



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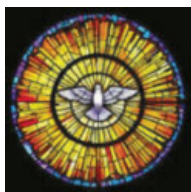
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As a reminder Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester in screening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

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Dear Friends,

A favorite story of Martin Buber, the great Jewish theologian and teacher, was about a rabbi in Jerusalem who was quietly studying the Talmud one day when one of his students came running into his study. "Rabbi, Rabbi," the young man shouted excitedly, "the Messiah has come! The Messiah has finally come!"

The rabbi calmly got out of his chair, looked out his window and carefully surveyed the street and village outside. He then announced that to him nothing seemed to have changed, and calmly returned to his study.

We believe that the Messiah has indeed come — but what difference has his coming made in our lives? If the rabbi were to look out his window today, what would he see? Would our world give him hope and joy — or would our divisions and prejudices, our cynicism and avarice send him back in despair to his study? Christ's coming is a watershed moment in human history: In Christ, God has revealed his very presence among us. In Christ, love is possible; we no longer need to live in anxiety or fear. In Christ, sin and darkness are not the final, decisive words but can always be transformed into goodness and light. But has it made a difference? Have we made our world a better place since the Messiah has come into our lives — or have we become the selfish and cruel "tenants" of the vineyard God has entrusted to us? May Martin Buber's prayer be realized among us now: that we become what we are — sons and daughters of God — but becoming what we are made to be — brothers and sisters to one another.

Autumn blessings!  
Monsignor Pedone



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

*Continues Tuesday nights  
at 7:00 pm  
ending on October 31st.  
Mark the dates and plan to come and  
bring a friend.*

*Remaining speakers are:*

*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.*

**COLUMBUS DAY – MONDAY, OCTOBER 9TH,  
IS A LEGAL HOLIDAY. PARISH OFFICES  
WILL BE CLOSED. THERE WILL BE  
NO 7:00 AM MASS THAT DAY.  
HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY!**

**PARISH OFFERING ENVELOPES**

We regularly mail out 286 sets of envelopes and on average 112 are generally returned weekly. Many of our parishioners use them. Some receive envelopes but choose not to use them. Hopefully, they are supporting our parish monetarily in different ways, such as EFT or monthly or quarterly donations. If you do receive offertory envelopes but do not use them to make your offering to the parish, please call the office at 508-753-5001 or email Lisa at lisaolmc@gmail.com to stop sending them because they are expensive to mail out. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO YOUR PARISH!



**Baby Bottle Drive for Visitation  
House**

This year we invite you to participate in the Baby Bottle drive for Visitation House. It will once again be a "Virtual" event— NO BOTTLES.

Here in our parish, the drive will be run from October 8-November 1. Flyers and self-addressed envelopes are provided for your donations, as well as directions to donate directly to Visitation House on their website. This is a great opportunity to do something positive and meaningful during this Respect Life Month.

**October is the Month of the Holy Rosary**



The Rosary is Christocentric, setting forth the entire life of Jesus Christ - the passion, death, resurrection and glory. Of course, the Rosary honors and contemplates Mary, too, and rightly so, for the same reason that the liturgical year does likewise: "Because of the mission she received from God, her life is most closely linked with the mysteries of Jesus Christ, and there is no one who has followed in the footsteps of the Incarnate Word more closely and with more merit than she." (*Mediator Dei*)



## 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.**

## 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 began 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.

## FAMILY ROSARY NIGHT

**Tuesday, October 24  
4:00—6:00 p.m.**

At Our Lady of Loreto Rosary Garden  
Located behind the Parish Center,  
Pizza will be served afterwards.



## COAT DRIVE



Our Parish is conducting a coat drive to donate to needy families in our area and to the Veteran's Shelter. We are accepting donations of men's, women's, and children's winter coats. Please drop off a new or gently used winter coat in the box located in the vestibule of the church or at the parish center. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## ITALIAN FESTIVAL MEETING

The First Italian Festival Meeting for the 2024 Festival will be on **Monday, October 9th at 6:30 PM** in the parish center. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Financial Stewardship  
For the week ending October 1, 2023

Income

Offertory:		
Week-End	\$3,268.39	
Nigerian Missions	2,204.00	
Mail	897.00	
Maintenance	821.00	
On-Line Giving	380.00	
World Missions	105.00	
All Souls	65.00	
All Saints	55.00	
Total Offertory		\$7,795.39
Religious Education Fees		475.00
Funeral Stipends		300.00
Rental Income		150.00
Candles		110.00
Donations		71.00
Sanctuary Lamp		40.00
Mass Stipends		35.00
Total		<u>\$8,976.39</u>

Disbursements

Salaries and Wages		\$7,260.50
Diocesan Invoices (September)		4,125.00
Employee Benefits		1,073.17
Supplies		454.00
Catholic Schools		443.00
Scholarship		300.00
Novena		231.00
Funeral Stipends		100.00
Total		<u>\$13,986.67</u>
Average Weekly Amount Needed for Parish Operations		\$8,400.00
Total Amount Deposited	\$8,976.39	
Less: Diocesan Collections & Restricted Funds	(2,374.00)	6,602.39
Cash Over/(Short)		<u>(\$1,797.61)</u>

## OCTOBER GRILLFEST

**Saturday, October 14th**

Downstairs in the church hall

After the 4:00 p.m. Mass

\$10 per person

Hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie-burgers, corn  
and salad will be served.

Entertainment by Johnny Vincent

Tickets available after all Masses and in the Parish Center.



## A NOTE OF THANKS

The Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive conducted during the Italian Festival raised \$1,820. Thank you to everyone for their generosity. One hundred percent of that goes to helping the intellectually disabled in Massachusetts.

# RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY NEWS

## October is Respect Life Month

**As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable., from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human being.**

The Board of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has voted UNANIMOUSLY to approve the finalized version of the Governor's radical Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Framework. Copies are available in the July 23 bulletin and on the table in the vestibule. The majority of people responding to the Governor's survey disapproved of the standards. What can you do? OPT OUT! If your school district adopts these standards. opt your child out of sex education program. Opt out forms are also available on the table in the vestibule. Don't let the government control your child. Parents should have the final say on their children's education, but you have to stand up for your rights!

October is Respect Life Month. Respect for life from conception to natural death. There are several opportunities available to celebrate life this month. Try spending one hour this month in adoration of the Eucharist to stop abortion. St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta said "if people spent one hour per week in Eucharistic Adoration, abortion would be ended". Would you spend one hour this month?

There is also available a Respect Life Month Novena from Friday, October 13 to Sunday, October 21. To sign up go to: [respectlife.org](http://respectlife.org). You will receive daily intentions, brief reflections and more. Please pray for the end of this Culture of Death in our world!

## Respect All Life

**A Person is a Person no matter how Small**

# MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 7, 2023—4:00 p.m.

**Tommaso and Carmela Casillo** by Children

**Gennaro and Louise DiFranco** by Children

**Deacon Gerald Montiverdi** (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance) by Wife and Family

**Giuseppina Carusone** by Sisters

**Salvatore Carusone** by Sister

Sunday, October 8, 2023—8:00 a.m.

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

**Robert Larson** (18th Anniversary) by Karen and David Gouin

**Jimmy Ratti and Mary Marza** by a Friend

Sunday, October 8, 2023—10:30 a.m.

**Anthony and Angelina Aiello** by Family

**Joseph DiLeo** (Birthday Remembrance) by Family

Monday, October 9, 2023—7:00 a.m.

**NO MASS**

Tuesday, October 10, 2023—7:00 a.m.

**William and Pauline Stapinski** by son Paul

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 7:00 a.m.

**Deacon Gerald Montiverdi** by Paul Stapinski

Thursday, October 12, 2023—7:00 a.m.

**The Sick of the Parish**

Saturday, October 14, 2023—4:00 p.m.

**Frances and Henry Bertulli** by Family

Sunday, October 15, 2023—8:00 a.m.

**Vera Sbrogna** by husband Gus

Sunday, October 15, 2023—10:30 a.m.

**Rosati and Cariglia Families** by Family

**Michael Sciannameo and Matthew Sciannameo** by Maria Sciannameo

**Arthur Porcaro** by Wife and Family

**Deceased Members of the Sons of Italy**



**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.

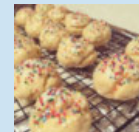


**THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY LAMPS ARE DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF:**

**Deacon Gerald Montiverdi**  
By Wife and Family

**Save the date!!!**

**Tenth Annual Celebrate Priesthood  
Taste of the Diocese Gala**



**When:** Thursday, October 26, 2023  
5:30-7:30 pm

**Where:** 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.**

**Our parish will be participating in this event by offering Italian Cookies!**

**Calling all Bakers.....**

**If anyone would like to bake for this event, please contact Julie @ 508-757-3170 or call the Parish Office @ 508-753-5001.**

**Your help would be greatly appreciated!**

**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.

**Have an awesome day, and know that someone has thought about you.**

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

We are going to have a Trunk or Treat in the church's parking lot on **October 22 from 3-6 p.m.** I am hoping people will get excited over this and participate. Obviously, I am going to need people willing to come and decorate their cars. There will be games, prizes, and food. We are looking for donations of Halloween candy. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Center.

If you would like to participate and decorate your car please call Joan at 508-753-5001 or email her at [joan\\_dargenis@yahoo.com](mailto:joan_dargenis@yahoo.com)

**TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY**

We are trying to put together a bus trip to New York City on **December 16**. The cost for the round trip bus is \$100 per person. The bus would leave the church parking lot at 7:00 a.m. and return at approximately 10:30 p.m.

If you are interested please contact Joan at 508-753-5001 or [joan\\_dargenis@yahoo.com](mailto:joan_dargenis@yahoo.com)

**PUMPKIN SPECTACULAR**

We are planning a trip to Roger Williams Zoo for the Pumpkin Spectacular on **Tuesday, October 10**. The bus will leave at 4:30 p.m. Our first stop is Casterta Pizza on Federal Hill. Then we will head to the Pumpkin Spectacular. We will be home between 9:00 and 9:30 p.m. The cost of the trip will be \$35.00. for adults and \$30 for children. The price includes the bus and admission to the Pumpkin Spectacular.

Failure is a part of Life.  
If you don't Fail, you don't Learn.  
If you don't Learn, you'll never Change.

**Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass**

Sunday, October 22, 2023 ~3 pm

St. Paul's Cathedral

Mass celebrated by Bishop McManus

This liturgy of thanksgiving to God for many years of faithful witness to the sacredness of Christian marriage honors couples who are marking significant anniversaries (25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, etc.) this year.

Anyone wishing to attend should register @ [www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass)

Or contact Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 for a registration form.

A light reception will follow downstairs in the Cenacle. Couples wishing to attend should register by Oct. 13 so that commemorative certificates may be issued.

**Ministry Assignments Oct. 14-15****October 14 @ 4:00 pm**

Lector – Sandra Mercurio

Ministers – Sue Cozzolino & Joe Godek

**October 15 @ 8 am**

Lector - Chris Cook

Ministers - Joe Sama

**October 15 @ 10:30 am**

Lector—Juanita Pignataro

Ministers - Heather Morello & Laurie Matosky

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

Oct 8-Nov.1—Baby Bottle Drive (See Article)

Oct. 9—Italian Festival 2024 Meeting @ 6:30 pm

Oct. 14—K of C Grill Fest

Oct. 22—Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Oct. 22—Trunk or Treat

Oct. 26—Celebrate Priesthood 10th Anniversary—  
Save the date

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

Dec. 7-10 —Men's Cursillo

**MOUNT CARMEL GOLDEN YEARS CLUB**

October 2023

**October 17, 2023**

10:00 AM Socializing

9:30 AM—11:00 AM VNA “Keep Well Clinic”- FLU SHOTS

12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social

After Lunch Bingo

**October 24, 2023**

10:00 AM Socializing

12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social

After Lunch Bingo

**October 31, 2023**

10:00 AM Socializing

HALLOWEEN PARTY

12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social

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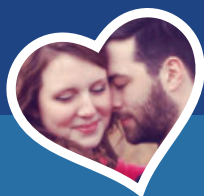
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