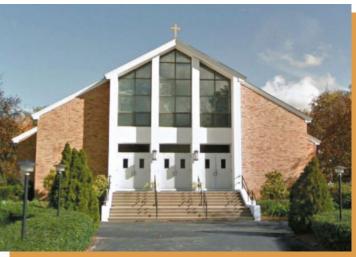


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MASS SCHEDULE

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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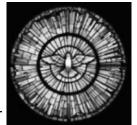
As a reminder Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester in screening those who work with children in our care and in helping victims of abuse find healing.

John.morello@gmail.com

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.

Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima..... May 13, 2023

On May 13, 1917, Lucia dos Santos (aged 9) and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto (aged 8 and 6, respectively) were tending sheep in central Portugal, about 113 km (70 miles) northeast of Lisbon, when they had a vision of a woman surrounded by light who identified herself as the Lady of the Rosary. Following the initial event, the children reported seeing the vision five more times, once each month through October. During her appearances, Our Lady of Fátima supposedly gave the children three secrets and repeatedly exhorted them to pray the **rosary** for world peace and emphasized the necessity of devotions to her Immaculate Heart in order for souls to be saved. The children also said that she told them God would perform a **miracle** on October 13 so that people would believe. A crowd estimated at about 70,000 gathered at Fátima on that day and witnessed what has been described as a miraculous solar phenomenon in which the Sun appeared to fall toward Earth—sometimes called the Miracle of the Sun—immediately after the lady's final appearance to the children.

After initially questioning the authenticity of the children's visions, the Vatican accepted them as appearances of the Virgin Mary (Our Lady of the Holy Rosary of Fátima), and Fátima became the location of one of the greatest Marian shrines in the world, visited by thousands of pilgrims each year. The first national pilgrimage to Fátima took place in 1927, and a basilica was begun in 1928 and consecrated in 1953. With a tower 65 metres (213 feet) high and surmounted by a large bronze crown and a crystal cross, the basilica is flanked by hospitals and retreat houses and faces a vast square in which the little Chapel of the Apparitions is located. Numerous cures of the sick have been reported. On May 13, 1967—the 50th anniversary of the first vision—a crowd of about a million pilgrims gathered at Fátima to hear Pope Paul VI say mass and pray for peace.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

DEAR FRIENDS,

Today, Sunday, Carlo Bianco, Mary Hayes, Ryan Buzulis and Mia Totaro will receive our Lord Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion. This is a very special and unforgettable time for them, their parents, families, and for our parish family. May they always have the good example of their parents and all of us of what it means to be a faithful and faith-filled Catholic.

What an incredible gift God has given to us in the Eucharist! It is not just a symbol or reminder to us of God, but it is God Himself, what we refer to as the Real Presence, the Lord Jesus, both in His humanity and divinity, the food of angels, becoming part of us.

In an article he wrote, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, stated: "At the Last Supper Jesus knew He was about to die. He knew He would not be able to eat Passover again with them. Fully aware of this, he invited His disciple to a Last Supper of a very special kind. During the meal, He gave them something new: He gave them Himself as the true Lamb and thereby initiated His Passover."

The Eucharist makes present the saving death and resurrection of Jesus. We are invited to unite our sufferings, wounds, and trials to Christ in the liturgy of the Eucharist. As St. Paul tells us, we are called to imitate what we worship – Christ - and to offer ourselves as a "living sacrifice." (Romans 12:1) This is exactly what should happen at every Mass.

May we always treasure the gift of the Eucharist and continue to thank Jesus for giving Himself fully to us!
Congratulations to our First Communion students and their families!

Easter blessings!

Monsignor Pedone

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

PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING, TUESDAY, MAY 9^{TH} , AT 6:00 PM IN THE PARISH CENTER.

JOINT PARISH COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MAY 10^{TH} AT 6:00 PM IN THE PARISH CENTER.

The Easter Season continues.....

We have just celebrated <u>Easter</u>, 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 <u>Ascension</u> into Heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit on <u>Pentecost</u>, which inaugurates the mission of the Church to spread the Good News of salvation to all the world!

The Easter Season ends on <u>Pentecost Sunday</u> which falls on May 28 this year.

May is the Month of Our Blessed Mother

Strengthen your friendship with Mary, the patroness of our parish, by saying the rosary every day during the month of May.
Also, visit our Rosary Garden behind our parish center, and say the rosary while you walk through the mysteries.



Prayer to Mary, Our Mother

Mary, our Mother, I come to you with my needs and beg you to help me.

I honor you as my Mother and helper and I trust in your love for me.

Lead me on the path of virtue, and preserve me from every evil.

Let me enjoy your protection and walk in your love and peace.

Guide me closer to Jesus, who gave you to me to be my Mother.

We ask that you pray for our young people who are receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion today.



Carlo Bianco Ryan Buzulis Mary Hayes Mia Totaro

SAVE THE DATE

Pasta Supper
June 17 after the 4:00 pm Mass
in the Church Hall.

Price is \$10—Tickets on sale soon.

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SAVE THE DATE

The Italian Festival will be held August 10-13, 2022. Volunteers are needed. If interested please contact Elaine Beaudry at ebeaudry19@gmail.com or 508-769-1473.

CALLING ALL BAKERS

If you are interested in helping bake for this year's Italian Festival, please contact the parish office at 508-753-5001 or Elaine Beaudry at 508-769-1473 or ebeaudry19@gmail.com. We will be baking Monday-Thursday one week in May, June and July from 9 am—1 pm

Also, supplies are needed such as flour, sugar, mini chocolate chips, whole almonds, and anise extract. Items can be dropped off at the parish office. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

ITALIAN FESTIVAL MEETING

May 15 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. All are welcome.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you to all who set-up, served, and cleaned up after the Italian Festival Dinner. A huge thank you to all of you that came and supported us as well. We couldn't have had such a successful event without all your support! Our net proceeds from the event was \$1572.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

The Respect Life Ministry will be offering red carnations to mothers, grandmothers and expectant mothers after all the Masses on Mother's Day weekend, **May 13 & 14.** All donations will be sent to a local charity in the Diocese.



Question...

What are the two most important times of your life?

The answer will be in next week's bulletin.

Financial Stewardship For the week ending April 30, 2023		
Income		
Offertory: Week-End On-Line Giving Mail Maintenance	\$2,923.00 1,348.75 1,269.00 165.00	
Ascension Catholic Communications Peter's Pence Fuel Catholic Relief Services	55.00 20.00 20.00 20.00 5.00	
Total Offertory Transfer from Savings Funeral Stipends Partners in Charity Candles Mass Stipends Sanctuary Lamp Total		\$5,825.75 2,430.00 300.00 150.00 89.00 80.00 50.00 \$8,924.75
<u>Disbursements</u>		
Salaries and Wages Diocesan Invoices (April) Legal Fees Employee Benefits Pastoral Retreat Semi-Annual Diaconate Fee Partners in Charity Supplies Funeral Stipends Total		\$7,519.00 5,495.00 2,430.00 1,073.17 595.00 375.00 150.00 120.00 100.00 \$17,857.17
Average Weekly Amount Ne for Parish Operations Total Amount Deposited Less: Diocesan Collections	\$8,924,75	\$8,400.00
& Restricted Funds	(2,475.00)	6,449.75

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TRIP TO NEW YORK

I am in the process of trying to plan a trip to New York for the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - The Feast of the Giglio. I will send more information as I continue to make plans. But at this time I need to know who is interested. The date will be **Saturday**, **July 15**. The cost is \$85.00 The bus will leave at 7:00 a.m. and we will return home around 10:00 p.m. Please let me know if you are interested.

Joan D'Argenis

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 April 13, 2023, we have:

99 Gifts

Total: \$ 34,345.

We are at 69 % of our goal!

Ways to donate:

Online: Go to partnersincharity.net

By phone: Development office 508-929-4366

By mail: Checks <u>payable to Partners in Charity</u>
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

Instead of counting sheep, talk to the Shepherd.

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.



Saturday, May 6, 2023—4:00 p.m.

Robert Carreau by Wife, Linda

Gail Astrella by Family and Friends

Maura & Hughie Cathcart and Brendan Shanley

by the Shanley Family

Sunday, May 7, 2023—8:00 a.m.

Frances Pascucci and Sherri Galligan by Family

Joseph R. Sama Sr. (9th Anniversary) by Family

Sunday, May 7, 2023 –10:30 a.m.

Robert (Bobby) Sabatalo (First Anniversary) by
Family

Giuseppe lannotta and Giovanni Giouti by sister-in-law

Linda Lonardo by Carmine and Esther Lonardo **Deacon Gerald Montiverdi Sr.** (Month's Mind) by wife, Veronika and Family

Monday, May 8, 2023—7:00 a.m.

Giuliano Taffuri, Giovanna Stellato and Emilio
Taffuri by Daughter

<u>Tuesday, May 9, 2023—7:00 a.m.</u> **Deacon Gerald Montiverdi** by a Friend

Wednesday, May 10, 2023—7:00 a.m. The Sick of the Parish

Thursday, May 11, 2023—7:00 a.m.

John, Nina, Frankie, Anna and Francis X.

Pignataro by Maria and Anthony

Saturday, May 13, 2023—4:00 p.m.

Ray Greenwood (5th Anniversary) by Family

Sunday, May 14, 2023—8:00 a.m.

St. Jude for Favors Received
Linda E. Sacco by husband Pat Sacco and Family
Joseph Desto Jr. (Anniversary) by Family

Sunday, May 14, 2023—10:30 a.m.

Eric Carter (12th Anniversary) by Julie Tufano
Silvia Cazzaniga by Wilma Sulka
Katherine Riggieri by daughter, Dolores
Congetta DiVirgilio by daughter, Lucy

EASTER FLOWERS

Many thanks to all who made donations to our parish for Easter flowers. Our sanctuary was decorated beautifully for the Easter season. A complete listing of donations made in memory or in honor of loved ones is available in the vestibule of the church.



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.

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

Albert Riggieri By Family



Ministry Assignments May 13-14

May 13 @ 4:00 pm Lector – Pat Solitro Ministers – Tom Lavin & Sue Cozzolino

May 14 @ 8 am Lector - Chris Cook Ministers - Joe Sama

Ministers - Joe Sama

May 14 @ 10:30 am

Lector—Maria Sciannameo Ministers - Chizoma Nosike & 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.

Friendly Reminder:

Next Sunday, May 14, is Mother's Day



Upcoming Events

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

Golden Years (every Tuesday)

I Knights of Columbus Meeting-7 pm

(every 3rd Wednesday) All men of the

Parish are welcome to attend.

May 7—First Holy Communion at 10:30 Mass

May 14—Mother's Day

May 18—The Ascension of the Lord

May 18—UMass Care Mobile

May 21—Rosary Mass followed by Pancake Breakfast

May 19-21—Diocesan Youth Retreat

June 17—Pasta Supper—Details to follow

I August 10-13—ITÂLIAN FESTIVAL!

Oct. 7—Catholic Women's Conference (details to follow)

Cursillo for 2023:

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

<u>2023</u>: Women's: 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.

MOUNT CARMEL GOLDEN YEARS CLUB May 2023

May 9, 2023

10:00 AM Socializing 10:30 AM Board Meeting

12:00 NOON Lunch - Followed by Social

After Lunch Bingo

May 16, 2023

10:00 AM Socializing

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM VNA "Keep Well Clinic"

10:30 AM Memorial Mass Brunch to follow

May 23, 2023

10:00 AM Socializing

11:00 AM Cheryl Gengel (Be Like Brit) 12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social

After Lunch Bingo

May 30, 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.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

"Never underestimate the power of prayer" is a favorite mantra of our Pastor. This is a true story, that enforces that motto, which took place on April 26 of this year, outside the Women's Health Services in Brookline, an abortion clinic. A mother of five was inside the clinic for a scheduled abortion. Jean, a sidewalk counselor, was outside talking with the husband. The husband had tried to talk his wife out of the abortion, but she remained determined to go through with it due to medical problems and a difficult previous pregnancy. Jean asked the husband if he believed in God. He said no. Jean then said, "Ask God for help anyway because we are praying for every mother going in to the clinic, and will you text her one more time and ask that she not go through with the abortion. He said he would. Later he passed Jean, heading back to his car with his wife. "God just answered your prayer he said". He and his wife then left the parking lot, windows up, without engaging any of the pro-lifers present. A baby's life was saved through prayer. Pray for Jean and all sidewalk counselors that God will hear their prayers and stop the evil of abor-



Had a great "At the Foot of the Cross" grief group meeting this evening.

"Chris Kozlowski (featured under a rainbow outside of the parish center) celebrated her 48th wedding anniversary on April 26 to her beloved Michael with Donna Grasseschi, Mary Grace Martone, Bernie Birch, Nancy Crowley, and Lisa Sullivan, who assists the "At the Foot of the Cross" grief group as a certified therapist. Also joining the celebration was Knights of Columbus chancellor Domenic Mercurio, Jr.

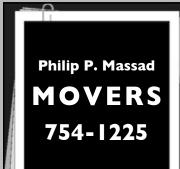
The group meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the parish center. For information on the group, contact Domenic at 508-479-1171."

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