



# 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.**

**Building Our  
Faith,  
Building Our  
Future**

Thank you for celebrating Commitment Sunday with us this weekend. Your commitment to our parish through our "Building Our Faith, Building Our Future" Program will continue to bring life to our community. If completing your Commitment Card was not possible at Mass, you may visit our parish website at <https://mtcarmel.ws/> and complete an electronic Commitment Card or you can mail your card to the church.

Our goal is 100% participation! Thank you for your generosity and support of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish!

**January 25 marks the  
Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle...**

St. Paul, named Saul at his circumcision, was born at Tarsus, the capitol of Cilicia. He was a Roman citizen. He was brought up as a strict Jew, and later became a violent persecutor of the Christians. While on his way to Damascus to make new arrests of Christians, he was suddenly converted by a miraculous apparition of Our Lord. From a fierce persecutor he became the great Apostle of the Gentiles. He made three missionary journeys which brought him to the great centers of Asia Minor and southern Europe, and made many converts. Fourteen of his Epistles are found in the New Testament. He was beheaded in Rome around 66 A.D., and his relics are in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside-the-Walls near the Ostian Way.

— Excerpted from *Lives of the Saints*

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Dear Friends,

As some of you know, our parishioner, David Soares, has been studying to be ordained a permanent deacon for service in our Diocese. On Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at Saint Paul Cathedral at the 10:00 AM Mass, he will take an important step forward in his journey toward ordination. He will be officially admitted to Candidacy for Holy Orders by Bishop McManus. You are cordially invited to attend this impressive ceremony. I am proud of David and grateful for his dedication and hard work, not only in our parish as Chair of the Parish Council, but in this demanding program of study and preparation leading to diaconal ordination. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers

Monsignor Pedone

**BUILDING ON OUR FAITH,  
BUILDING ON OUR FUTURE**

For the past several weeks, we have been publishing an announcement entitled *Building On Our Faith, Building On Our Future*. It has been apparent to me and to the Parish and Finance Councils that our revenues from our weekly collections are not meeting our expenses, and haven't for some time, despite significant attempts to trim our expenses. Every week we publish a list of monies collected and how that money is spent and the number the Finance Committee has determined we need to collect in order to meet those expenses - \$8400. Almost weekly we are between \$1500 to \$2500 dollars short. That shortage has mushroomed to a deficit of \$25,000 to \$30,000 annually and it continues to grow. Our yearly Italian Festival raises a significant amount of money, but we cannot rely on this income stream because a lot of variables could affect the amount of money, we are able to raise. We cannot allow this shortfall to continue, and we must begin to address this serious matter now.

This weekend we will have Commitment Weekend during which I will respectfully request that each parish family and household prayerfully look at their weekly gift to the parish and, if possible, to increase it. A number of you have already responded to the mailing that went out last week and I am grateful for your response. I've asked Dominic Mercurio of our Parish Finance Council to speak at all the Masses this weekend about this vital undertaking. Thank you for your continued support and generosity to our parish.

Monsignor Pedone

**"AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS  
GRIEF MINISTRY"**

**We will meet on Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center. Anyone who has experienced the death of a spouse, child, significant other or friend is invited to attend.**

## NEW KITCHEN

As many of you know, the kitchen in the church hall is out of code concerning the regulations of the City of Worcester. Consequently, we are unable to use it for parish functions. We are facing prohibitive costs to remodel it. I hired Mr. Michael Pagano, a Worcester architect and a member of our Property Committee, who began a feasibility study to offer suggestions about undergoing an expensive remodeling of the current kitchen or relocating it in the parish center. Michael reported to me and the Parish Council recently and recommends relocating the kitchen in the parish center. I have accepted that recommendation and we will move forward with an extensive remodeling of the parish center to accommodate a larger kitchen and gathering space that will be more easily handicap accessible. I will keep you informed as we begin this project.

Monsignor Pedone

**January 22****Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

The importance of restoring legal protection for the unborn continues to be a priority for the U.S. Church. In 2004, the bishops of the United States highlighted the importance of praying for the protection of human life, by designating January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance called the *Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children* (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, n. 373).

All the faithful in dioceses throughout the country are called to observe this day in a spirit of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

We can observe this day through special prayers, fasting, sacrifices, and acts of charity (similar to our Lenten practices), both communally in our parishes as well as individually in our own spiritual lives.

**Cursillo.....**

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

**2024 Schedule:**

**Women's:** April 18-21  
October 3-6

**Men's:** May 23-26  
November 21-24

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**

## CHOIR NEWS

Now that we've all celebrated Advent and Christmas with beautiful Masses enhanced by the choir, we now enter the new year. I personally would like to extend an invitation to anyone wishing to join the choir for the last half of the ensemble's year. Rehearsals will now be Monday evenings, 6:30-7:30. The choir sings just the Masses for the last weekend of each month, Saturday at 4pm and Sunday at 10:30am. Be a part of the parish that brings inspirational music to each Mass and enjoy the friendship and enjoyment that this choir is known for. If you wish to join, simply come to the choir loft on Monday night. Should you have any questions please contact me at [Konkoljosef@gmail.com](mailto:Konkoljosef@gmail.com). I hope to see some new members for 2024!

## ITALIAN CLASSES

Italian Classes begin January 22.

Courses range from beginners to advanced. Childrens classes and private lessons are also available. Please visit [worcesteritalian.com](http://worcesteritalian.com) for more information.



## CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like a copy of your 2023 contribution statement please call the main office at 508-753-5001 or email [lisaolmc@gmail.com](mailto:lisaolmc@gmail.com) with your name and address.

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Thank you to all who made donations in memory or in honor of a loved one for Christmas flowers to decorate the church.

A complete list of names of whom flowers were donated in memory of is available in the vestibule of the church.

**Upcoming Events**

**Golden Years (every Tuesday)**

**Knights of Columbus Fellowship—7 pm (every 1st Wednesday)**

**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 (check with the office)**

**Jan. 21—K of C—Rosary before 10:30 Mass and Pancake Breakfast after Mass**

**Jan. 24—At the Foot of the Cross**

**Jan. 26—Worcester Railers Catholic School Night**

**Feb. 14—Ash Wednesday—beginning of LENT**



Financial Stewardship  
For the week ending January 14, 2024

Income

Offertory:

Week-End	\$4,140.03	
On-Line Giving	1,036.00	
Mail	825.00	
Fuel	670.00	
Maintenance	315.00	
First Offering	120.00	
Catholic University	60.00	
Solemnity of Mary	25.00	
Ash Wednesday	10.00	
Priests Retirement	10.00	
Home Missions	5.00	
Total Offertory		\$7,216.03
Transfer from Savings		7,909.39
Candles		54.00
Mass Stipends		10.00
Total		<u>\$15,189.42</u>

Disbursements

Parish Hall/Center Feasibility Study	\$5,534.43	
Repairs and Maintenance	2,374.96	
Payroll Taxes (December)	970.10	
Calendar Raffle Winners	700.00	
Office Expense	244.00	
Salaries & Wages	150.00	
Catholic University Envelopes	102.00	
Payroll Service Fee	78.00	
Choir	42.25	
Total		<u>\$10,195.75</u>
Average Weekly Amount Needed for Parish Operations		\$8,400.00
Total Amount Deposited	\$15,189.42	
Less: Diocesan Collections & Restricted Funds	(7,994.39)	7,195.03
Cash Over/(Short)		<u>(\$1,204.97)</u>

We have had some requests from parishioners who contribute online, monthly, quarterly or otherwise to provide a listing of upcoming collections. So, going forward we will now publish this information in the bulletin each week. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Lisa at [lisaolmc@gmail.com](mailto:lisaolmc@gmail.com) or 508-753-5001.

January, 2024	Maintenance
January, 2024	Initial Offering
January 7, 2024	Catholic University
January 7, 2024	Weekly Offering
January 14, 2024	Fuel Offering
January 14, 2024	Weekly Offering
January 21, 2024	Weekly Offering
January 28, 2024	Catholic Home Missions
January 28, 2024	Weekly Offering

**CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS—2024**

1/8/2024	#1333	Nancy Frustaci	100.00
1/9/2024	#1138	Miranda Watson	100.00
1/10/2024	#1254	Shawn Johnson	100.00
1/11/2024	#0815	Marie Adamonis	100.00
1/12/2024	#1397	Mary Berthiaume	100.00
1/13/2024	#0653	Angelo Sabatalo	100.00
1/14/2024	#1243	Richard Setaro	100.00

**Ministry Assignments Jan. 27-28**

**January 27 @ 4:00 pm**

**Lector – Sue Cozzolino**

**Ministers – Pat Solitro & Fran Sena**

**January 28 @ 8 am**

**Lector - Sandra San Clemente**

**Ministers—Joe Sama**

**January 28 @ 10:30 am**

**Lector—Maria Sciannameo**

**Ministers - Nancy Gurgone & 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 an-

**EIGHT THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN  
GOING THROUGH TOUGH TIMES**

1. Everything can – and will – change.
2. You've overcome challenges before.
3. It is a learning experience.
4. Not getting what you want can be a blessing.
5. Allow yourself to have some fun.
6. Being kind to yourself is the best medicine.
7. Other people's negativity isn't worth worrying about.
8. And there's always, always, always something to be thankful about.

**“The poorest person on the world is not the one without money. It's the one without God.”**

**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, January 20, 2024—4:00 p.m.

**Victoria DiLeo** (11th Anniversary) by Family  
**Nino Sasso** by Wife, Children and Grandchildren

Sunday, January 21, 2024—8:00 a.m.

**Lodia & Henry Benoit and Catherine Gazorian**  
(20th Anniversary) by Karen and David Gouin

Sunday, January 21, 2024—10:30 a.m.

**Karl Washburn** (Birthday Remembrance) by  
Daughter

Monday, January 22, 2024—7:00 a.m.

**The Sick of the Parish**

Tuesday, January 23, 2024—7:00 a.m.

**Dominic DiBaro Jr.** (Birthday Remembrance) by  
Family

Wednesday, January 24, 2024—7:00 a.m.

**Rosemarie Morana** by the Pellegrino Family

Thursday, January 25, 2024—7:00 a.m.

**Vera Sbrogna** (12th Anniversary) by husband Gus

Saturday, January 27, 2024—4:00 p.m.

**Marie (DiLeo) Chase** (11th Anniversary) by Family  
**Matteo Travaglio** by the Travaglio Family

Sunday, January 28, 2024—8:00 a.m.

**Mary Flynn, Terry Larson and Catherine St. John**  
by Karen and David Gouin

Sunday, January 28, 2024—10:30 a.m.

**Ignazio and Josephine Columbo** by daughter Rose  
and Family  
**Brenda Luzzo** 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, Joyce Molinari, Lillian Pascarelli, Lisa Cianci, Tina Donahue, Dolores Pellegrino, Lucinda Gremo and Ida Heath. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

## MOUNT CARMEL GOLDEN YEARS CLUB January and February 2024

### January 23, 2024

10:00 AM	Socializing
12:00 NOON	Lunch – Followed by Social
After Lunch	Bingo

### January 30, 2024

10:00 AM	Socializing
12:00 NOON	Lunch – Followed by Social
After Lunch	Bingo

### February 6, 2024

10:00 AM	Socializing
12:00 NOON	Lunch – Followed by Social
After Lunch	Bingo

### February 13, 2024

10:00 AM	Socializing
10:30 AM	Board Meeting
	VALENTINES PARTY
12:00 NOON	Lunch – Followed by Social
After Lunch	Bingo

### February 20, 2024

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

### February 27, 2024

10:00 AM	Socializing
12:00 NOON	Lunch – Followed by Social
After Lunch	Bingo

\*Bingo for members only

Notice: If the Worcester Public Schools are cancelled or delayed, the Golden Years Club is cancelled.

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



**Vera Sbrogna**  
By husband Gus

**Dominic DiBaro Jr.**  
**and Dominic DiBaro Sr.**  
By Family

## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

2023 was a tumultuous year, and 2024 looks to be just as turbulent. SCOTUS will hear the case on the safety of the abortion pill. Abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, mental health, mass shootings and war are all over the news. Church attendance is down significantly. We have lost respect for ourselves, authority, parents and even in God. "I" is the only pronoun we recognize. Transgenderism, homosexuality, gay marriages and drag queen shows are becoming all too commonplace. Instead of teaching our children History, Math, Geography, Science and English, public schools are focusing on sex education and wokeness. Freedom of speech, expression of ideas, reasonable and rational discussions are repressed. We are not taught to think, but to accept whatever the schools say is right. Yje schools are grooming the kids. So what can we do? Prayer and respect would be a good start. May this year be a beginning of respect, truthfulness and spirituality in our lives and in our country.

**Worcester Railers Catholic Schools Night...Jan. 26**

Do you like hockey? How about the Worcester Railers vs. the Norfolk Admirals? If you are interested, Catholic Schools Night is January 26. Tickets will be available at a discounted group rate and would range from \$14-\$22 per ticket based on where you sit. Call Brendan Walsh @ 508-365-1756 for more information.

God grant me the serenity to accept  
the **people** I cannot change,  
The courage to change the **one** I can,  
And the wisdom to know it is **me**.

**Something to think about....**

Science tells us we need at least 4 basic elements to survive.

Water

Air

Food

Light

And look what the Bible tells us about Jesus:

I am the **Living Water**

I am the **Breath of Life**

I am the **Bread of Life**

I am the **Light of the World**

**Science was right. We need Jesus to live.**

**IS THIS A REAL REQUEST FOR HELP?**

If you receive an email or text message from the pastor, bishop or other church official asking for donations, gift cards or other forms of financial assistance, check with the parish to determine if it is legitimate. Some of the latest email and text scams trying to collect your personal data can look too real! It's always worth a second look to protect yourself.

**SAINT MARY SCHOOL  
WINTER OPEN HOUSE**

16 Summer Street  
Shrewsbury, MA  
Sunday, January 28, 2024  
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Serving children from preschool to grade 8. You can register for the Open House at [school.stmarysparish.org](http://school.stmarysparish.org). Please email Tina Gillaspie at [admissions@stmarysparish.org](mailto:admissions@stmarysparish.org) for more information.

**OPEN HOUSE  
AT ST. PETER CENTRAL CATHOLIC**

Please join us at St. Peter Central Catholic Elementary School, 865 Main Street, Worcester for an Open House on Sunday, January 28th from 1:00 pm—3:00 pm. St. Peter's has openings in grades pre-K—8. Please visit us on January 28th or for more information please contact [marybeth.soucy@stpetercc.com](mailto:marybeth.soucy@stpetercc.com) or by phone at 508-791-6496. You can also visit our website [www.stpetercentralcatholic.com](http://www.stpetercentralcatholic.com)

**Two roads diverged in the wood, and I—  
I took the one less traveled by, and that has made  
all the difference.**

*Robert Frost*

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." (Mark 1:17) Jesus' call to "follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

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Others second

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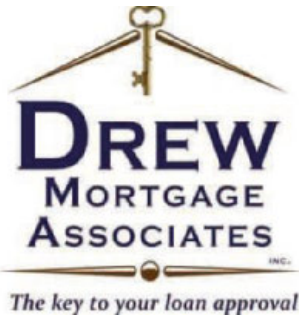
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