



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

Holyday: 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 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.

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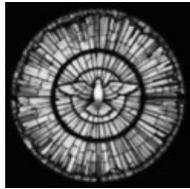
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As a reminder Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester in screening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

Please cut out and pray daily.

**January 22...observed on January 23
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of
Unborn Children**

The importance of restoring legal protection for the unborn continues to be a priority for the U.S. Church. In 2004, the bishops of the United States highlighted the importance of praying for the protection of human life, by designating January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance called the *Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children* (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, n. 373).

All the faithful in dioceses throughout the country are called to observe this day in a spirit of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

We can observe this day through special prayers, fasting, sacrifices, and acts of charity (similar to our Lenten practices), both communally in our parishes as well as individually in our own spiritual lives.

SLATER MILL TRIP

**Trip to Slater Mill Museum and
Samuel Slater Restaurant**

Sunday, February 12, 2023

The cost of the trip will be \$30.

The cost of the meal is **not** included in this price.

Please call 508-753-5001 or email

joan_dargenis @yahho.com to reserve your spot.

The bus leaves the church parking lot at 1:00 pm and will return about 5:30 pm.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

In 1878, four Black men were lynched outside the courthouse in Mount Vernon, Indiana. A group of white women claimed —falsely — that they had been attacked and raped by the four. A mob of 200 white men hunted down the four; later, three others implicated in the attack were also tracked down. The men repeatedly proclaimed their innocence but were ignored. Without benefit of a trial, they were hanged on the spot. Like many racial atrocities in the United States, this injustice faded from public memory.

Until 17-year-old Sophie Kloppenburg heard about it. "I was shocked," Sophie said, "because it was kind of a big deal, at least in my mind . . . I'm sure people don't want to remember because it's hard to remember tough things, but it's unacceptable to just forget."

After learning about the lynchings, Sophie took the story to her history class. With the encouragement of her teacher, Sophie went to work researching the story. Sophie presented her findings at several meetings before the Posey County Commissioners, explaining the history of the crime and proposing the creation of a memorial and marker for the victims. It took some doing to convince the board — erecting a reminder to the community's racist past was not exactly a high priority — but Sophie's passion and conviction finally moved the commissioners to act. In October, the people of Mount Vernon gathered at the courthouse square as Sophie Kloppenburg unveiled a memorial bench and history marker formally acknowledging the past and celebrating the progress made in the present.

Sophie said the project enabled her to connect with her own Black heritage and know the Black community scattered throughout Mount Vernon. "I'm proud of Posey County, Indiana, and the beautiful people here for having the difficult conversations and giving a tangible voice to its minorities," Sophie said as she unveiled the memorial. "Thank you." When Sophie finished, the people of Mount Vernon gave her a standing ovation.

Today, Jesus begins his preaching life, proclaiming his vision of the "kingdom of heaven." That vision is illuminated by the "great light" of God's justice and mercy that enables us to see ourselves and one another in all our dignity and goodness, in all our brokenness and failings. In her passion and work to address an injustice, 17-year-old Sophie Kloppenburg mirrors that light for her community, enabling them to confront their racist past in order to realize the justice of God's kingdom in their future.

In our own Galilee, may we reflect the light of Christ's compassion for those lost in darkness; may we find within our means the flame of God's grace to bring to those struggling to find God in their darkness.

Winter blessings!
Monsignor Pedone

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

January 25 marks the Conversion of St. Paul

St. Paul, named Saul at his circumcision, was born at Tarsus, Cilicia, of Jewish parents who were descended from the tribe of Benjamin. He was a Roman citizen from birth. He was brought up as a strict Jew, and later became a violent persecutor of the Christians.

Entrusted with a formal mission from the high priest, he departed for Damascus to arrest the Christians there and bring them bound to Jerusalem.

While on his way to Damascus, he was suddenly converted by a miraculous apparition of Our Lord. From a fierce persecutor he became the great Apostle of the Gentiles. He was baptized, changed his name from Saul to Paul, and began travelling and preaching the Faith. He was martyred as an Apostle in Rome around 65 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*

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

We will be celebrating this special event at on **Sunday, February 12 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass**. As part of the celebration we will list the names and years of the married couples in the bulletin that weekend. If you would like to have your name included please call the center at 508-753-5001 or email Joan at joan_dargenis@yahoo.com. Please include names, the anniversary date and number of years. We are looking for the couples who have been married fifty years or more to give them a special recognition at the Mass.

We would like you to share your story or maybe your parents love story with us. Maybe you might share your unique marriage customs. Please help us make this a special occasion and also send a message to our children about the Sacrament of Marriage.

Cursillo for 2023:

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

2023: Women's: April 27-30
September 8-11
Men's: June 8-11
December 7-10

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 and would like to be a sponsor, please contact Elizabeth Santley.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

A National Novena, "**9 Days for Life**", is a period of prayer, penance and pilgrimage sponsored by the US Conference of Bishops, taking place from **January 19th through January 27th**. We ask that you pray for the healing and conversion of our nation, and for all people impacted by the culture of death. You can sign up to receive daily e-mails, texts or mobile apps. with different intentions, brief reflections and suggested acts of reparation. To learn more or to sign up, visit, 9daysforlife.com

Sunday, January 22nd is the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children". You can observe this day through special prayer, fasting, sacrifice and acts of charity, individually or on a parish level. With this in mind, the Respect Life Ministry will be holding a Holy Hour at the church on that Sunday, after the 10:30 AM Mass. We will hold adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, communal prayer followed by the rosary, Divine Chaplet, private prayer and meditation .All are welcome.

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.

Sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation

We receive numerous requests to issue a letter of suitability for persons who are to serve as sponsors for baptism and confirmation at other parishes. This letter serves to indicate that the person has received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation in the Catholic Church, that he or she is a registered member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish, is a regular attendee at Mass and practices the Catholic faith.

We cannot issue such a letter if these criteria are not met. At times, we have to refuse to issue this letter because a person is not registered or attending Mass at our parish. Thank you for understanding. If you have any questions, please see Msgr. Pedone .

Financial Stewardship

For the week ending January 15, 2023

Income

Offertory:

Week-End	\$2,989.00	
Mail	1,087.00	
On-Line Giving	790.25	
Fuel	215.00	
Maintenance	180.00	
First Offering	65.00	
Catholic University	55.00	
Christmas	30.00	
Solemnity of Mary	20.00	
Ash Wednesday	15.00	
Priests Retirement	15.00	
Home Missions	10.00	
Total Offertory		\$5,471.25
Funeral Stipends	600.00	
Mass Stipends	80.00	
Candles	66.00	
Total		<u>\$6,217.25</u>

Disbursements

Payroll Taxes (December)	\$960.85	
Calendar Raffle Winners	700.00	
Repairs and Maintenance	594.25	
Office Supplies and Expense	286.36	
Salaries and Wages	120.00	
Payroll Service Fee	117.00	
Funeral Stipends	100.00	
Total		<u>\$2,878.46</u>

Average Weekly Amount Needed for Parish Operations		\$8,400.00
Total Amount Deposited	\$6,217.25	
Less: Diocesan Collections & Restricted Funds	(95.00)	<u>6,122.25</u>
Cash Over/Short		<u>(\$2,277.75)</u>

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel and
Our Lady of Loreto Parish
Calendar Raffle Winners—2023**

1/8/2023	#0030	Patricia Glasberg	\$100.00
1/9/2023	#0001	Winifred Eagleton	\$100.00
1/10/2023	#0660	Martin Cariglia	\$100.00
1/11/2023	#0954	Denis Croteau	\$100.00
1/12/2023	#0932	Nancy DiLeo	\$100.00
1/13/2023	#0624	Merlin & Maria Banzuela	\$100.00
1/14/2023	#1075	Angela Osowski	\$100.00

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like a copy of your 2022 contribution statement please call the main office at 508-753-5001 or email lisaolmc@gmail.com

AMPLIFY NIGHT

**Saturday, February 11th
at St. Bernard Parish at St. Camillus Church
Fitchburg—5:15-8pm**

All high school youth are invited to join us for our next Amplify night on Saturday, February 11th at St. Bernard Parish at St. Camillus Church, Fitchburg! Join us following the 4:15pm vigil Mass.

The Amplify night itself will begin around 5:15pm with pizza and a TRIVIA NIGHT! Trivia will be in teams with a few rounds of all kinds of trivia including history, movies, music, geography, sports, and Catholic trivia as well! The winning team will receive Dunkin Donuts gift cards! There will be other prizes available throughout the night as well! After trivia, we'll conclude the night with praise & worship music, Eucharistic Adoration, and confessions!

There is NO COST to attend! Please call the Parish Office at 508-753-5001 to register. Deadline to sign up is February 9th

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.

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**February 11—Amplify Night @ St. Bernard Parish @ St. Camillus Church in Fitchburg**  
**February 11—Italian Festival Fund Raiser Dinner**  
**February 12—World Marriage Day**  
**February 12—”Mystery Trip”**  
**February 14—Valentine’s Day**  
**February 22—Ash Wednesday**  
**March 25—Annual Catholic Men’s Conference @ Assumption University**

Ministry Assignments January 28-29

January 28 @ 4:00 pm

Lector – Joe Godek  
 Ministers – Fran Sena & Pat Solitro

January 29 @ 8 am

Lector - Chris Cook  
 Ministers - Joe Sama

January 29 @ 10:30 am

Lector—Santina MacGregor  
 Ministers - Debbie & Gerry Woods

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.



# MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, January 21, 2023—4:00 p.m.  
**Victoria DiLeo** (10th Anniversary) by Family  
**Nino Sasso** by Wife, Children and Grandchildren
- Sunday, January 22, 2023—8:00 a.m.  
**Onofrio DelloStritto** by Aunt Josie DelloStritto and Children  
**Anthony D’Elia** by Family
- Sunday, January 22, 2023—10:30 a.m.  
**Luisa A. Polselli** (First Anniversary) by Janice and John Morello
- Monday, January 23, 2023—7:00 a.m.  
**The Sick of the Parish**
- Tuesday, January 24, 2023—7:00 a.m.  
**The People of the Parish**
- Wednesday, January 25, 2023—7:00 a.m.  
**Parishioners Intentions**
- Thursday, January 26, 2023—7:00 a.m.  
**Vera Sbrogna** (11th Anniversary) by husband, Gus
- Saturday, January 28, 2023—4:00 p.m.  
**Marie (DiLeo) Chase** (10th Anniversary) by Family
- Sunday, January 29, 2023—8:00 a.m.  
**Theresa Larson, Mary Flynn and Catherine St. Jean** by Karen and David Gouin
- Sunday, January 29, 2023—10:30 a.m.  
**Bobby Pugliese Jr.** 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, Joseph Vancelette, Madelyn Martin, Anthony Paldino, Ann Marie Verdolino, Charlene Swalec, Irene Bastardo, Lorrie Tufano, Silvia Cazzaniga, Maxwell Mitchell, Lynn Wagner, Carol Youngstrom, Rudy Aromando, Richard and Rita Sharameta, Cindy Worthington, Beverly DeMarco, George Burton, Charlotte O’Mara, Renate Perry, Angela Vizzo, Jacob Rivera, Stephanie Berthiaume Cowie, Fulvia D’Amico, Dermot Kelly, Margaret Setaro, Isabella Gamble, Melissa Totaro, Nancy Meringolo, Veronika Montiverdi, Nancy Molinari and Joyce Molinari. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

## MOUNT CARMEL GOLDEN YEARS CLUB

January 2023

### January 24, 2023

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

### January 31, 2023

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

**\*Bingo for members only**

**ALL DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK WOULD BE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED AND APPRECIATED.**

Members of the family requesting a Mass for a loved one, may bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar. Please make yourselves known to the Hospitality Ministers and position yourselves in a pew that is convenient for you to join the Offertory Procession.

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

**Vera Sbrogna**  
 By husband, Gus



## THE POWER OF A CANDLE BURNING BRIGHTLY

Fire is a powerful symbol. That’s why flame plays such a prominent role in our liturgies. It helps us to understand Jesus as the Light of the world. We have the opportunity to light a candle as a symbol of our love for departed family and friends and to have it burn brightly for seven days. Witnessing it connects us with our loved one. And knowing that it burns throughout the day and night comforts us. A SANCTUARY LAMP signifies the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle. We have two—one in the church and the other in the chapel. Call the Office to arrange for either of them to burn for your loved one for seven days. The donation is \$10. You may also choose to light a vigil candle in front of Our Blessed Mother’s statue in the rear of the church for a goodwill offering. Experience the power and energy of a candle burning brightly.



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

**Sunday, Jan 22, 2023**

**Coming live to a parish near you!**

Some of us were taught that Mass attendance "counted" if we arrived for the gospel and stayed through Communion. Most churchgoers, thankfully, are weaned from this spartan idea to the liturgical celebration. In 2019, Pope Francis designated the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as "Word of God Sunday."

While every Mass includes a healthy serving of Bible readings, annually we're invited to reflect that this is "an experience which occurs 'live' and not through hearsay," as the pope says. "We gather precisely to listen to what God has done and still intends to do for us." Let's not miss a word of it!

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

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 8:23—9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23 (67).* "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone."

**Monday, Jan 23, 2023**

**Don't let fear keep you from serving**

The disease of leprosy has been curable since the mid-20th century and is actually not highly contagious, as was believed in the past, but the physical effects were devastating enough to cause tremendous fear. Mother Marianne Cope was not afraid, which she stated in 1883 in her letter of acceptance to King Kalākaua of Hawaii, who had already asked for help from—and been turned down by—more than 50 other religious congregations to care for his people who had leprosy. The German-born American sister and six others came to his aid all the way from New York. When you go beyond your fears to answer a call, you may be bridging the greatest distance of all.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN; MEMORIAL OF MARIANNE COPE, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Mark 3:22-30 (317).* "If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand."

**Tuesday, Jan 24, 2023**

**There is strength in gentleness**

Francis de Sales is famous for his gentleness. He used it on his stubborn father, convincing him he was meant to become a priest instead of a lawyer. It was a virtue Francis tapped to win hardened Calvinists back to the Catholic faith following the Protestant Reformation, a time of much bitterness. Explaining that a "spoonful of honey gathers more flies than a barrel full of vinegar," Saint Francis practiced what he preached by greeting everyone with simple kindness, speaking good-naturedly about the goodness, truth, and beauty of the Catholic faith. "Be who you are and be that well," he reminds us in Introduction to the Devout Life.

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

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35 (318).* "Behold, I come to do your will, O God."

**Wednesday, Jan 25, 2023**

**I can see clearly now**

We've all had the rather unpleasant experience of "being shown the error of our ways," though none perhaps as dramatically as Saul of Tarsus, zealous persecutor of early followers of Christ. On assignment to round up these dissidents, Saul was knocked from his horse by a blinding light and a voice from heaven. Three days of blindness ensued before the scales literally "fell from his eyes" and the newly awakened apostle and great evangelist we know as Saint Paul emerged. Don't wait to be knocked to the ground before considering how your own life may have gone astray. Pray that anything that blinds you may fall away from your vision.

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF PAUL THE APOSTLE

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18 (519).* "Saul, my brother, regain your sight."

**Thursday, Jan 26, 2023**

**Our moment is now**

In the '90s, it seemed everyone wanted in on the "dot.com" internet startup craze. Many were excited to be in on the ground floor of something brand new. It's tempting to think that Timothy and Titus (both of whom have letters in the New Testament addressed to them) were like the dot.com entrepreneurs when it came to the new, exciting religion of Christianity. In contrast, today's Christianity can seem weighed down by centuries of precedent and proscriptions. Titus and Timothy dealt with plenty of church trouble in their time, however, from division to drunkenness to false teaching. Their witness reminds us to pray for the strength to rise to the challenges of the moment we've been given, just as they did.

MEMORIAL OF TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5 (520); Mark 4:21-25 (320).* "The measure with which you measure will be measured out to you."

**Friday, Jan 27, 2023**

**Stay the course**

Sometimes when the going gets tough, if they are honest, the tough want to curl up under the blankets and never come out! Life is not always an easy road, even when we feel called by God. But we're not alone on the journey. We can look to the saints to see how they've weathered the storms. Today, on the feast of Angela Merici, educator and founder of the Ursuline Sisters, let us take heart in her wisdom. "Strive with all your might to keep yourselves as you have been called by God, and seek out and desire all those means and ways that are necessary to persevere and prosper till the end."

MEMORIAL OF ANGELA MERICI, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34 (321).* "We are not among those who draw back and perish, but among those who have faith and will possess life."

**Saturday, Jan 28, 2023**

**Be resolute**

Sometimes your commitment to your faith or choice of a vocation or calling can lead to uncomfortable conflicts with loved ones who have a different idea of who you should be or how you should live your life. Even a saint as illustrious as Saint Thomas had to struggle against opposition. His family was so opposed to his decision to enter the Dominican order that they had him abducted and held captive for a year! Thomas stood firm and they finally relented, and as a result the church gained perhaps its greatest theologian. Stand firm when you need to—who knows what God has in store for you!

MEMORIAL OF THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Mark 4:35-41 (322).* "He asked them, 'Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?'"

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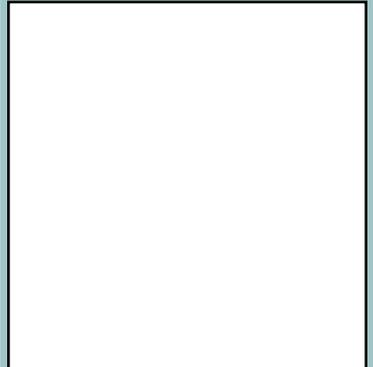

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