



# 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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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.**

**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 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.*

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

DEAR FRIENDS, Afghanistan is the only country in the world that won't let its women go to school — but that hasn't stopped some girls and their families from risking imprisonment — or worse — to get an education.

Shabana Basij-Rasikh comes from such a family. She was six years old when Afghanistan first fell to the Taliban. The Muslim extremists closed all girls' schools in the country — but Shabana's parents refused to keep their daughters locked up at home. They enrolled Shabana and her older sister in a clandestine school being run out of a former principal's living room. To avoid detection, Shabana's mother dressed her daughters as boys, complete with tee-shirts, pants and "buzz cuts." Those "secret schools," Shabana recalls, were "run by some of the bravest women I will ever know, and I was just one of the many girls who packed into these women's homes and living rooms as they quite literally risked their lives to educate us."

When the Taliban regime fell after the U.S. invasion in 2001, Shabana was able to go to a real school for the first time where she excelled. She won a place in a State Department program to spend a year of high school in the United States. She was placed with a host family in Wisconsin.

"It was the first time in my life where girls had no concerns whatsoever that their freedom to attend school could be taken away from them," Shabana remembers.

While a student at Middlebury College, Shabana conceived the idea for SOLA. Sola is the Afghan word "peace" and also short for "School for Leadership Afghanistan." Shabana envisioned not just a school to educate girls and young women in science, history, math and literature but to train them to be the leaders who will create Afghanistan's future. The first class was up and running in Kabul in 2011. Within five years, SOLA had expanded into a boarding school for girls in grades six through twelve.

SOLA continues to thrive in Rwanda, welcoming new students every year. The faculty is now designing an online academy. And Shabana Basij-Rasikh spends every waking hour preparing for a return to Afghanistan. "Educated girls grow to become educated woman, and educated women will not allow their children to become terrorists," Shabana believes. "The secret to a peaceful and prosperous Afghanistan is no secret at all: it is educated girls."

At the start of 2021, SOLA was thriving with a record number of applications and the construction of a new campus underway. SOLA graduates were going on to university and graduate school and launching professional careers. But that August, the Taliban returned to power when the United States withdrew. The Taliban cracked down on schools like SOLA. Shabana then accomplished the impossible: she moved the school 3,000 miles away to the African nation of Rwanda and, in an escape worthy of a Hollywood thriller, she managed to get the students, teachers, staff and staff families — 256 people in all — out of Kabul to the new campus on Rwanda.

Education is the "cross" that Shabana Basij-Rasikh has taken up; SOLA is the means she has embraced for transforming the cruel ignorance of the present into new opportunities for the future. In much the same way, the cross that Jesus asks his followers to take up is not a cross that cedes to crucifixion but a cross that is the means to resurrection. If we are true to Jesus' call to discipleship, we'll find the courage and wisdom to embrace values that contradict what society prizes; we'll move beyond our fears and doubts to take the first lonely and difficult steps toward reconciliation and peace; we'll discover within ourselves the selflessness to put aside our own needs and wants for what is best for family and community. Every one of us is called to take on such a cross in our lives: a cross that demands a great deal from us but a cross that means life, reconciliation and peace for others. The work of Christ's cross calls us to his same spirit of selfless, generous, sacrificial service to others enabling us to bring the hope and promise of his Resurrection into our badly hurting world.

Late Summer blessings!  
Monsignor Pedone



## OCIA – Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (also known as RCIA) Interested in becoming Catholic?

The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) also known as RCIA, program at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish and Our Lady of Loreto Parish begins in the fall and continues through the Easter season. This program is open to any ADULT who;

- 1) is interested in becoming Catholic,
- 2) is in need of receiving any one or all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and 1<sup>st</sup> Communion,
- 3) wishes to enter into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church, as well as those who have been away from the Church and want to return and/or just want to learn more about the teachings of the Church.

Our OCIA program will begin on Thursday October 19, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the center. For more information, please contact Maria at [508-842-7604](tel:508-842-7604) or email; [sciannameo352@gmail.com](mailto:sciannameo352@gmail.com). Please give your name, and contact information.

Or call O.L. of Loreto office at [508-753-5001](tel:508-753-5001).

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel & Our Lady of Loreto Parish will again offer the Adult Faith Formation program. This program is open to all adults who have a desire to know/understand their Catholic faith in a deeper, more meaningful way.

Please join us for these classes....become part of our family of faith in which we share our thoughts, experiences and learn to support each other as we journey through this life together....

Along with various issues which affect us daily, we will unpack some of the teachings of the Church. We will discuss how these teachings affect us and so answer questions as to why the Church teaches what she teaches using the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the bible and the willingness to learn!

Come, you just might be surprised at what you'll learn!

**Adult Faith Formation will be held at the educational center behind the church on Mondays beginning October 16, 2023 at 6:00 pm. For more information please call the center at 508-753-5001 or Maria at 508-842-7604.**

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00 PM IN THE PARISH CENTER

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Children in public schools or non-Catholic private schools and academics should be attending religious education classes on a yearly basis. Children planning on receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion **must** attend classes for two years (Grade 1 and Grade 2.) Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation **must** attend classes for two years (Grade 9 and Grade 10.)

Children in parochial schools and private Catholic schools are required to attend classes only for one year (the year of preparation.) First Holy Communion is usually received in Grade 2 and Confirmation in Grades 9 or above. **Registration forms are available on our parish website or in the office at the Our Lady of Loreto Center, Monday – Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and in the vestibule of the church.** There is a fee of \$35.00 per child or \$60.00 per family.

### CCD Schedule

**Classes will begin on Sunday, September 24.** Grades Pre-K through Grade 4 will meet on Sunday mornings from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. and includes attendance at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Parents are asked to attend Mass with their children. Attendance in the pre-K and Kindergarten are not mandatory. Grades 5 – 10 will meet on Sunday mornings from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Students are required to attend Mass, it is suggested that they attend the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

### Religious Education Parents Meeting

There are two meetings scheduled for parents; **On Sunday, October 1 at 9:15 a.m. at the Our Lady of Loreto Center** for all parents. These meetings are important, for they will include a description of the programs and will include discussions on the reception of the Sacraments of First Penitence, and First Holy Communion.

There will be another meeting on **Sunday, October 1 at 11:45 a.m. at the Our Lady of Loreto Center** for parents of students planning on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation either in the spring of 2024. **Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation must attend classes for two years if they attend a Public school, which includes private schools. (Grade 9 and Grade 10.)** Students who attend parochial schools only need to attend one year of CCD.

### Religious Education Teachers Meeting

There will be a CCD teachers meeting on **Monday, September 18, 2023 at 6:30** in the Parish Center. We are in need of a teacher for 5th and 6th grade. If you are interested please contact Joan at [joan\\_dargenis@yahoo.com](mailto:joan_dargenis@yahoo.com) or 508-753-5001.



Financial Stewardship

For the week ending September 3, 2023

Income

## Offertory:

Week-End	\$3,632.69	
Mail	1,395.00	
On-Line Giving	467.75	
Maintenance	450.00	
Catholic Schools	45.00	
All Souls	30.00	
All Saints	30.00	
World Missions	20.00	
Assumption	15.00	
Total Offertory		\$6,085.44
CYC—Youth and Family Programs		636.00
Donations (Pass Thru)		155.00
Candles		92.00
Rental Income		90.00
Religious Education Fees		70.00
Mass Stipends		65.00
Total		<u>\$7,193.44</u>

Disbursements

Music: (August)		
Organists	\$1,000.00	
Cantors	600.00	
Choir Director	300.00	
Total Cost of Music		\$1,900.00
Salaries and Wages		7,471.50
Employee Benefits		956.21
Repairs and Maintenance		832.00
Rectory—Food and Household		765.07
Funeral Stipends		200.00
Donations (Pass Thru)		155.00
Supplies		59.99
Total		<u>\$12,339.77</u>
Average Weekly Amount Needed for Parish Operations		\$8,400.00
Total Amount Deposited	\$7,193.44	
Less: Diocesan Collections & Restricted Funds	250.00)	6,943.44
Cash Over/(Short)		<u>(\$1,456.56)</u>

**RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**

Turn on the radio, TV or any print media and you will get your fill of bad news, Wars, corruption, killings, sex trafficking, disrespect for human life, and on and on. But there is also good news out there. So why don't we hear about it 1). We have had saints living among us, St. John Paul II and St. Mother Teresa the most notable, 2). The miracle of Maria Lanakila Catholic Church in Hawaii that was spared destruction in the recent wildfires. 3). The increased enrollment in Catholic Schools. 4). Magisterium AI that will allow all Catholics, insight and teachings on their faith, around the world. 5). A new science-based pro-life educational program called "A Glimpse Inside" that allows people to see for themselves how a baby develops in the womb using 3D & 4D ultrasound technology with the intent of reducing abortions. 6). The So. Carolina Supreme Court upheld the Fetal Heartbeat and Protection from Abortion Act, causing a 70% decrease in abortion at the local Planned Parenthood. 7). The New Jersey Supreme Court decided that Catholic schools, as well as other denominational schools, may require their teachers to follow a code of conduct to uphold the school's religious beliefs and practices. 8). The 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals approved additional abortion bill restrictions in regards to mail order abortions. There are many more "good news" stories of individual and groups making a positive change in our lives. Evil exists when we do nothing to stop it. Seek out good and stand up for the truth. You are on God's side and God never loses.

The Respect Life Ministry has provided "opt out" forms for the sex education curriculum in Massachusetts schools. They are inserted into this bulletin and are also available at the table in the vestibule.

### A Pro-Life Morning of Reflection and Enrichment

A Pro-Life Morning of Reflection and Enrichment will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 16** from 10:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. The day will include Mass and light lunch. There is no cost to attend but **pre-registration is required**. To register, send your name, parish, and email address to [aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org), or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311. All are invited to attend!

Save the date!!!Tenth Annual Celebrate PriesthoodTaste of the Diocese GalaWhen: Thursday, October 26, 2023Where: St. Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. High School  
Granite St., Worcester

This is a Benefit Evening to recognize diocesan priests and support the Priest retirement fund.  
More details to follow.

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, September 9, 2023—4:00 p.m.

**Carmelo and Maria Carmela Nasitano** by Family  
**Donald A. Pegg** (11th Anniversary) by Family

Sunday, September 10, 2023—8:00 a.m.

**Linda E. Sacco** by husband Pat and Family  
**Nora Noonan** (43rd Anniversary) **Debra Gouin** (35th Anniversary) and **Paul Gouin** (First Anniversary) by Karen and David Gouin

Sunday, September 10, 2023—10:30 a.m.

**Lucy DiLeo** (18th Anniversary) by Family  
**John Dilorio** by Andrea, Matt and Tania  
**Michael P. Martin** (4th Anniversary), **Philip C. Porcaro** (6th Anniversary), **Henry C. Martin Sr.** (36th Anniversary) and **Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini** (8th Anniversary) by Michael C. Martin  
**John Morello Sr.** (17th Anniversary) by Janice and John Morello

Monday, September 11, 2023—7:00 a.m.

**Maria Lillette Vasquez** by the Ortiz Family

Tuesday, September 12, 2023—7:00 a.m.

**Adolfo Ortiz, Jr.** by the Ortiz Family

Wednesday, September 13, 2023—7:00 a.m.

**The Sick of the Parish**

Thursday, September 14, 2023—7:00 a.m.

**Rose, Tony & John Leanetti and Fannie, Murph and Freddie Ventilato** by Maria and Tony Pignataro

Saturday, September 16, 2023—4:00 p.m.

**Ronald Beaudry** (8th Anniversary) by Family  
**Kelli Chenevert Palumbo** by Family  
**Louis Cozzolino** by Family

Sunday, September 17, 2023—8:00 a.m.

**The People of the Parish**

Sunday, September 17, 2023—10:30 a.m.

**Palma Arcuri** by Family  
**Dolores Ventresca** (First Anniversary) and **Louis Ventresca** by Daughters  
**Mauro Sciannameo** (Birthday Remembrance) by Family



**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.



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

**Dolores Rossetti**  
By John and Patty Oliver

## 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 Carol J. Whitman and Barbara Morin. God grant them peace forever and bring comfort to their families and friends.*



## Patriot Day.....September 11

This year marks the 22nd anniversary of September 11, 2001. That day is something our children only heard about, but we adults witnessed the devastation that took place on television and couldn't believe our eyes. **Patriot Day (not to be confused with Patriots Day in April)** gives all of us time to reflect on the horrific terror attacks that took nearly 3,000 lives. We commemorate those who we lost and give thanks to the brave first responders who put their lives on the line. Take a moment today to consider what we stand for as a nation and how we can work together to make the world a better place for all.



**Don't let your worries get the best of you.  
Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.**

## September 10.... National Grandparents Day



It all started in 1969 when nine-year old Russell Capper sent a letter to President Nixon suggesting that a day should be set aside in order to celebrate grandparents. With the help of the U.S. Senate, a joint resolution was formed requesting the president to "issue annually a proclamation designating the first Sunday after Labor Day of each year as 'National Grandparents' Day'." Congress passed the legislation. On August 3, 1978, Jimmy Carter signed the proclamation, and the day was finally celebrated the following year.

### 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
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- Sept. 10—National Grandparents Day
- Sept. 11—Patriot Day
- Sept. 12– Oct. 31—Miraculous Medal Novena—  
Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm
- Sept. 16—Pro-Life Morning of Reflection
- Sept. 19—CYC Car Hop
- Sept. 27—"At the Foot of the Cross"
- Oct. 7—Catholic Women's Conference—Save the date
- Oct. 22– Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass
- Oct. 26—Celebrate Priesthood 10th Anniversary—  
Save the date
- Oct. 28—Mini Retreat for Women—Save the date
- Dec. 7-10 –Men's Cursillo

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FESTIVAL LAWN SIGNS  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE  
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PLEASE RETURN ALL NAME  
BADGES AND LANDYARDS  
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WE WILL NEED THEM FOR OUR NEXT FESTIVAL!  
THANK YOU!

"LOVE & TRANSFORMATION," a special concert by Jane Shivick, soprano & Olga Rogach, pianist at Mechanics Hall on 9/24/23 at 4pm. Tix are \$35, \$25 with special pricing for students and young people available at [www.mechanicshall.org](http://www.mechanicshall.org). This concert is given in memory of Todd A. Dickie



## APPLE PIES

The CYC will be making and selling apple pies. We will only be making pies that were pre-ordered. If you would like to order a pie, please let me know by **September 20**. We will sell the apple pies for \$15.00 each. If you are interested in ordering a pie, please call Lisa at 508-753-5001 or email Joan at [joan\\_dargenis@yahoo.com](mailto:joan_dargenis@yahoo.com). Pies will be available for **pick up on Friday, September 22 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the church** or if you live close by, we will make deliveries. We are also looking for donations of sugar, nutmeg, cinnamon, flour, and butter. We are also looking for volunteers who would like to help make the pies on Friday, September 22 starting at 3:00 p.m.



## CYC CAR HOP TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 19 4:30 – 7:30 P.M.

Remember Speedy's on Shrewsbury St or Arnolds on Happy Days – We are bringing back the Old Fashion Car Hop for three hours and enjoy Hotdogs, Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, French Fries and Milk Shakes  
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37 Massasoit Road

### Morning is God's way of saying...

One more time..... Go make a difference.....  
Touch a heart .... Encourage a mind.....  
Inspire a soul.....and... Enjoy the day.

### Ministry Assignments September 16-17

#### September 16 @ 4:00 pm

Lector – TBD

Ministers – Chet DiLeo & Nancy Gurgone

#### September 17 @ 8 am

Lector - TBD

Ministers - Joe Sama

#### September 17 @ 10:30 am

Lector—TBD

Ministers - Debbie & Gerry Woods

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If a substitution is made, please contact Julie so the announcement sheets will be correct.



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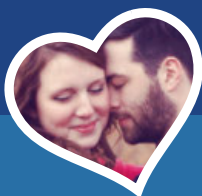
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