



# 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](http://www.mtcarmel.ws).

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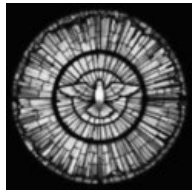
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As a reminder Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester in screening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

**Preparing for Lent....**

**LORD, JESUS.**

**As the Holy Season of Lent draws near, I come to you for help. There are so many more things I need to know and even more that I need to understand.**

**Cleanse my heart as you wash away my sins with your Holy and Precious Blood that you shed for me on the Cross.**

**Send your Holy Spirit upon me to open my mind and understanding so that I can begin to grasp the magnificence of Your Love for me.**

**Amen**



**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 February 26th, our parish will be celebrating the Rite of Sending as we send, Catechumen, **Mylinh Nguyen**, and Candidate, **Brad Germain**, 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 during our Easter Vigil celebration!

No matter how STRESSED you are.....  
Remember how BLESSED you are.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate World Marriage Day. Catholics believe marriage to be a sacrament. By this we mean that the faithful love of husband and wife is a sign of Christ's lasting love for us. Pope John Paul II offered his encouraging and nourishing exhortation to the Church in hope that all families during his papacy and those families of the future would hold fast to the beautiful and salvific witness that the sacrament of marriage is purposed to be for the world. He reminds us that "spouses are a permanent reminder to the Church of what happened on the Cross; they are for one another and for the children witnesses to the salvation in which the sacrament makes them sharers."

In essence, marriage is a "memorial, actuation and prophecy." Meaning, as a *memorial*, husband and wife, in the sacrament of marriage, have the honor and purpose of memorializing the magnificent labors of Christ by their daily humble and selfless sacrifice in caring for their offspring. As *actuation*, they are called to be exemplars of Christ's love and forgiveness to one another and to their children throughout their entire lives. As *prophecy*, they have the honorable task of embodying and revealing, with reverence and commitment to one another and their offspring that Christ is the way, truth and light and through Him alone can one receive eternal communion with God. The core strength of the entire document rests in these truths. In a very profound way, John Paul II reminds the faithful of the message brought forth by the Second Vatican Council Fathers. He reminds us that the laity are called to participate in the Church's *priestly* (memorial), *kingly* (actuation), and *prophetic* (prophecy) mission and life. There is a unique, insightful and exhortative echo of the message given by the Council Fathers in relation to the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis told families: "In marriage Christ gives himself to you, so that you have the strength to give yourselves to each other." "Take courage, then, family life is not an impossible mission," he added. "With the grace of the sacrament, God makes it a wonderful journey to be taken together with him."

On this World Marriage Day, let us pray that those who are married, and those preparing for marriage, that they seek to bring each other closer to heaven each day.

February Blessings!

Monsignor Pedone

**SEASON OF LENT**

**Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Masses will be celebrated at 7:00 AM, 12:15 and 7:00 PM. Ashes will be imposed at all Masses.**

**RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**

The Respect Life Ministry of our parish promotes life from conception to natural death through prayer, education, legislative and pastoral programs.

We are concerned with issues of abortion, physician assisted suicide, euthanasia, the death penalty, end of life issues and bio-ethics.

We have 12 members and always looking for more. It's free and easy. If you have any questions or would like to join us, contact Joe Godek, jogopapa7@gmail.com or Barbara Godek, bgo42aub@gmail.com for more information or questions.

**RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**

Are you, or anyone you know in need of special care or counseling due to pregnancy, pre or post abortion, domestic abuse or elderly health services. This is a list of some of the local agencies and resources available. They are free and confidential. Elder Service Care programs are covered by most insurances, including Medicare and Medicaid.  
Pernet Family Health Services, 508-755-1228.  
Visitation House, 508-798-8002.

These agencies provide food, housing, life skill programs, pre and post-natal care, post abortion counseling, and more.

Catholic Charities 508-798-0191

Provides special needs programs for adults 18 and over, emergency stabilization and homeless prevention, men's and women's recovery programs, family shelter, home care, education and senior employment programs, family and adoption services and more.

Clearway Clinic 508-466-6464

Provides pregnancy testing, abortion pill reversal, post abortion counseling, ultrasound services, STI testing and treatment, prenatal health education and more.

Project Rachel 508-791-7171

Provides post-abortion counseling.

Abby's House 508-756-5486

Provides shelter and affordable housing as well as advocacy and support services to homeless, low income and abused women with or without children.

Problem Pregnancy 508-507-8378

Provides free housing, medical care, ultrasound tests, baby clothes, maternity clothes, cribs, car seats, legal help, prenatal care, life skills counseling, spiritual counseling, vocational help, alternatives to abortion and more.

Summit Elder Services 508-368-9690

Provides all-inclusive care for the elderly including day care, home care, on-site medical staff and transportation to medical appointments

**Mother Teresa.....a Documentary**

In observance of the Lenten Season, our parish Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a special screening of the moving documentary: **Mother Teresa—No Greater Love**, on Sunday, February 26, in the parish center immediately following the 10:30 Mass.

This unique film, produced by the Knights of Columbus organization, reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ through the poor is realized to this day, through the religious order she founded, the Missionaries of Charity.

A light luncheon will be served before the showing and there will be a discussion period led by Deacon Don after for those who wish to stay. All are welcome to attend.

For planning purposes, please RSVP, to

John Morello @ 508-414-6362 or

Nino Giamei @ nino613@gmail.com.

**Who is Esther Howland?**

Esther Howland was born in 1828 at 16 Summer Street in Worcester, Massachusetts. She was a pioneer in the American valentine manufacturing industry. It was after her graduation from Mount Holyoke College, in 1847, that she received her first very elaborate English valentine from an associate of her father's. At this time, elaborate Valentine greeting cards were imported from Europe and were not affordable to many Americans.

Esther, determined to make a better valentine, convinced her father to order supplies from New York City and England, employed some friends and soon had a thriving business in Worcester, Mass.. She used an assembly line method and employed women at home to make the valentines. Although valentines were around for more than half a century, Esther was the first person to ever commercialize them in America. In 1850, she advertised for the first time in the **Worcester Spy**. Her company, known as the New England Valentine Co., became very successful. In 1879 she merged her business with a competitor, Edward Taft. In 1880 she sold the business to George Whitney, to take care of her sick father. Esther, the "Mother of the American Valentine", died in 1904 in Quincy, Mass.

*Happy Valentine's Day*

**SAVE THE DATE**

The "All-You-Can-Eat" Lenten Porchetta is back!  
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## Offertory:

Week-End	\$3,186.05	
Mail	955.00	
On-Line Giving	543.78	
Maintenance	505.00	
Fuel	149.00	
Ash Wednesday	85.00	
Priests Retirement	67.00	
Catholic Free Press	39.00	
Christmas	25.00	
First Offering	20.00	
Solemnity of Mary	1.00	
Catholic University	1.00	
Total Offertory		\$5,576.43
Funeral Stipends		300.00
Mass Stipends		135.00
Candles		101.00
Rental Income		60.00
Sanctuary Lamp		40.00
Total		<u>\$6,212.43</u>

Disbursements

Music (January)		
Organists	\$1,125.00	
Choir Director	800.00	
Cantor	375.00	
Total Cost of Music		\$2,300.00
Salaries and Wages		\$6,014.00
Funeral Stipends		1,000.00
Calendar Raffle Winner		700.00
Supplies		620.62
CYC—Youth & Family Programs		450.00
Employee Benefits		156.84
Rubbish Removal		138.60
Total		<u>\$11,380.06</u>

Average Weekly Amount Needed for Parish Operations		\$8,400.00
Total Amount Deposited	\$6,212.43	
Less: Diocesan Collections & Restricted Funds	(152.00)	6,060.43
Cash Over/Short		<u>(\$2,339.57)</u>

**CALENDAR RAFFLE FINANCIAL REPORT**

January, 2023

Revenues:		
Ticket Sales (667)		\$6,670.00
Expenses:		
Prizes	\$3,100.00	
Printing and Mailing Costs	804.81	
State Raffle Tax (5%)	333.50	
Total Expenses		<u>4,238.31</u>
Net Income to the Parish		<u>\$2,431.69</u>

**10 Simple Prayers...**

When you can't stop in a church or kneel, these short, easy prayers can be spoken in a single breath. "Breath prayers" can make a huge difference in your life as they help you "pray without ceasing". Repeat numerous times throughout the day so they become rooted in your heart.

1. "Lord, have mercy."
2. "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."
3. "Here I am."
4. "Show your power."
5. "My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth."
1. "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you."
2. "Not my will, but yours."
3. "Bring your kingdom."
4. "Say the word."
5. "Come, Lord Jesus."

**Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference:**

Saturday, March 25, beginning at 8:00 am at Assumption University, Worcester.

Tickets: Adult \$50 (after March 3 or at the door \$65)  
Student \$30 (anytime)

Lunch is included with all tickets.

Visit <https://catholicmenworc.com> for list of speakers and more information.

**"Every morning, on rising, we reaffirm before God, our decision to be faithful, come what may in the course of the day."**

**Pope Francis**  
*Amoris Laetitia*

Sorrow looks back  
Worry looks around  
Optimism looks up.

**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](mailto:lisaolmc@gmail.com)

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

1/29/2023	#1234	Jean Osowski	\$100.00
1/30/2023	#1190	John Culbert	\$100.00
1/31/2023	#1236	Patricia Brousseau	\$100.00

# MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 11, 2023—4:00 p.m.

**Doriano Cafaro** by Uncle

**Patricia Hunt** (4th Anniversary) by daughter, Kim

Sunday, February 12, 2023—8:00 a.m.

**Linda E. Sacco** by husband Pat Sacco and Family

**Helen Narris** by Louise Faiola

Sunday, February 12, 2023—10:30 a.m.

**Father William Ruther** by Maria Sciannameo

Monday, February 13, 2023—7:00 a.m.

**In Thanksgiving for Thelma Ortiz** (91st Birthday)  
by Family

Tuesday, February 14, 2023—7:00 a.m.

**Jack Gagliastro** (Birthday Remembrance) by Wife,  
Kay

Wednesday, February 15, 2023—7:00 a.m.

**Nicholas Rossik** by Thomas Pellegrino and Family

Thursday, February 16, 2023—7:00 a.m.

**The Sick of the Parish**

Saturday, February 18, 2023—4:00 p.m.

**Rita Cenik** (5th Anniversary) by Anna Fenuccio

**David Sciammacco** (First Anniversary) by Family

**Fusae Pignataro** (13th Anniversary) by Family

**Vincenza Cafaro** (7th Anniversary) by Son

Sunday, February 19, 2023—8:00 a.m.

**Michael DelloStritto** by Wife Josie and Children

Sunday, February 19, 2023—10:30 a.m.

**Anthony and Ursula Toscano** (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 & 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.

## Ministry Assignments February 18-19

**February 18 @ 4:00 pm**

**Lector – Sue Cozzolino**

**Ministers – Irene Astrella & Chet DiLeo**

**February 19 @ 8 am**

**Lector - Sandy SanClemente**

**Ministers - Joe Sama**

**February 12 @ 10:30 am**

**Lector—Dave Soares**

**Ministers - Elizabeth Santley & Virginia 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.**

## 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.

**February 12—World Marriage Day**

**February 12—Mystery Trip**

**February 14—Valentine's Day**

**February 22—Ash Wednesday**

**February 26—First Sunday of Lent**

**February 26—Mother Teresa—a Documentary**

**March 18—Lenten Porchetta Dinner**

**March 25—Annual Catholic Men's Conference @  
Assumption University**

## 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.**



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

**Sunday, Feb 12, 2023**

**Create a genuine love story**

No one ever said relationships were easy. Commitments, whether in marriage, religious life, or elsewhere, take spiritual insight to discern, patience to maintain, time to mature, and a whole lot of love to keep the engine moving on the tracks. Today's celebration of World Marriage Day is meant to support the development of a culture of life and love within our most fundamental relationships. As Pope Francis

declared in *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love): "The welfare of the family is decisive for the future of the world and that of the church." Take the journey to joy and love. Work to make each relationship life-giving.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: *Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37 (76).* "We speak a wisdom to those who are mature, not a wisdom of this age."

**Monday, Feb 13, 2023**

**Make a petition, not a deal**

It can be tempting, especially when we're desperate, to try to bargain with God: "If you do this one thing for me, I'll quit a bad habit forever and never miss Mass again." But that's not how our relationship with God works. For starters, Jesus told us not to bargain, but to simply ask for what we need (Matthew 7:7-11). God already knows what we need better than we do but wants us to ask anyway, persistently even—because a willingness to be vulnerable and share intimacy are central to any healthy relationship. For that reason, petitionary prayer isn't always easy. Open up with your longings and offer God your trust, rather than a deal.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Mark 8:11-13 (335).* "Amen, I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation."

**Tuesday, Feb 14, 2023**

**Speak the language of love**

More than 1,000 years before Vatican II—with its directive to translate the Latin liturgy into the vernacular—two missionary siblings, Cyril and Methodius, got the blessing of their pope to do the same for the Slavic people. In doing so, they created the Cyrillic alphabet. And as Pope John Paul II noted, they impacted not only the "history of the church, but also the civil and the political history of a great part of the European continent. . . . Cyril and Methodius [are] not only the apostles of the Slavic peoples but also the fathers of their culture." On this Valentine's Day, how can you translate love into your vernacular?

MEMORIAL OF CYRIL, MONK, AND METHODIUS, BISHOP

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mark 8:14-21 (336).* "Do you not yet understand or comprehend? Are your hearts hardened?"

**Wednesday, Feb 15, 2023**

**A pioneer priest who broke a color barrier**

On this day in 1880, Augustus Tolton departed the United States on a holy mission: to enter a Catholic seminary as an African American. After several years of trying to become a priest stateside and experiencing rejection due to racism, Tolton's friends and allies successfully arranged for his passage to study at the Urban College in Rome, where he was ordained as the world's first openly African-American Catholic priest in 1886. He would return to his home state of Illinois, eventually settling in Chicago where he founded the city's first black parish. He died of heart stroke in 1897 at the young age of 43 and has since been on the path to sainthood. In these times of continuing anti-black discrimination, may we look to his witness for hope and sustenance. Venerable Father Tolton, pray for us!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22; Mark 22-26 (337).* "My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his people. Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones."

**Thursday, Feb 16, 2023**

**Take the path of Saint Francis**

Christian theology has often encouraged human domination over creation. Saint Francis of Assisi had another view, one that has become more prominent in the church as the climate crisis intensifies. Franciscan Sister Rose Dowling expresses one facet of it: "The Earth with which we are so intimate is our primary teacher about who God is and how God wants to relate with us. . . . I see a God who has set into being a creation that continues to grow, evolve, become more conscious, become more complex. I see that as a human I, like the rest of creation, have the potential to grow and become more . . ." How will you become more conscious of all of creation today?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 9:1-13; Mark 8:27-33 (338).* "Peter said to him in reply, 'You are the Christ.'"

**Friday, Feb 17, 2023**

**To Mary, in times of sorrow**

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order were 13th-century Florentine cloth merchants who banded together in prayer, solace, and community during politically tumultuous times. From the beginning, the Servites dedicated themselves to Mary, the Sorrowful Mother. Today their mission is to "gather in fraternal communion to be with those suffering and sorrowful." The Servites developed the three most common devotions to Our Lady of Sorrows, namely the Scapular of the Seven Dolours of Mary, the Novena to Our Sorrowful Mother, and the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows. In the closing prayer of the Rosary chaplet, we say, "Pray for us, O most sorrowful Virgin. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ." That is certainly a prayer to remember as we face each day's trials.

MEMORIAL OF THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 11:1-9; Mark 8:34—9:1 (339).* "Whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the Gospel will save it."

**Saturday, Feb 18, 2023**

**Good to be here**

Were you ever so enamored of something that you just wanted it to last forever? That's what Peter was experiencing on the Mount of Transfiguration. But Jesus and his inner circle had to move on. They had to come down the mountain. There was more that needed to be done, people who needed to be served. In his 1967 encyclical, *Populorum Progressio* (On the Development of Peoples), Pope Paul VI wrote, "Genuine progress . . . consists in an economic order designed for the welfare of the human person, where the daily bread that each [one] receives reflects the glow of love and the helping hand of God." Pray that we become enamored by justice and help transfigure the world in Jesus' image!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 11:1-7; Mark 9:2-13 (340).* "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents."



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