



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.

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.

A NOTE OF THANKS

I want to thank all of those who worked hard and helped make our Holy Week celebrations so special. Especially Deacon Don, our altar servers, our lectors, our ministers of Holy Communion, our ministers of music, our ushers, those who decorated the altar to those who agreed to have their feet washed during Holy Thursday and to all who attended. Many thanks to all of you!

Also a very special thank you to all who attended Deacon Gerry Montiverdi's wake and funeral service and to all of those who continue to pray for him and his family.

Monsignor Pedone



The Sacrament of First Communion

Sunday, May 7, 2023

We ask that you hold in your prayers our young people who will receive the sacrament of First Communion on Sunday, May 7, at the 10:30 am Mass.

This is an exciting time for them and for all of us as their Christian family.

1st Communion

**Carlo Bianco
Ryan Buzulis**

**Mary Hayes
Mia Totaro**

The Easter Season continues.....

We have just celebrated Easter, the greatest feast in the Christian calendar, for "if Christ is not risen, our faith is in vain." The Resurrection of Christ culminates in His Ascension into Heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, which inaugurates the mission of the Church to spread the Good News of salvation to all the world!



The Easter Season ends on Pentecost Sunday.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

DEAR FRIENDS,

I want to share the following message with you from Bishop McManus:

"The Archdiocese of Boston has recently noted that the "Satancon" convention will be held in Boston from April 28 -30 at the Boston Marriott Copley Place. The organizers of this convention are billing it as "the largest satanic gathering in history."

It is sad to witness that there are people who find satisfaction in celebrating the power of evil in the world. Perhaps they have never experienced the sense of joy and the power of redemption that we find in this Easter Season. We are a people of hope, thanks to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, who offers all believers the path to life eternal in the loving embrace of God.

By baptism we are called to be witnesses to the Good News, in particular in light of this Satancon event. Let us remember that our power to combat evil lies in the power of prayer. To that end, I join my voice to that of Cardinal O'Malley in asking that we not organize or encourage any parishioners to go to the event to protest. It will only fuel the hate of those who support it and feed the media with images.

We should not, however, stand by idly and feel powerless. Let us storm the Heavens with prayer, in anticipation of and during the event. Pause at any time during the days ahead and petition God to enlighten those who are calling on the prince of darkness to turn toward the light of his saving power. Use formal prayers, such as the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel or pray the Rosary, or simply use your own words. God will hear you if you simply call on him.

I ask pastors to be especially vigilant during the month of April during the distribution of Holy Communion. If necessary, remind people that they should be consuming the sacred species immediately, to assure that the Blessed Sacrament is not being carried off for nefarious use. "

Please continue to pray the Prayer of Saint Michael for his help in our constant battle with evil.

Easter blessings!
Monsignor Pedone

**PLEASE MAINTAIN A RESPECTFUL SILENCE
BEFORE EACH MASS. PEOPLE AROUND YOU
ARE TRYING TO PRAY. THANK YOU!**

**MONDAY IS PATRIOT'S DAY – LEGAL HOLIDAY.
PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED AND THERE
WILL BE NO 7:00 AM MASS. HAVE A SAFE AND
HAPPY HOLIDAY!**



“Our parish welcomes new member to the Holy Catholic Church, Mylinh Nguyen, who was Baptized, confirmed and received her First Holy Communion. Also welcome and congratulations to Brad Germain who received his Confirmation and First Communion, thus completing his initiation into the Catholic Church!”

“In imitation of Jesus’ most humble act, Monsignor washes the feet of our dear parishioners during Holy Thursday mass.”

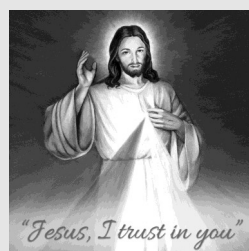
April 16—Divine Mercy Sunday

What does Divine Mercy mean?

In Catholicism, **Divine Mercy** is a devotion to Jesus Christ associated with the apparitions of Jesus to Saint Faustina Kowalska. ... The primary focus of the **Divine Mercy** devotion is the merciful love of God and the desire to let that love and **mercy** flow through one's own heart towards those in need of it.

What happens when you pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet?

Jesus has revealed that through the recitation of the **Chaplet**, we can save souls who are not even in the same country as us or whom we never met. We are simply **praying** for the salvation of any soul who is dying.



A Prayer for Divine Mercy

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

~Concluding prayer of the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Financial Stewardship
For the week ending April 9, 2023

Income

Offertory:		
Week-End	\$3,979.00	
Easter	1,649.00	
On-Line Giving	1,235.75	
Mail	1,060.00	
Good Friday	530.00	
Fuel	444.00	
Palm Sunday	167.00	
Maintenance	124.00	
Catholic Relief Services	70.00	
Flowers	65.00	
Total Offertory		\$9,323.75
Transfer from Savings		4,500.00
Memorial Donations		392.00
Funeral Stipends		300.00
Candles		99.00
Mass Stipends		30.00
Total		<u>\$14,644.75</u>

Disbursements

Music: (March)		
Choir Director & Cantor	\$1,450.00	
Organists	1,050.00	
Total Cost of Music		\$2,500.00
Easter Flowers		1,275.00
Rectory—Food \$ Household		981.40
Snow Plowing & Sanding		850.00
Funeral Stipends		470.00
Palms		420.00
Office Supplies and Expense		312.05
Salaries & Wages		205.00
Mass Stipends		195.00
Religious Education		141.00
Supplies		134.98
Total		<u>\$7,484.43</u>

Average Weekly Amount Needed		
for Parish Operations		\$8,400.00
Total Amount Deposited	\$14,644.75	
Less: Diocesan Collections		
& Restricted Funds	(5,100.00)	9,544.75
Cash Over/(Short)		<u>\$1,144.75</u>

PARTNERS IN CHARITY
APPEAL—2023

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.

Our goal this year remains the same at **\$50,000**.

As of March 24, 2023, we have:

74 Gifts **Total: \$ 26,395.**

We are over 50% 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 support and generosity.

NEWS FROM THE CHOIR

Now that the Lenten season and miraculous Holy Week has been completed the choir is going to now begin rehearsing on WEDNESDAYS at 6:30-7:30. I am incredibly proud of their music the ensemble created but we can always use more singers in all parts. Don't be shy, we are a fun group whose mission is to sing spiritually uplifting music during the masses. Please consider contributing to the Parish in this way, it's minimal time required of you with tremendous pay back. We sing at 2 masses a month, the last Saturday 4pm mass of the month, and the first Sunday 10:30 mass of the month. If you are interested simply come to the choir loft at our next rehearsal, Wednesday, April 19th at 6:30. You will be welcomed with open arms. Should you have any questions contact me at Konkoljosef@gmail.com ~~~ Director: Josef Konkol

PARISH SCHOLARSHIPS

Every year the parish awards scholarships to worthy graduating high school seniors who will be attending college, universities or technical schools of higher learning in the fall. You must be an active member of the parish to apply. Applications are now available in the parish office. These must be completed and returned to the office **no later than April 28th**.

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.

ITALIAN FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER DINNER

The dinner will be held on **April 29, 2023** after the 4:00 PM Mass. There will be a choice of steak tips or salmon, rice, veggies, and dessert. We will serve coffee, tea and dessert. The cost is \$35. BYOB. Tickets will be on sale after all the Masses starting on Saturday, April 1st and also at the Parish Center. You must choose your entrée when you purchase your tickets.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 15, 2023—4:00 p.m.

Charles D'Elia Sr. (Anniversary) by Family

Elda Sabatini by Family

Thanksgiving for Charles Vasquez by the Ortiz Family

Marco Salerno by Son

Giovanni Carusone by Daughter

Sunday, April 16, 2023—8:00 a.m.

Marc Banzuela by the Banzuela Family

Arthur Lizotte Sr. (48th Anniversary) and **Catherine Eager** (16th Anniversary) by Karen and David Gouin

Sal & Lena Meringolo by Children

Sunday, April 16, 2023—10:30 a.m.

Caterina Visci (Birthday Remembrance) by Family

Virginia Comforti (2nd Anniversary) by Family

Joseph & Amelia Conte by John and Family

Anthony & Rosemarie Texeira (Month's Mind) by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cianci

Eugenio & Nunziata Scola by Family

Monday, April 17, 2023—7:00 a.m.

Parishioners Intentions

Tuesday, April 18, 2023—7:00 a.m.

The Sick of the Parish

Wednesday, April 19, 2023—7:00 a.m.

The Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, April 20, 2023—7:00 a.m.

Parishioners Intentions

Saturday, April 22, 2023—4:00 p.m.

The People of the Parish

Sunday, April 23, 2023—8:00 a.m.

Mary Italiano (16th Anniversary) by Family

Antoinetta Fraioli by Josephine DelloStritto and Family

Linda Lonardo by Family

Sunday, April 23, 2023—10:30 a.m.

Lena Minardi (Birthday Remembrance) by Family

John and James O'Brien by Rita

Giuseppe & Maria Arcuri, Antonio & Maria Romeo by Family

Erica Gremo by Michael, Mom & Dad



Please pray for the sick of our parish: Francis Caffone, Donna Grasseschi, Lori Blackwell, Matteo Fiore, Patrick Loconto, Frank "Butch" Rano, Sylvia Pusateri, Thelma Ortiz, Cynthia Pedone, Roland Dionne, Sue Cozzolino, Anthony & Paul Locantore, Ann Servidio, Joseph Vancelette, Madelyn Martin, Anthony Paldino, Ann Marie Verdolino, Charlene Swalec, Lorrie Tufano, Maxwell Mitchell, Lynn Wagner, Carol Youngstrom, Rudy Aromando, Richard Sharameta, Cindy Worthington, Beverly DeMarco, George Burton, Charlotte O'Mara, Renate Perry, Angela Vizzo, Jacob Rivera, Stephanie Berthiaume Cowie, Fulvia D'Amico, Dermot Kelly, Isabella Gamble, Melissa Totaro, Nancy Meringolo, Veronika Montiverdi, Nancy Molinari, Joyce Molinari, Lillian Pascarelli, Lisa Cianci Priscilla King and Tina Donahue. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

Rest in Peace

We, the parish community of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto, extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of Deacon Gerald M. Montiverdi, Felicetta D'Agostino, Beatrice Artuso, and Stellina M. Cicero. God grant them peace forever and bring comfort to their families and friends.



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

Joseph Toscano
(Birthday Remembrance) By Family



ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES

Learn from a professional native Italian instructor. Whether it's to enrich your travel experiences or to communicate with your in-laws, you can learn a new language and culture in a fun, small-group setting.

- Knowledgeable native Italian instructor.
- Small class sizes in a spacious classroom.
- Adult and children's classes available.
- Courses from beginner to advanced levels.

Beginners Level 1 – Monday, 6:00 pm

Beginners Level 2 – Monday, 7:00 pm

Intermediate – Wednesday, 6:00 pm

Advanced – Thursday, 5:30 pm

Children and Youth classes – Saturday 9:30 to 12:30

Private lessons are also available. Classes are held at the Parish Center.

For more information or to enroll please contact Antonella Sena at sena.atonella57@gmail.com or worcesteritalian.com

Ministry Assignments April 22-23**April 22 @ 4:00 pm****Lector – Sue Cozzolino****Ministers – Irene Astrella & Tom Lavin****April 23 @ 8 am****Lector - Fran Penny****Ministers - Joe Sama****April 13 @ 10:30 am****Lector—Sandra Mercurio****Ministers - Laurie Matosky & Elizabeth Santley****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.****April 16—Confirmation—today****April 29—Italian Festival Fundraiser Dinner****May 7—First Holy Communion****May 14—Mother's Day****May 18—The Ascension of the Lord****May 19-21—Diocesan Youth Retreat****VACATION BIBLE & SUMMER PROGRAM****Ages 4—11****July 11—July 13 (8:30 am—2:00 pm)****July 18—July 20 (8:30 am—2:00 pm)****Child's Name: _____****Address: _____****Parents Name: _____****Email Address: _____****Please select the week or weeks that your child will be attending.****Cost is \$25 per child per week.****RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**

The MA Supreme Court recently ruled that there is no right to physician-assisted suicide in the state constitution. Pro-death advocates recently filed a bill titled “An Act Relative to End of Life” for the 2023-2024 legislative session. HB2246/SB1331 would allow terminally ill patients to request physician assistance in ending their lives. Deliberately ending a human life as you would a suffering animal is degrading and contrary to the dignity and value of every person created in the image of God. Respecting life from conception to natural death is at the core of ethics. There are several myths about assisted suicide. Proponents say it is necessary for those suffering uncontrollable pain. Better palliative care has providing a more comfortable environment for the patient and medicine is always striving to improve health care and alleviate pain. Compassion is caring for the individual, not killing them prematurely. Oregon, the assisted-suicide capital of our country, found that only 33% of patients who chose assisted suicide listed pain as their number one concern. The majority of patients listed burden on family, friends and caregivers as the primary reason. This seems like a simple fix. Are we failing in the compassion, love and care of our loved ones? Are we making them feel like a burden on us? Love and compassion have no limits. Giving and receiving love is the greatest gift in the world. Death prevents that exchange. Gently hold a love one and tell them you love them. There is no greater medicine.

Another concern is that doctors cannot accurately predict a terminal illness. This is an imprecise science with an error of 30%. How would you feel participating in an assisted suicide only to find out later that the patient was misdiagnosed? A selfish reason is that assisted suicide is cheaper than treatment. Health Care bureaucracies always favor the bottom line. A cancer patient in Oregon was refused chemotherapy by their insurance carrier because of cost, and instead offered to pay for pills to assist her in suicide. This is the beginning of a slippery slope when incurable diseases, congenital issues or disabilities will not be offered treatment because of cost. You're too old or debilitated to waste the money on care for you. This will eliminate the old sickly, disfigured, debilitated, unproductive “useless” people including children in our society. It's happening in countries now around the world. We are being told that these lives are not worthwhile. They would be better off if they were dead. We are working to the goal of a perfect human race. What is happening to us! Shame on us all! May God have mercy on our souls!

We will notify you when these bills come up for discussion and votes with information and talking points so you can contact state legislatures.

MOUNT CARMEL GOLDEN YEARS CLUB**April 2023****April 18, 2023**

10:00 AM Socializing
 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM VNA “Keep Well Clinic”
 12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social
 After Lunch Bingo

April 25, 2023

10:00 AM Socializing
 11:00 AM Senior Fraud Presentation
 12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social
 After Lunch Bingo