



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 2:45-3:30

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

Please cut out and pray daily.

**Our Lady's Annual
Miraculous Medal Novena**

*Continues on Tuesdays
at 7:00 pm*

*ending on November 1st, with the
Crowning of the Blessed Mother.*

*This is a great opportunity for graces and
the powerful intercession of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, patroness of our parish.*

Mark the dates and plan to come and bring a friend.

Remaining speakers are:

October 4.....Rev. Kenneth Cardinale

October 11.....Deacon Donald Pegg

October 18.....Rev. Richard Trainor

October 25.....Rev. J. Sebastian Sanchez

November 1.....Rev. Msgr. Francis Scollen



Respect Life Month

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday in October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable., from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human being.

This Sunday is Respect Life Sunday

Respect All Life

A Person is a Person no matter how Small

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As we begin October we also begin Respect Life Month as a Church as we honor and respect the awesome and beautiful gift of life from the moment of conception until natural death. I would like to share with you a beautiful homily by Archbishop William Lori, Archbishop of Baltimore, and Chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Respect Life, that he gave on January 20, 2022 at the Opening Mass at the National Prayer Vigil for Life in Washington, D.C.:

"Our Blessed Mother models a profound witness to love and life in the Gospel account of the Visitation. Luke's Gospel tells us that, when Mary learns that her cousin Elizabeth is pregnant, she travels to the hill country *"in haste"* (Lk 1:39). Despite being unexpectedly pregnant herself, Mary responds to this news with urgency.

She embarks on a long and perhaps difficult journey to be with her cousin during her time of need, bearing Christ to her as He lay quietly hidden in Mary's womb. And, although Jesus is veiled from view, when Mary first arrives John the Baptist leaps for joy in Elizabeth's womb, recognizing the presence of Christ (Lk 1:44). Mary, with Jesus, spends the next three months at Elizabeth's side. The witness of our Blessed Mother invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. A woman with an unexpected pregnancy may have any number of fears and challenges: facing judgment from her friends and family, losing her job or housing, or being abandoned by the father of her child.

Following Mary's example, we can ask ourselves how to better know these mothers, listen to them, seek understanding, and help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children. How can we, like the Blessed Mother, lovingly support mothers in welcoming and caring for God's gift of life?

Throughout the whole of Scripture, Mary's words are few. Yet, in her sacred encounter with Elizabeth, a powerful declaration pours from her lips. Mary proclaims to all generations that the Lord *lifts up the lowly, fills the hungry with good things, and remembers his promise of mercy from age to age* (Lk 1:46-56). In both word and deed, Mary speaks a message of *hope*—not only to Elizabeth, but also to every mother in need and to each of us."

Mary's witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to *make haste* to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone. By doing so, we too can bear Christ within us and help others experience His presence. Inspired by the Blessed Mother's example and guided by the Holy Spirit, may we offer Christ's presence and love to mothers in their time of need through our faithful service and support."

Autumn Blessings!
Monsignor Pedone

APPRECIATION DINNER

Monsignor Pedone is sponsoring an Appreciation Dinner for the workers of the Italian Festival. We will be having a plated dinner of salad, chicken kabobs, vegetable, rice, cold drinks, coffee, tea and desserts. The dinner will be held on **Friday, October 14th at 6:00 PM** in the church hall. Please **RSVP no later than October 8th** to either Lisa at 508.753.5001 or lisaolmc@gmail.com, or Elaine at 508.769.1473 or ebeaudry19@gmail.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Children in public schools or non-Catholic private schools and academics should be attending religious education classes on a yearly basis. Children planning on receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion **must** attend classes for two years (Grade 1 and Grade 2.) Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation **must** attend classes for two years (Grade 9 and Grade 10.)

Children in parochial schools and private Catholic schools are required to attend classes only for one year (the year of preparation.) First Holy Communion is usually received in Grade 2 and Confirmation in Grades 9 or above. **Registration forms are available on our parish website or in the office at the Our Lady of Loreto Center, Monday –Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and in the vestibule of the church.** There is a fee of \$35.00 per child or \$60.00 per family.

CCD Schedule

Classes began on Sunday, September 25. Grades Pre-K through Grade 4 will meet on Sunday mornings from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. and includes attendance at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Parents are asked to attend Mass with their children. Attendance in the pre-K and Kindergarten are not mandatory. Grades 5 – 10 will meet on Sunday mornings from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Students are required to attend Mass, it is suggested that they attend the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Religious Education Parents Meeting

There are two meeting scheduled for parents; **On Sunday, October 2 at 9:15 a.m. at the Our Lady of Loreto Center** for all parents. These meetings are important, for they will include a description of the programs and will include discussions on the reception of the Sacraments of First Penance, and First Holy Communion.

There will be another meeting on **Sunday, October 2 at 11:45 a.m. at the Our Lady of Loreto Center** for parents of students planning on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation either in the spring of 2023. **Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation must attend classes for two years if they attend a Public school, which includes private schools. (Grade 9 and Grade 10.)** Students who attend parochial schools only need to attend one year of CCD.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you to all of the CCD teachers who will volunteer their time to teach our youth this upcoming year in CCD.

Michaela Pinkham, Jonathan, Mitchell, Santina MacGregor, Sam Serafin, Joseph Raffa, Michelle Huaman, Nino Giamei, Bill Capers and Sandra Mercurio.

Pray...Pray...Pray...



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish and Our Lady of Loreto Parish begins in the fall and continues through the Easter season. This program is open to any ADULT who; 1) is interested in becoming Catholic, 2) is in need of receiving any one or all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and 1st Communion, 3) wishes to enter into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church, as well as those who have been away from the Church and want to return and/or just want to learn more about the teachings of the Church.

Our RCIA program will begin on **Thursday October 20, 2022 at 6:30 pm at the center.** For more information please contact Maria at [508-842-7604](tel:508-842-7604) or email; sci-annameo352@gmail.com. Please give your name, and contact information. Or call O.L. Of Loreto office at [508-753-5001](tel:508-753-5001).



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel & Our Lady of Loreto Parish will again offer the Adult Faith Formation program. This program is open to all adults who have a desire to know/understand their Catholic faith in a deeper, more meaningful way.

Please join us for these classes....become part of our family of faith in which we share our thoughts, experiences and learn to support each other as we journey through this life together....

Along with various issues which affect us daily, we will unpack some of the teachings of the Church. We will discuss how these teachings affect us and so answer questions as to why the Church teaches what she teaches using the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the bible and the willingness to learn!

Come, you just might be surprised at what you'll learn!

Adult Faith Formation will be held at the educational center behind the church on **Mondays beginning September 26, 2022 at 6:30 pm. For more information** please call the center at 508-753-5001 or Maria at 508-842-7604.

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary



The Rosary is Christocentric, setting forth the entire life of Jesus Christ - the passion, death, resurrection and glory. Of course, the Rosary honors and contemplates Mary, too, and rightly so, for the same reason that the liturgical year does likewise: "Because of the mission she received from God, her life is most closely linked with the mysteries of Jesus Christ, and there is no one who has followed in the footsteps of the Incarnate Word more closely and with more merit than she." (*Mediator Dei*)

Financial Stewardship

For the week ending September 25, 2022

Income

Offertory:

Week-End	\$2,552.89
Mail	807.00
On-Line Giving	465.25
Catholic Schools	250.00
Maintenance	71.50
All Souls	25.00
All Saints	20.00
World Missions	10.00
Total Offertory	\$4,201.64

Funeral Stipends	300.00
Donations	280.00
Altar Servers Car Wash	226.00
Candles	189.00
Rental Income	90.00
Mass Stipends	65.00
Total	\$5,351.64

Disbursements

Storage Trailer	\$6,985.00
Diocesan Invoices (September)	3,832.00
Novena	196.70
Salaries & Wages	120.00
Employee Benefits	117.00
Permit	25.00
Total	\$11,275.70

Average Weekly Amount Needed for Parish Operations	\$8,400.00
Total Amount Deposited	\$5,351.63
Less: Diocesan Collections & Restricted Funds	(350.00)
Cash Shortfall	\$3,398.36

OPPOSE DANGEROUS SEX-ED CURRICULUM IN WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

One year ago, the Worcester School Committee adopted a very problematic K-12 sex education curriculum for the Worcester Public Schools. The curriculum, "Rights, Respect, Responsibility" is explicit, contains pornographic content, is age inappropriate, and without moral grounding. It will be taught in all grades beginning with kindergarten again this Fall. Under Massachusetts law, parents have the right to opt their children out of sex-ed programs, but they must opt out again each year. Bishop McManus is urging parents of Worcester Public School Students to review the Rights, Respect, Responsibility curriculum (<https://www.3rs.org>) and to opt their children out. All Worcester parishes are making parishioners aware of this dangerous program and opt-out forms are available at your local Worcester parish. Please share this information with friends and neighbors and anyone you know who lives in the city of Worcester who may be unaware of the content of this program or of their rights as parents to opt their child out. Thank you. More information is available in this article from the 9/2 edition of The Catholic Free Press. <https://catholicfreepress.org/news/parents-urged-to-review-opt-out-of-sex-ed-program>

SAVE THE DATE!!!**Our Annual Harvest Bazaar****Saturday, October 29, 2022****9 am-3 pm****Time to think about making a basket for our
Basket Raffle.**

If you have never made a basket for our Bazaar before, we have a letter explaining our procedure with a time line and suggested themes, that will be available next weekend after the Masses. Those who have done this before, will get a letter in the mail.

We are also looking for donations of:
new or "gently used" Handbags,
Silk Scarves, Accessories, and Jewelry
Italian Cookies and Baked Goods

Contact:

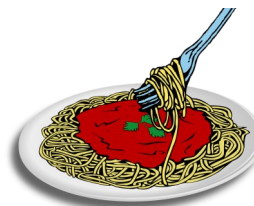
**Julie Tufano @ 508-753-5001 or
@ 508-757-3170 if you have any
questions or are willing to help**

Let's make this a fun event for all!!**TRUNK OR TREAT****Trunk or Treat - October 23 - 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

At our meeting on Monday, there was much discussion about how to make this event an success.

1. We need cars to participate. At this time there are ten commitments
2. There will be a \$100 cash prize for the best decorated car.
3. Tickets will be given to each child, so they can go to each car once.
4. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be sold.
5. There will be a costume parade with prizes awarded.
6. We are asking for donations of candy.
7. There will be weekly zoom meetings to keep on track. If you would like to join us please call the office at 508-753-5001 so that we can send you a zoom link.

Joan D'Argenis

PASTA DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will host a Pasta Dinner on **November 5, 2022** in the Parish Hall after the 4:00 pm Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 1, 2022—4:00 p.m.

Marie Fors (20th Anniversary) by Husband

Sal Meringolo by Children

Frank and Elizabeth Pellegrino by Fran and Santino

Sunday, October 2, 2022—8:00 a.m.

The People of the Parish

Sunday, October 2, 2022—10:30 a.m.

Anna Marie Pascucci by Carmine and Esther

Monday, October 3, 2022—7:00 a.m.

Dan Gabree by Paul Stapinski

Tuesday, October 4, 2022—7:00 a.m.

Mary and Rocco Vizzo by Family

Wednesday, October 5, 2022—7:00 a.m.

Michael and Deb Stapinski by Paul Stapinski

Thursday, October 6, 2022—7:00 a.m.

The Sick of the Parish

Saturday, October 8, 2022—4:00 p.m.

Stephen Rocca by Clara D'Elia, Charles Jr. and Anne

Deceased Members of the Sons of Italy

Arthur Porcaro by Wife Rose and Family

Sunday, October 9, 2022—8:00 a.m.

Linda E. Sacco by husband Pat Sacco and Family

Sunday, October 9, 2022—10:30 a.m.

Fernando Nanni (First Anniversary) by Wife and Family

Joseph DiLeo (100th Birthday Remembrance) 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, Richard and Rita Sharameta, Cindy Worthington, Beverly DeMarco, Lucille Carrier, Richard Rolla, George Burton, Charlotte O'Mara, Renate Perry, Angela Vizzo, Jacob Rivera, Stephanie Berthiaume Cowie, Fulvia D'Amico, Dermot Kelly, Margaret Setaro, Isabella Gamble and Melissa Totaro. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

Upcoming Events

Adult Faith Formation (every Monday - 6:30 pm)

Golden Years (every Tuesday)

Knights of Columbus Meeting—7 pm
(every 3rd Wednesday) All men of the Parish are welcome to attend.

"At the Foot of the Cross" - 6:30 pm
(last Wednesday of the month)

Oct. 2—Religious Ed. Meetings for Parents

Oct. 4-Nov. 1—MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm

Oct. 6-9—Women's Cursillo

Oct. 11—Family Rosary Night—4-6 pm

Oct. 20—9th Annual Celebrate Priesthood Gala

Oct. 23—Trunk or Treat (see article)

Oct. 26—"At the Foot of the Cross"

Oct. 29—Annual Harvest Bazaar

Nov. 6—"Aladdin the Musical"

Nov. 10-13—Men's Cursillo

The choir has started and rehearsals will be on Monday 7-8 pm. (that is a change from the 6-7 hour we originally scheduled the rehearsals) All are welcome. Please give it a try.

FAMILY ROSARY NIGHT

October 11, 4:00—6:00 PM

Pizza will be served.

At Our Lady of Loreto Rosary Garden
located behind the parish
center.

Please join us.



NEW HANDICAP BATHROOM

Soon we will begin construction of a handicap bathroom in the vestibule that will be located in the vestibule in the room to the right when you enter the front doors of the church. The cost will be \$33,305 plus a contingency of \$10,000 for unseen expense, if necessary. We will present the plans for the project to the Diocesan Building Commission for its approval at its meeting on October 4th and, pending approval, we will begin construction soon after.

God has his own time.

We are just impatient.

Ministry Assignments for October 8-9**October 8 @ 4:00 pm****Lector – Joe Godek****Ministers – Chet DiLeo, Elaine David & Brian Le****October 9 @ 8 am****Lector - Sandy SanClemente****Ministers - Joe Sama****October 9 @ 10:30 am****Lector - Juanita Pignataro****Ministers - Maria Sciannameo & Ginny Lelakis**

Please arrange for a substitute if you cannot fulfill your assignment. Thank you for the good work that you do! If a substitution is made, please contact Julie so the announcement sheets will be correct.

Save the date!!!**Ninth Annual Celebrate Priesthood****Taste of the Diocese Gala****When: Thursday, October 20, 2022****5:30-7:30 pm****Where: St. Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. High School
144 Granite St., Worcester**

This is a Benefit Evening to recognize diocesan priests and support the Priest retirement fund.

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Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish will be represented again with our  
**"Italian Cookie Table"**

**CALL TO BAKERS....**

If anyone is interested in joining those who have already volunteered to bake cookies, please call Julie Tufano in the parish office @ 508-753-5001 or @ 508-757-3170.

All donations of cookies will be greatly appreciated.

Playing at Blackstone Valley Cinemas  
on Monday, October 3 and Tuesday, October 4  
at 7:00 PM

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love: Twenty-five years have passed since the death of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, sparking a renewed interest in this spiritual giant of the 20th century. Filmed on 5 continents and featuring unprecedented access to both institutional archives and the apostolates of the Missionaries of Charity, this film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today. This is far more than a documentary. It is at once a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times.

**PUMPKIN SPECTACULAR**

Pumpkin Spectacular (Roger Williams Zoo) - Tuesday, **October 18** - Bus will leave from the church's parking lot at 4:30 p.m. We will stop at Caserta's Pizza at Federal Hill. The cost is \$25 - Adults and \$15.00 for children 12 and under. Please call the Parish Office at 508-753-5001 to sign up.

**Upcoming Cursillo Weekends!!!**

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock..." It's time. Time to learn more about your Faith. Time to experience what our religion can do for you. Jesus is waiting for you, personally.

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

**2022: Women's: October 6-9****Men's: November 10-13**

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

**2022 SHREWSBURY STREET ITALIAN HERITAGE PARADE AND FESTIVAL**

Will be taking place **Sunday, October 9, 2022** on Shrewsbury Street in Worcester at 12:00 noon. The parade will have bands, area schools, stilt walkers, floats, antique cars, etc. After the parade, the festival will take place in East Park with entertainment and food trucks ending with fireworks at dusk.

For more information please contact Maria Fiore at 774-253-7015 or msansong@yahoo.com

**UMass Memorial Ronald McDonald Care Mobile**

**Are You Uninsured? Do You Need Medical or Dental Services? If Yes, Come See Us in the parking lot of Our Lady of Loreto Parish on Wednesday, October 5, 2022 from 9 am—3 pm  
Medical & Dental**

We offer preventive dental and health care services including: dental health care and Worcester Public Schools Dental Screening, physical exams, sports physicals, immunizations, outreach and more.

We provide medical and dental care for children and families even if they **have no insurance or are unable to pay.**

To make an appointment, call 508-334-6073

For more information, contact: Nardy Vega at 508-341-9416

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