



# 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).

## 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 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.

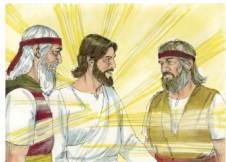
**Our Lady of Mt.  
Carmel and Our Lady of  
Loreto Parish  
PRAYER FOR PARISH  
SPIRITUAL RENEWAL**



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.**

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



**Sunday, August 6**

**The Feast of the Transfiguration  
of the Lord**

**The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord** recalls the revelation of Christ's glory on Mount Tabor in the presence of his disciples, Peter, James and John. Christ was *transfigured* before their eyes, shining with Divine light, and He was joined by Moses & Elijah, representing the Old testament: the Law and the prophets.

The word "transfiguration" comes from the Latin roots *trans-* ("across") and *figura* ("form, shape"). It thus signifies a change of form or appearance.

The Transfiguration falls on the same date, August 6, every year. In 1456, in celebration of the Christian victory over the Muslim Turks at the siege of Belgrade, Pope Callixtus III extended the celebration of the Feast of the Transfiguration to the Universal Church, and set its date as August 6.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

The Parish Center Office Hours are  
Monday-Thursday 8:00 am—4:00 p.m.  
Fridays 9 a.m.—12 p.m.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

DEAR FRIENDS,

Our parish festival will return this week! It is very exciting!! Please join us beginning Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> for a time of fun, feasting, music and renewing old friendships. Elaine Beaudry, the festival chair, and her committee have worked very hard to organize this year's event, and I am grateful to her and her committee for their hard work.

The festival Mass will be celebrated next Sunday at the 10:30 Mass and Bishop McManus will be the main celebrant and homilist. We are honored that he is able to join us for this important celebration for our parish.

May God bless you all!

Summer blessings!  
Monsignor Pedone



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

*Begins on Tuesday, September 5th  
at 7:00 pm*

*and continues for nine  
consecutive Tuesday nights,  
ending on October 31st.*

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

*This year's speakers are:*

*September 5—Rev. Lucas Laroche*

*September 12—Rev. Jonathan Slavinskis*

*September 19—Bishop Robert McManus*

*September 26—Rev. Richard Polek*

*October 3—Rev. Kenneth Cardinale*

*October 10—Deacon Donald Pegg*

*October 17—Deacon Paul Audette*

*October 24—Rev. Frederick Fraini*

*October 31—Rev. Paul O'Connell*

*All are welcome to participate in this special yearly devotion to our Blessed Mother, Mary.*

**Tibetan Proverb:**

The secret to living well and longer is:

Eat half

Walk double

Laugh triple

And Love without measure.



## ITALIAN FESTIVAL 2023

August 10, 11, 12, 13, 2023

Thursday, 5-10 pm, Friday, 5-11 pm, Saturday, noon to 11 pm, and Sunday, noon to 6 pm

It's almost here!!!!

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On the last day, Bishop McManus will celebrate the 10:30 am Mass and then process to our Shrine where we will honor

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto

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### Our own booths:

Fried Dough \*\*\* Sausage \*\*\* Beer & Wine

Hot Dogs/Hamburgers \*\*\* Ice Cream

ITALIAN COOKIES!!!

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### Participating VENDORS:

BOULEVARD DINER \*\*\* PEPE'S

RUSO'S \*\*\* MOE'S SWEET EATS

Bubba's Eats \*\*\* Italian Food \*\*\* Cannoli's and more!!

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**For the Kids:** Bouncy Houses & Games

Wipe Out Obstacle Course \*\*\* Face Painting

Table Talk Pie Eating Contest \*\*\* Art Lab

**New this year—CYC NIGHT—Saturday, August 12**

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**And don't forget the Money Raffle!!**

\$ 1000 \*\*\* \$ 500 \*\*\* \$ 250

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**Entertainment every night!**

The Verge, She's Busy, Boombox

Johnny Vincent, Jo Ann Warren Studios

Joe Cariglia & New England Karate Academy

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**Make your plans to come, bring the family and have fun!!!**

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**Can't wait to see you there!!!!**

## ITALIAN FESTIVAL COOKIE FROSTING

We will be frosting cookies on **Tuesday, August 8 at 9:00 a.m.** If you have already signed up to help out please meet us at the church hall at 9:00 a.m. If you have not signed up but would like to help out, please feel free to join us.



## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

The Respect Life Ministry is sponsoring a free presentation on a new proposal for sex education in MA schools. Our speaker is Michael King of MA Family Institute, a strong faith-based Christian who promotes family and moral culture in society. These new proposals put forth by Gov. Maura Healey include explaining genitalia to pre-school, first and second graders, how to transgender for elementary age children and their readiness for sexual behavior, and the benefits of sexual behavior for high school students and more. This is absurd! Come and hear the truth and how you can fight and defeat this abhorrent agenda. If you have school age children this is frightening. Spread the word to family, friends and others. Stand up to the bullies!

This will take place on **Monday, August 7th, 7PM** at the Parish Center of Our Lady of Loreto Parish, 33 Massasoit Rd. in Worcester. This could be the best hour you spend this summer!

## BACKPACK AND SCHOOL SUPPLY PROGRAM FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF WORCESTER

Catholic Charities of Worcester is collecting donations of backpacks and school supplies in order to provide hundreds of children and families in need in the Diocese of Worcester the necessary items for a successful school year. Please drop off donations either at the church or the parish office between July 23rd and August 9th. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile program!



## BEACH TRIPS

One last beach trip for the year. Adults - \$25.00, kids \$20.00 with a cap of \$40.00 for families of 2-4 people. Each additional person will cost \$5.00.

The bus will leave from the parking lot of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel\Our Lady of Loreto - 37 Massasoit Rd. at 8:00 a.m. and we will leave the beach at 3:00 p.m. To sign up please send an email to Joan at joan\_dargenis@yahoo.com or call the office at 508-753-5001

**August 14—Gloucester (Good Harbor Beach)**

**SAVE  
the  
DATE**

Religious Education classes will begin on Sunday, September 24. A schedule, registration forms and more information will be available soon.



Financial Stewardship  
For the week ending July 30, 2023

Income

Offertory:

Week-End	\$3,448.29
Mail	1,065.00
On-Line Giving	525.25
Maintenance	150.00
Assumption	5.00
Total Offertory	\$5,193.54
Transfer from Savings	20,313.40
CYC—Summer Program	1,304.00
Rental Income	90.00
Candles	83.00
Sanctuary Lamp	50.00
Mass Stipends	10.00
Total	<u>\$27,043.94</u>

Disbursements

Grounds & Landscaping (Balance)	\$13,211.65
Rectory Wiring Upgrades	7,101.75
Diocesan Invoices (July)	5,607.00
Salaries and Wages	1,555.50
Employee Benefits	916.33
Water and Sewer	325.78
Postage	266.30
Supplies	247.79
Total	<u>\$29,232.10</u>

Average Weekly Amount Needed for Parish Operations	\$8,400.00
Total Amount Deposited	\$27,043.94
Less: Diocesan Collections & Restricted Funds	<u>(21,617.40)</u>
Cash Over/(Short)	<u>\$5,426.54</u> <u>(\$2,973.46)</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 was \$50,000.**

As of July 20, 2023, we have raised:

**We have surpassed our goal!**

**153 Gifts      Total: \$ 52,690.**

**105 %!!**

**The Diocese is at 86% of its goal.**

**If you have not yet had the opportunity to contribute to this important appeal, there are envelopes in the pews for your convenience.**

**Thank you all so much!!**

**Many people in our Diocese will benefit from your support and generosity!!!**

**A LETTER FROM BISHOP McMANUS**

August 3, 2023

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Although Soviet communism ended in the early 1990s, its destructive effects linger in the societies where it once ruled. Under the communist system, cultural values of charity and volunteerism disappeared. Rapid, sometimes harsh transitions to market economies led to ongoing attitudes of materialism that have left poor and dependent people—such as children, seniors, and people with disabilities—particularly vulnerable. This is especially true in the former Soviet republic of Moldova, which, despite its political independence, is one of the poorest countries in Europe.

The Diocese of Chişinău, founded in 2000, covers all of Moldova and the unrecognized breakaway state of “Transnistria,” currently occupied by Russian forces. Today the diocese contains 20 parishes and seven charity foundations that work to meet the spiritual and material needs of the people. This spirit of love for the most poor and needy is evident in Moldova’s generous response not only to the needs of its own people but also to refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine.

Working in cooperation with Caritas Moldova, the diocese has expanded its outreach and ability to reveal Christ’s mercy to Moldova’s vulnerable children and youth by establishing a network of care and support centers, where children and youth benefit from informal education programs in a safe, caring environment. The centers also help strengthen the parenting skills of mothers and fathers. With funding from the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, the diocese and its local partners have established the centers according to standards for quality and child protection to make them safe and caring environments.

Your support of the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe** on the weekend of August 13 is crucial to the success of ministries that affirm the dignity of children, youth, and other vulnerable people and show them the love and mercy of Jesus. Please be generous to the collection. For more information about the collection and whom it supports, visit [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee). Thank you for your help to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester

**Something to remember.....**

**Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.**

**Live simply, Love generously,  
Care deeply, Speak kindly.....  
Leave the rest to God.**

# MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, August 5, 2023—4:00 p.m.

**John Fenuccio** (Birthday Remembrance) by Family

Sunday, August 6, 2023—8:00 a.m.

**The People of the Parish**

Sunday, August 6, 2023—10:30 a.m.

**Anthony Coffone** (Month's Mind) by wife Nancy and Family

**Edward LeClair** (57th Anniversary) and **Carmen LeClair Tobin** (39th Anniversary) by Family

Monday, August 7, 2023—7:00 a.m.

**Parishioners Intentions**

Tuesday, August 8, 2023—7:00 a.m.

**The Souls in Purgatory**

Wednesday, August 9, 2023—7:00 a.m.

**The Sick of the Parish**

Thursday, August 10, 2023—7:00 a.m.

**Parishioners Intentions**

Saturday, August 12, 2023—4:00 p.m.

**Past and Present Members of the Catholic Association of Foresters**

Sunday, August 13, 2023—8:00 a.m.

**Alphonse San Clemente** (Birthday Remembrance) by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cianci  
**Linda E. Sacco** by husband Pat and Family

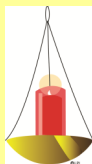
Sunday, August 13, 2023—10:30 a.m.

**Michael Moccia** by Uncle Mike

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

**Anthony Coffone**  
By Rita O'Brien

**James O'Brien**  
By Family



*Pray...Pray...Pray...*



**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, Paul Locantore, Ann Servidio, Joseph Vancelette, Madelyn Martin, 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, Isabella Gamble, Melissa Totaro, Nancy Meringolo, Veronika Montiverdi, Nancy Molinari, Joyce Molinari, Lillian Pascarelli, Lisa Cianci, and Tina Donahue. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

## Ministry Assignments August 12-13

August 12 @ 4:00 pm

**Lector – Sandra Mercurio**

**Ministers – Elaine David & Chet DiLeo**

August 13 @ 8 am

**Lector - Sandra SanClemente**

**Ministers - Joe Sama**

August 13 @ 10:30 am

**Lector—Dave Soares**

**Ministers - Laurie Matosky & Santina Macgregor**

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

**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**

**August 10-13—ITALIAN FESTIVAL!**

**August 24—UMass Care Mobile**

**Sept. 7-10—Women's Cursillo**

**Sept. 5— Oct. 31—Annual Miraculous Medal Novena**

**Sept. 10—"Funny Girl" (See article)**

**Sept. 23-24 -New York City Trip (See article)**

**Oct. 7—Catholic Women's Conference—Save the date**

**Oct. 26—Celebrate Priesthood 10th Anniversary**

**Oct. 28—Mini Retreat for Women—Save the date**

**Dec. 7-10 -Men's Cursillo**



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

**Sunday, Aug 06, 2023**

**Improve your vision**

Much of the time, we keep our heads down. We focus on the day ahead or the task at hand. We worry about personal relationships gone awry or the pricey cost of living. Transfigured seeing invites us to lift our gaze higher or to grasp truths under the surface of things. The broader, deeper vision reveals to us how to respond effectively to what we see. Saints in every generation have exercised this prophetic vision, recognizing a social problem and then creatively proposing a response. Pray the daily news—and ask for the guidance of a clarifying vision.

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9 (614). "As the visions during the night continued, I saw: One like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven."*

**Monday, Aug 07, 2023**

**May your faith ripen sweetly**

It's about this time of year that grapes in many parts of the world begin a crucial transformation process the French have named *veraison*. It's when grapes start to ripen and change from green to purple—not always at the same time in the same cluster, making for some beautiful color combinations. Mostly likely because of the timing of his feast day, Pope Sixtus II is the patron saint of grape prosperity. Where are you in the midst of your own *veraison* as a Christian? Pray for cause to celebrate your faith bearing ripe fruit.

MEMORIAL OF SIXTUS II, POPE, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 11:4b-15; Matthew 14:13-21 (407). "They all ate and were satisfied."*

**Tuesday, Aug 08, 2023**

**For want of a better word**

When Dominic founded the Order of Preachers in 1216, he'd been appalled by the rise of the Albigensian heresy, denying the goodness of God's creation. Even more appalling was the lack of informed preaching to inoculate the congregation against it. Dominic threw himself into the kind of witness modeled by the Acts of the Apostles, his new religious community adopting the motto "to praise, to bless, to preach." Not surprisingly, the Dominicans have given us eloquent saints, including Catherine of Siena and Thomas Aquinas—even captivating the world in 1963 with a chart-topping pop song, "Dominique." To quote another Dominican, Saint Martin de Porres: "Everything, even sweeping ... could be a prayer, if it were offered to God."

MEMORIAL OF DOMINIC, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 12:1-13; Matthew 14:22-36 or Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14 (408). "Throughout my house he bears my trust: face to face I speak to him; plainly and not in riddles."*

**Wednesday, Aug 09, 2023**

**The awful truth**

The bombing of Nagasaki, which occurred on this day in 1945, was truly awful in all senses of the word. Splitting the atom to unleash its enormous power put the genius and depravity of humanity on full, awe-inspiring display. Though we have many positive uses for atomic energy, its initial use to increase our capacity to kill on a massive scale is a moral failure that we have yet to overcome. The war machine rages on. What role will you play in helping humanity move toward the good?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Matthew 15:21-28 (409). "We have sinned, we and our fathers; we have committed crimes; we have done wrong."*

**Thursday, Aug 10, 2023**

**Where's your treasure?**

During the persecution of the Early Church, Saint Lawrence was under a death threat from Emperor Valerian. But his persecutor offered a deal. Lawrence could live if he turned over the treasures of the church. In one of history's most audacious rebukes, Lawrence is said to have gathered the poor and sick and told Valerian: Here is our treasure. For his act of resistance and faith, Lawrence was burned to death. How do you resist injustice? Saint Lawrence, give us courage.

FEAST OF LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26 (618). "Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life."*

**Friday, Aug 11, 2023**

**Love takes its toll**

Inspired by her mentor Saint Francis, Saint Clare and the women who eventually joined her to form the Poor Clares had a "radical commitment to corporate poverty." The women lived simply and spent most of their day in prayer and chores. It was a hard life, but one filled with joy for those who chose it—and continue to choose it. Spend time today pondering this pearl of wisdom from Clare: "Love that does not know of suffering is not worthy of the name."

MEMORIAL OF CLARE, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Matthew 16:24-28 (411). "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."*

**Saturday, Aug 12, 2023**

**Youthful endeavors**

According to the United Nations website, half the people on Planet Earth are under 30 years of age. Yet only 2.6 percent of government lawmakers worldwide are under 30. International Youth Day, observed annually on August 12, is designated by the United Nations to draw attention to cultural and legal issues surrounding youth. Pope Francis teaches in *Laudato Si'*, "What kind of world do we want to leave ... to children who are now growing up?" (#160). International Youth Day recognizes everyone's responsibility to hand on a sustainable, free, and secure Earth to the next generation. What's going on in your community to accomplish this goal?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Matthew 17:14-20 (412). "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move."*