



# 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

**Reverend Monsignor F. Stephen Pedone**, Pastor  
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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 to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter has been mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. Each and every one of you is a vital member of our parish community and we want to hear from you! This is an opportunity to **reflect upon and renew** your sacrificial commitment to support the mission of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish. For those who are able – there is an opportunity to make a one-time gift to the parish. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY**

We will be celebrating this special event at on **Sunday, February 11 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass**. As part of the celebration we will list the names and years of the married couples in the bulletin that weekend. If you would like to have your name included please call the parish center at 508-753-5001 or email Joan at [joan\\_dargenis@yahoo.com](mailto:joan_dargenis@yahoo.com). Please include names, the anniversary date and number of years. We are looking for the couples who have been married fifty years or more to give them a special recognition at the Mass.

We would like you to share your story or maybe your parents love story with us. Maybe you might share your unique marriage customs. Please help us make this a special occasion and also send a message to our children about the Sacrament of Marriage.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Dear Friends,

In 1963, a student rabbi was sent to a small southern town to conduct Yom Kippur services at a synagogue too small to have a resident rabbi. The night before there had been a heavy rain, and the gutters along the road were full of mud. Approaching him on the narrow sidewalk was an old black woman, toothless, dressed in a faded calico dress, a ragged straw hat on her head, and canvas shoes with holes in them on her feet. Her head was bowed. When she was about twenty feet away, she stepped into the muddy gutter to let the young rabbinical student pass.

The student thought to himself that, given the teachings of the Talmud as well as simple human decency, he should be the one to step into the muddy gutter and let the old woman pass.

The moment had a profound and lasting effect on the student, now a distinguished theologian and professor. Forty-five years later, he still remembers the incident:

"To that old black woman, I did not represent the Torah or basic human decency. To her I represented centuries of those who have publicly humiliated her people. Her long experience had taught that her safety, maybe even her life, depended on humiliating herself. So, on the holiest day of the year, when I was supposed to feel that I was being cleansed before God, I felt profoundly dirty not for what I had done but for what I represented [to this woman] who had so debased herself because of my very presence before her."

Today's Gospel portrays Jesus as a teacher who possesses an "authority" immediately perceived by his hearers, authority that is centered in the example of his own compassion and empathy for those he has been called to serve. Such an authority comes not from the power to enforce but from the ability to inspire.

The student rabbi discovers that his ministry will find its fulfillment not in his exalted status before a future congregation but in the life he will struggle to lead in their midst as he seeks to bring them to God. May we seek to possess the "authority" of the Gospel Jesus: to become men and women of empathy, compassion and selfless generosity for those we are called to teach, guide and serve.

Monsignor Pedone

**ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY**

Next Sunday at the 10:00 AM Mass at Saint Paul Cathedral, our parishioner, David Soares, will formally be admitted as a candidate for ordination to the permanent diaconate for service in our Diocese. David has worked very hard for three years in preparation for ordination that will come at a future date. You are cordially invited to attend this Mass at the Cathedral in support of David.

Monsignor Pedone

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

**We will meet on Wednesday, January 31st 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.**

**Did you know....****February 2nd is significant in several ways.**

- Among the many feasts in the Christian calendar, the **Feast of the Presentation** is one of the oldest. "...on the fortieth day, Joseph and Mary brought the Lord into the Temple..." **Jesus —"the Light of the World"**
- **Candlemas Day** became a day in Christianity when Christians would take their candles to the church to be blessed. By placing candles in their windows, they felt blessings would be brought to their household for the remaining winter.
- During a plague in the sixth century in Constantinople, the emperor ordered huge prayer processions with candles during the Feast of the Presentation to ask God for deliverance from the disease. After the plague passed, the celebration of Candlemas spread throughout Europe.
- As time passed, the day took on another interpretation. The following English folksong highlights the idea of weather prognostication.

*"If Candlemas be fair and bright,  
Come, Winter, have another flight;  
If Candlemas brings clouds and rain,  
Go Winter, and come not again."*

In Germany, an animal was introduced, and according to German lore, if a hedgehog saw his shadow on Candlemas Day, there would be a "Second Winter" or 6 more weeks of bad weather. As Germans came to America, namely Pennsylvania, so also came their folklore. In Punxsutawney, PA, in 1886, a groundhog was chosen to help predict the weather and thus **Groundhog Day** came about.

Even though Groundhog Day is a day to take everything a little less seriously and break up the winter monotony, let us not forget the importance, in our lives, of

**The Feast of the Presentation****Lent is coming.....**

*In a few weeks, we will begin our Lenten journey. It is a time when we are reminded that the Lord calls us to repentance and self-denial. Will you be ready for Lent?*

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

**THINK "LENT"**

Don't blink. Lent will be here before you know it. Isn't that how it always is? The Christmas season is behind us and it feels like Ordinary Time has only just begun—

But suddenly it's Ash Wednesday, and we're scrambling to decide what we're doing for Lent and wondering whether our choice of penance is too hard or too easy. This year, don't let Lent take you by surprise—have your plan in place.

**Make a Plan:**

1. **Prayer:** This Lent, try spending at least fifteen minutes in prayer a day. If you already do this, make the Rosary a daily habit. If you already do that, maybe add a Divine Mercy chaplet or a Holy Hour before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

**Give it some thought, and write down your commitment.**

2. **Fasting:** Consider taking on some hard-core fasting. Maybe pick a few more days during Lent to practice the Ash Wednesday/Good Friday fast. Maybe have one or two meals a day on one particular day of the week. Some people manage to do a bread-and-water fast at least once a week. If all this sounds too overwhelming, you can simply stick to the requirements of the Church\* and do them *well*—with your whole heart and soul.

**Give it some thought, and write down your commitment.**

\*On all Fridays, Catholics are requested to abstain from meat. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 (with exceptions for expectant women, for example) are required to fast. We do this by having only one full meal that day and two smaller meals that, added together, do not amount to the full meal.

3. **Almsgiving:** Pray about what alms you can give and to who. Discuss it with Jesus. "Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7). **Give it some thought, and write down your commitment.**

From the **Good Catholic** series

*The Life of Christ*

**BLESSING OF THROATS  
FEAST OF ST. BLAISE**

Saturday, February 3 is the feast of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. The traditional blessing of throats will take place following all of the Masses on February 10th and 11th. Allow a little extra time for your family plans if you wish to avail yourself of this traditional Catholic blessing.



**Financial Stewardship**  
For the week ending January 21, 2024

Income

<b>Offertory:</b>	
Week-End	\$3,185.00
Mail	2,040.00
On-Line Giving	645.25
Fuel	305.00
Maintenance	265.00
Home Missions	70.00
Priests Retirement	50.00
First Offering	40.00
Catholic University	40.00
Solemnity of Mary	30.00
Ash Wednesday	30.00
Latin America	20.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$6,720.25</b>
Funeral Stipends	600.00
Rental Income	500.00
Candles	100.00
Mass Stipends	40.00
Donations	40.00
Catholic Free Press	39.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,039.25</b>

Disbursements

Salaries and Wages	\$5,893.00
Snow Plowing	1,650.00
Calendar Raffle Winners	700.00
Repairs and Maintenance	633.00
Offertory Envelopes	366.41
Copier Lease	344.08
Religious Education	220.00
Employee Benefits	156.84
Supplies	113.98
Funeral Stipends	100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,177.31</b>
Average Weekly Amount Needed for Parish Operations	\$8,400.00
Total Amount Deposited	\$8,039.25
Less: Diocesan Collections & Restricted Funds	(210.00)
	<u>7,829.25</u>
Cash Over/(Short)	<u>(\$570.75)</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 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**

1/15/2024	#0863	Nancy Haigh	100.00
1/16/2024	#0195	Simon Manoogian	100.00
1/17/2024	#0878	Frank Knowlton	100.00
1/18/2024	#1042	Sheila Gowaski	100.00
1/19/2024	#0927	Edward Generelli	100.00
1/20/2024	#1447	James Buffone Jr.	100.00
1/21/2024	#1401	Gail & Jerry Callahan	100.00

**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 with your name and address.

**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)**  
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**Feb. 3—Feast of St. Blaise**  
**Feb. 3 & 4—Blessing of Throats**  
**Feb. 4—St. Paul Cathedral—10:00 Mass—official admittance of David Soares to Candidacy for Holy Orders. All are invited.**  
**Feb. 10 & 11—Blessing of Throats**  
**Feb. 11—World Marriage Day**  
**Feb. 14—Ash Wednesday—beginning of LENT**  
**Feb. 14—Valentine’s Day**  
**March 16—23rd Annual Catholic Men’s Conference @ DCU Center, Worcester.**

**Cursillo.....**

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

**2024 Schedule:**

**Women’s:** April 18-21      **Men’s:** May 23-26  
 October 3-6                      November 21-24

For more information contact **Elizabeth Santley @ 508-304-8871**, or at **esantley@yahoo.com**. Applcations 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**

# MASS INTENTIONS



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

**Elaine Johanson** (18th Anniversary) by Family

Sunday, January 28, 2024—10:30 a.m.

**Ignazio and Josephine Columbo** by daughter Rose  
 and Family

**Brenda Luzzo** by Family

Monday, January 29, 2024—7:00 a.m.

**Giuliano Taffuri, Govanna Stellato and Emilio  
 Taffuri** by daughter, Elisa

Tuesday, January 30, 2024 7:00 a.m.

**Adolfo Ortiz Sr.** (24th Anniversary) by the Ortiz  
 Family

**Judith Ann Hayden** (Month's Mind) by Mr. and Mrs.  
 Michael Cianci

Wednesday, January 31, 2024—7:00 a.m.

**Joel Swiantek** by Ronald Pellegrino

Thursday, February 1, 2024—7:00 a.m.

**Doris Piscetelli** (9th Anniversary) by Mr. and Mrs.  
 Michael Cianci

Saturday, February 3, 2024—4:00 p.m.

**The People of the Parish**

Sunday, February 4 2024—8:00 a.m.

**The Sick of the Parish**

Sunday, February 4, 2024—10:30 a.m.

**Eleanor Cronin** by granddaughter  
**Diane (Marchese) Ohlson** by Family  
**David D'Argenis** by wife Joan and Children  
**Anthony Amoroso** (First Anniversary) by Family

Members of the family requesting a Mass for a loved one, may bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar. Please make yourselves known to the Hospitality Ministers and position yourselves in a pew that is convenient for you to join the Offertory Procession.



**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.

## 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 Roland L. Dionne, Florence M. Lapriore, and James V. DeMichele. God grant them peace forever and bring comfort to their families and friends.*



## SPONSORS FOR BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

We receive numerous requests to issue a letter of suitability for persons who are to serve as sponsors for baptism and confirmation at other parishes. This letter serves to indicate that the person has received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation in the Catholic Church, that he or she is a registered member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish, is a regular attendee at Mass and practices the Catholic faith.

We cannot issue such a letter if these criteria are not met. At times, we have to refuse to issue this letter because a person is not registered or attending Mass at our parish. Thank you for understanding. If you have

## FOOD DONATIONS

Through your generosity, we are able to help families in our local area. Please drop off food items in the church vestibule or at the parish center. Your donations to the Friendly House Food Pantry makes a big difference



**RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**

“Massachusetts threatens medical licenses of doctors who promote abortion pill reversal therapy”. The MA DPH sent a memo to all “licensed physicians, physician assistants, nurses, pharmacists, pharmacies, hospitals and clinics in the state to warn that their medical licenses could be at risk if they do not provide patients with accurate and complete information for informed decision-making, accurate portrayal and advertising of clinical services, and license practicing within the scope of their practice and their license”. No restrictions of any kind are placed on abortion clinics. This is unfair!

We need to fight this narrative. Will you add your name to the list of pro-lifers who oppose this plan? It will take less than 15 seconds.

Contact Maria Sciannameo at 508-335-1821 or Joe Godek at 508-614-5971 for information.

“If you don’t feel like praying, force it. Because something is also forcing you not to pray.”

**BOSTON RED SOX TICKETS**

We are taking a trip on Sunday, June 2 to Fenway Park to see the Boston Red Sox play the Detroit Tigers. The price of the ticket and the coach bus is \$64 per person.

Please call the parish office if you are interested or email Joan at joan\_dargenis@yahoo.com

**Ministry Assignments Feb. 3-4****February 3 @ 4:00 pm**

**Lector – Joe Godek**

**Ministers – Sue Cozzolino & Chet DiLeo**

**February 4 @ 8 am**

**Lector - Fran Penny**

**Ministers—Joe Sama**

**February 4 @ 10:30 am**

**Lector—Dave Soares**

**Ministers - Debbie & Gerry Woods**

**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.**

**Morning Prayer....**

**“Show me, Lord, I’m looking.  
Speak to me, Lord, I’m listening.  
Lead me, Lord, I’m willing.”**

*Adapted from Guideposts  
Magazine*

**MOUNT CARMEL GOLDEN YEARS CLUB  
January and February 2024****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.

**ALL DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK WOULD BE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED AND APPRECIATED.**

**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.

There were some names that were mistakenly omitted from the original list.

They are:

Vivian Pigaga, Vite J. Pigaga and Scott J. Pigaga

The Martone and Penny Family

Tony and Esther Mazzone

Nicholas Vaccaro, Carmela Pagliusi, Orlando Terranova,

Lina Terranova and Maria Terranova

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