresa & Patsy Pezzella 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, 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 Kibekstis, 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, Dermot Kelly and Theresa Wagner. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

DONATIONS NEEDED

We are asking for donations of some small Easter candy that we can put in plastic eggs for our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 10 after the 10:30 am Mass. Please drop off candy at the Parish Center Monday—Friday from 8 am—4 pm. All donations are greatly appreciated.

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.

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: December 10-13

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

Instead of counting sheep, talk to the Shepherd

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.