# 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 Vigil: 6:00 p.m. Holyday: 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturdays from 3:00-3:45 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.

### **MINISTERIAL STAFF**

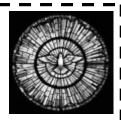
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As a reminder Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester in screening 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, or Deacon Montiverdi 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 ev-

erlasting 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

### A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you to all who took tags from our Giving Trees and generously purchased gifts for children from the Guild of St. Agnes, Rainbow Child Development Center, Nazareth Home and also local families in need. Your outpouring of generosity is greatly appreciated.

### **FESTIVAL MEETING**:

January 4, 2022 6:30 pm Parish Center

All are invited to attend this meeting.

One way to spread **JOY** is to put

<u>J</u>esus first <u>O</u>thers second <u>Y</u>ou third

Instead of counting sheep, talk to the Shepherd

Five Simple Rules to be Happy

Free your heart from hatred Free your mind from worries Live simply Give more Expect less

### LEGACY OF HOPE

You, as a parish community, have pledged and donated \$322,159.55, based on 173 gifts, to this diocesan capital campaign which is a landmark financial endeavor to strengthen our local parish communities and our diocesan Church. This campaign gives us an opportunity to go beyond our comfort zones to sacrifice in the name of Jesus Christ so as to provide a firm foundation of hope for our local Church. Our goal is \$393,760.00 and we are \$71,600.45 short of this goal. So far, the campaign has raised \$30,799,681.94, but the Diocese is still short of its goal of \$32,000,000. The campaign has already returned over \$50,000 to our parish.

It is my hope that we can make up this deficit of \$71,600.45 by giving the opportunity to those who were unable to pledge or donate at the time we were undertaking the drive two years ago to do so now. I will be reaching out by letter to those parishioners who now may be in a better financial position to help out. If anyone can help out in this regard, or give an additional gift, please see Monsignor Pedone. Also, please pray for the success of this capital campaign within our parish and throughout our Diocese. As always, I thank you for your generosity and may God bless you!

### A NOTE OF THANKS

I am grateful to you for your many gifts to me at Christmas. Your generosity is overwhelming! May the Lord bless you for your goodness, kindness and thoughtfulness. May the New Year bring you blessings of health, peace and joy! Monsignor Pedone

<u>Tibetan Proverb</u>: The secret to living well and longer is: Eat half Walk double

### HOW TO LIVE A HAPPY LIFE Some Suggestions

Be kinder than necessary. Make it a habit to do nice things for people who will never find out. Judge your success by the degree that you're enjoying peace, health, and love. Be a good looser as well as a good winner. Don't drink and drive. Don't text and drive. Live so that when your children think of fairness, caring and integrity, they think of you.

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## Epiphany of the Lord

"They prostrated themselves and did him homage." The Magi were men of great faith. Their worldly position and power could have made them scoff at the sight of this humble infant. Their treasury of wealth could have blinded them to the true value of this child king. But instead these men placed themselves at the feet of Jesus in a gesture of complete submission. Then, as a sign of their devotion, they "opened their treasures" and offered this baby costly and precious gifts. Only a deep and sincere faith could justify such a surprising scene. Real faith often runs contrary to worldly wisdom. Without the firm belief that Jesus was the Messiah, it would seem absurd to travel all those miles and part with all that gold, much less to bow down in the presence of a poor child. But the eyes of faith can see much more than the eyes of the world alone. The Magi understood that all the prestige and possessions of the earth are nothing in comparison to the kingdom of heaven. They wanted to use their worldly wealth to give glory to the King of Kings, rather than for their own glory.

Taking the Three Kings as models, we can examine our own lives. Are we willing to "travel" for our faith, leaving our comfort zone for the sake of the Gospel? Are we willing to share our "wealth" to glorify God? Are we willing to submit our desires and plans to the authority of Christ? As we begin the journey of this New Year, let us resolve to follow in the faithful footsteps of the Magi.

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### ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE

The Worcester Diocese will not be able to provide bus service to Washington DC for the Annual March for Life on January 21, 2022 due to covid limitations.

We invite you to attend the Pro-Life Mass being offered at St. Paul's Cathedral in Worcester on Thursday, January 20th at 7 PM, to pray in solidarity with those who will be marching in Washington DC. for an end to abortion and the restoration of a Culture of Life.

### We are not done yet.....

For those who thought that Christmas was over, Epiphany, celebrated on January 6, marks



the final celebratory day of the Christian holiday season! While most people begin taking down their Christmas decorations by New Year's, there is still a full week before many practicing Christians complete their celebrations of the birth of Jesus Christ. It is commonly associated with the day the Three Wise Men arrived at the manger and has several different names throughout history and cultures.

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"...the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." (Ephesians 3:6) Today we celebrate that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He has given each of us unique gifts. We all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. Pray daily and ask God how He wants you to use your gifts so that we may all "be one."

### Five Things to Quit in 2022

Trying to please everyone Fearing Change Living in the past Putting yourself down Overthinking things

When we come to Mass, let us all be respectful of the Eucharist in the tabernacle and spend some quiet time with Jesus. Its nice to see people we haven't seen for awhile and gather with friends and family, but as we go through the vestibule and enter the main part of the church, its time to visit with Jesus.

### PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Come, Holy Spirit, quiet my heart and my head, as I gather with my family, friends and neighbors to celebrate Mass. Quiet the thoughts and distractions that will keep me from worship. Open my mouth in prayer and song. Open my ears to hear God's word. Open my eyes to the mystery of the Eucharist. Open my heart to receive Jesus with love. May I go forth strengthened to take the Mass into my life this week.

<u>Financial Stewardship</u> For the week ending December 19, 2021		
Income		
Offertory:		
Week-End	\$2,622.51	
Mail	1,200.00	
Christmas	740.00	
On-Line Giving	613.00	
Fuel	592.00	
Flowers	182.60	
Immaculate Conception	36.00	
Maintenance	30.00	
Religious Retirement	12.00	
Solemnity of Mary	10.00	ΦC 020 11
Total Offertory		\$6,038.11
Parking Revenue		350.00
Funeral Stipends		300.00
Expense Reimbursement		200.00
Candles Maga Stingenda		90.00
Mass Stipends		80.00
Sanctuary Lamp Total		20.00
Total		<u>\$7,078.11</u>
Expenses:		
Salaries and Wages		2,970.00
Payroll Taxes (November)		869.80
CYC—Youth and Family Program	S	594.39
Supplies		195.95
Payroll Service Fee		58.00
Total		\$4,688.14

### Cursillo is back!!!

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

2022: Women's: February 3-6 October 7-10 Men's: March 17-20 December 10-13

For more information contact **Elizabeth Santley** @ 508-304-8871, or at <u>esantley@yahoo.</u> Applcations are available in the vestibule of the church.

If anyone who has made a Cursillo would like to be a sponsor, please contact Elizabeth Santley.

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Where did the "Twelve Days of Christmas" come from? <u>Really</u> come from?
When are those days supposed to be starting? Where does Christmas fall in the 12 days?
Christians have historically celebrated a period of 12 days surrounding Christmas.
The nearly two-week time period starts and ends with two pretty significant holidays: Christmas on December 25 and the Epiphany on January 6.
Christians believe that the 12 days of Christmas mark the amount of time it took after the birth of Jesus for the magi, or wise men, to travel to Bethlehem for the Epiphany when they recognized him as the son of God.

### SAVE THE DATE!

The Annual Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference - Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important in-person conference, scheduled for Assumption University on **Saturday, April 2, 2022**. Visit the conference website at www.firstmensconf.org for information and to purchase tickets online and elsewhere. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Kevin O'Brien, Tim Francis, Dan Egan, Father Anthony Hamaty and Dr. Pat Castle. For a Conference brochure, further information or registration, call Joan DeMasi at 508-929-4345. Adult tickets are \$45 until March 18th, afterwards \$60. Student tickets are always \$30.

### VIANNEY DINNER TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD

The next Vianney dinner is Wednesday January 12, 2022 at the Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies. Please note the change of date. These are nights for men, high school aged and up, interested in learning more about a priestly vocation. They are welcome to come to all or part of the evening as their schedule allows. 6:05 PM Mass, 6:30 dinner, and 7 PM social. An RSVP is not needed but it is helpful in getting an accurate count for good. director@worcestervocations.com.

### A World at Prayer is a World at Peace



Saturday, January 1, 2022-4:00 p.m. Jeanette LeClair (19th Anniversary) by Family Thanksgiving for Merlin and Maria Banzuela

Sunday, January 2, 2022-8:00 a.m. The Sick of the Parish

Sunday, January 2, 2022-10:30 a.m. Joseph Froio (4th Anniversary) by Wife Antonietta and Family John P. Macaruso by Family

Monday, January 3, 2022-7:00 a,m. **Parishioners Intentions** 

Tuesday, January 4, 2022-7:00 a.m. The Sick of the Parish

Wednesday, January 5, 2022-7:00 a.m. **Parishioners Intentions** 

Thursday, January 6, 2022-7:00 a.m. The Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 8, 2022-4:00 p.m. Joanne Denio by Kathy and Dave Fournier Brendan Shanley (25th Anniversary) by the Shanley Family

Sunday, January 9, 2022-8:00 a.m. Lodia Benoit (51st Anniversary), Henry Benoit (34th Anniversary), Catherine Gazoorian (17th Anniversary) by Karen and David Gouin

Sunday, January 10, 2022—10:30 a.m. Gaetano J. Monopoli (First Anniversary) by Family Ignazio and Josephine Colombo by Family

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH IN YOUR WILLS, BEQUESTS AND UPON THE DEATH OF LOVED ONES FOR DONATIONS. MANY THANKS!

"Every morning, on rising, we reaffirm before God, our decision to be faithful, come what may in the course of the day."

> **Pope Francis** Amoris Laetitia



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, Anthony DeAngelis, Anthony & Paul Locantore, Ann Servidio, Eleanor Gallo, Joseph Vancelette, Vinny Tiscione, Madelyn Martin, Anthony Paldino, Ann Marie Verdolino, Emma Taubert, Charlene Swalec, Irene Bastardo, Lorrie Tufano, Riccardo & Silvia Cazzaniga, Maxwell Mitchell, Lynn Wagner, Carol Youngstrom, Rudy Aromando, Chris Watson, Aldona Kibelkstis, Richard and Rita Sharameta, Mary Antonucci, Cindy Worthington, William Fiorino, George Burton, Beverly DeMarco, Lucille Carrier, Richard Rolla, George Burton, Charlotte O'Mara, Renate Perry, Angela Vizzo, Elizabeth Cariglia, Chet DiLeo, Jacob Rivera, Stephanie Berthiaume Cowie, Fulvia D'Amico, Dolores Ventresca and Lois Harris. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

### The Waters of Baptism

Giuseppe Antonio Macaruso child of Joseph Macaruso and Ania Hoscilio was initiated into our Christian family through the Sacrament of Baptism recently.

The Parish family of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto welcomes him.

Something to think about....

If we all did the things we are capable of doing, we would astound ourselves.

> **Thomas Edison**

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

### Take Five Sunday, Jan 02, 2022

### for Faith SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The sanctity of home

"Home is where the heart is" is an ancient proverb. Many folks find their deepest level of satisfaction and fulfilment in family life. But home is also where the hearth is: the place to which we come in from the cold to restore ourselves, where we put up our feet, sigh, and relax. Our homes are sacred to us; why not commend them to God? On Epiphany, we're invited to gather with our loved ones to bless the door, walls, and table of our dwelling. Compose your own blessing together or visit the USCCB's Blessing of the Home and Household on Epiphany for the rite of home blessing.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12 (20). "The star they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was."

Monday, Jan 03, 2022

#### MEMORIAL OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS—Initial reflections

Do you have anything monogrammed with your initials, perhaps towels or clothing? While monogramming is decorative, it also marks your belongings as yours. Jesus has a monogram too: "IHS," which stands for the first three letters of the Greek spelling of the name of Jesus. Later the monogram was associated with the Latin phrase lesus Hominum Salvator (Jesus Humankind's Savior). There is power in the very name of Jesus and so Catholics venerate it. Perhaps you've seen this monogram on altars or vestments. Jesuits use the IHS monogram as the emblem of their society. You can bear his monogram too—by calling on his name and showing to the world that you belong to him.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25 (212). "And great crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan followed him."

Tuesday, Jan 04, 2022

#### MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS—Fed by the bread of life

Raised Episcopalian, Elizabeth Ann Seton knew about Jesus multiplying loaves. On Sundays, she was a devout communicant at historic Trinity Church on Wall Street. But it wasn't until Elizabeth went to Italy with her children and husband in 1803, attending Mass with Catholic friends, that she was drawn to the Real Presence in the Eucharist. "How happy would we be, if we believed what these dear souls believe," she wrote, "that they possess God in the sacrament, and that He remains in their churches and is carried to them when they are sick!" In honor of Mother Seton, the first U.S-born saint, resolve to receive Communion more often this year.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44 (213). "He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people."

Wednesday, Jan 05, 2022

#### MEMORIAL OF JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP-Get to know your neighbors

Today we celebrate the feast of Saint John Neuman, the first Redemptorist priest ordained in the United States and the first male U.S. citizen named a saint. Neumann, who emigrated to the United States from Bohemia as a young man desirous of being a missionary, is revered for his tireless work among immigrants in the Northeast. He had a talent for understanding people and knowing what would bring them peace and comfort. Seek to emulate this holy man, who one of his fellow bishops observed, "had a solution for every question posed," and an "unruffled composure, which betokened deep humility and perfect self-control. I always regarded him as a saint."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52 (214). "If we love one another, God remains in us, and [God's] love is brought to perfection in us."

Thursday, Jan 06, 2022

### MEMORIAL OF ANDRÉ BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS—The comeback kid of Québec

Saint André Bessette's remarkable life began when he was born into poverty in 1845. Orphaned by age 12, considered a failure in school, he practiced unskilled trades until his pastor encouraged him to join the Congregation of the Holy Cross. The congregation reluctantly admitted him, concerned about his frail health. Brother André defied expectations, living to age 91 and becoming famous throughout Québec for the many healings people experienced after visiting him in his role as a humble doorkeeper. Why not ask Brother André for his intercession, be it for mental, spiritual, relational, or physical healing?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 4:19—5:4; Luke 4:14-22 (215). "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

Friday, Jan 07, 2022

#### MEMORIAL OF RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT, PRIEST - Make straight your path

Through its long history, the church has been careful to make a distinction between the canons, or rules, of the church and the laws of the state. The canons, from the Greek kanon for "straight," were meant to guide Catholics toward the mission of the church—to keep them on the straight and narrow of faith, so to speak. There are 1,752 canons, many that pertain to all of us. For example, Canon 210: "All the Christian faithful must direct their efforts to lead a holy life and to promote the growth of the church and its continual sanctification, according to their own condition." In honor of the patron saint of canon lawyers, Saint Raymond of Peñafort, do your best to follow the rules of the church and give witness to God's saving love.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16 (216). "God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son."

Saturday, Jan 08, 2022

#### SATURDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

#### **Increasing Christ**

Tomorrow, the Baptism of the Lord, marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. The days, dates, and seasons of the church's liturgical calendar focus the whole People of God on the same celebrations. During Advent we prepare. In Christmas we welcome. Lent is a time of reflection and repentance. Easter is new life. In Ordinary Time we celebrate the ongoing effects of God's grace. So when "Silent Night" or "We Three Kings" is sung throughout the world, the air fills with the grace generated by God in our hearts. Sing a Christmas hymn today and know that the stars are singing with you.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30 (217). "He must increase; I must decrease."



