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

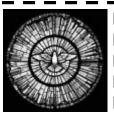
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As a reminder Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester in screening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

Baptism (ord

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolic of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

Excerpted from Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas

PARISH COUNCIL WILL MEET ON <u>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12TH</u> AT 6:00 PM IN THE PARISH CENTER. (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY AND DATE)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

The holidays came and went so quickly. They bring much joy, family reunions, feasting and togetherness, but also losses. We've had a number of deaths during this time, two of whom I want to acknowledge because of their great devotion and service to our parish. The first is Elizabeth Cariglia whose funeral Mass was celebrated this past Friday. She was born in Italy and emigrated to the United States in 1961. Since then she has been a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel/Loreto parish and a very active one. She participated in countless parish festivals, bazaars, dinners and true to her Italian culture and upbringing, a great cook and cookie-maker! She even entrusted to me her own private collection of Italian cookie recipes!! Elizabeth will be deeply missed, not only by her family but also by her parish family.

Robert Morello, whose funeral was celebrated this weekend, was born in Worcester, a life-long member of our parish. He was a faithful usher and greeter for years at the 4:00 pm and 8:00 am Masses. Bob often worked behind the scenes, but could be seen setting up for parish functions, helping to decorate the church for the various liturgical seasons, serving on parish committees. He was always willing to help in any way he could and what was asked of him.

Elizabeth and Bob were parish treasures who cannot be replaced. We thank them for their presence and service to our parish. We will miss them. May the angels lead them into paradise!

Monsignor Pedone

WELCOME BISHOP MCMANUS!

Our Bishop will be the celebrant of the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, January 16th and will be attending the Pancake Breakfast sponsored by our parish council Knights of Columbus immediately following that Mass. The Knights are providing this breakfast free of charge for all parishioners following both the 8:00 and 10:30 AM Masses. All are welcome to attend.

Pro-Life Mass with Bishop McManus

All are invited to attend the annual Mass for Life celebrated by Bishop McManus on **Thursday, Jan. 20 at 7:00 pm.** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. Please join us on the eve of the March for Life as we remember the 49th tragic anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* and pray for an end to abortion and the conversion of our nation. All are welcome!

God's Gift of Time

Now that the busy-ness of the Advent season has passed and the Christmas season closes, let us take more time to praise God for his magnificent gifts and to hold on to the true meaning of the epiphany which we celebrated last week.

Let us reflect on the gift of time. It sounds so simple, so obvious; time is a gift. Yet, because we are human, we sometimes forget to honor time. Instead, we ignore it, wrestle with it, mismanage it and take it for granted.

If we take some time, we can see the significance of the gifts of the Magi—gold, frankincense and myrrh - in our own lives.

Our time on this earth is gold. It is so priceless. Once it passes, we can't get time back. Yet, God gives us memories in time's place. So what memories are you going to make with your time today? How will you spend and share your gold?

Our time is a precious and desired commodity like frankincense and myrrh. These aromatic resins were used to inspire the senses as well as comfort and heal. Time anoints us with love, comfort, struggle, growth, healing, discovery and the chance to experience hope and joy in our daily lives. So how are you using your time to love and grow? How are you using your time to heal physically and emotionally? What will you discover today? What brings you joy? What gives you hope? How will you offer your precious time to comfort others?

Time is God's magnificent gift.By Karen Kiefer, Boston College

Instead of counting sheep, talk to the Shepherd

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.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Let your voice be heard! We are living in a world that does not hold to the sanctity of life. Join us in our efforts to preserve the solemnity of life from conception to natural death.

There will be a short meeting of the Respect Life Ministry on January 18 at 7 PM at the Parish Center. We are looking for individuals to help support our ministry. This can be as simple as adding your name to a prepared e-mail message that would be sent to local, state or national groups or individuals in support of respect for life, or making a phone call to local or state legislators. All our events are on a strictly volunteer basis, you are not committed to every or any project. If you cannot attend the meeting or have any questions, please call Joe at 508-614-5971 or Barbara at 508-612-1595.

Pro-Life Morning of Reflection

Please join us for A Morning for Life with Msgr. James P. Moroney on **Saturday, Jan. 15 from 10:00 am – noon** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. The mini-retreat will include a talk on "How Precious Life Is" quiet prayer time, and Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life. Preregistration is preferred (though not required). Email intent to attend to <u>aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org</u>. Download the flyer with more details at: www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life.

Thank You from Children at St. Agnes Guild

The children at St. Agnes Guild have expressed their gratitude for you generosity at Christmas with artwork which is on display in the vestibule of the church.



Wishes for the New Year

May you be blessed with warmth in your home, Love in your heart, Peace in your soul, and Joy in your life.

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 to someone who is hungry.



<u>Financial Stewardship</u> For the week ending December 26, 2021			
Income			
Offertory:	<u>-</u>		
Christmas	\$2,569.00		
Week-End	2,137.77		
Mail	1,845.00		
On-Line Giving	681.63		
Fuel	208.15		
Maintenance	201.00		
Flowers	95.00		
Solemnity of Mary	55.00		
Religious Retirement	50.00		
First Offering	40.00		
Immaculate Conception	27.00		
Home Missions	5.00		
All Saints	5.00		
Catholic University	5.00	#7 00 4 55	
Total Offertory		\$7,924.55	
Transfer from Savings		17,653.00	
Candles		88.00	
Mass Stipends		65.00	
Parking Revenue Donations		60.00 50.00	
Total		\$25,840.55	
Total		<u>\$23,640.33</u>	
Expenses:			
Salaries and Wages		\$5,863.00	
Christmas Flowers		716.00	
Repairs and Maintenance		300.00	
Offertory Envelopes		286.65	
Employee Benefits		156.84	
Office Supplies		106.24	
Total		<u>\$7,428.73</u>	

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.

A World at Prayer is a World at Peace

<u>Financial Stewardship</u> For the week ending January 2, 2022			
Income			
Offertory: Week-End Mail On-Line Giving Maintenance Solemnity of Mary Christmas First Offering Catholic University Fuel Flowers Immaculate Conception Total Offertory	\$4,063.01 1,022.00 648.00 371.00 352.00 325.00 206.00 137.00 84.00 40.00 12.00 \$7,260.01		
Funeral Stipends Parking Revenue Mass Stipends Candles Total Expenses:	$ \begin{array}{r} 300.00 \\ 100.00 \\ 65.00 \\ \underline{63.00} \\ \underline{\$7,788.01} \end{array} $		
Music: (December) Organists Cantors Total Cost of Music New Boiler—Parish Center Repairs and Maintenance Funeral Stipends Salaries and Wages Rectory—Food and Household Employee Benefits Office Supplies and Expenses Heating Oil Mass Stipends Parish Mailing Religious Education Rubbish Removal Total	$\frac{\$1,500.00}{\$75.00}$ $\frac{\$2,375.00}{14,700.00}$ $3,232.48$ $1,810.00$ $1,651.50$ 848.95 799.33 680.07 665.81 390.00 313.10 300.00 196.35 $\underline{\$27,962.59}$		

Cursillo is back!!!

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

<u>2022</u> :	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.



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

Mario Christofaro and Rosa Girotto by Niece

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

<u>Sunday, January 9, 2022—10:30 a.m.</u> Gaetano J. Monopoli (First Anniversary) by Family Ignazio and Josephine Colombo by Family

Monday, January 10, 2022—7:00 a.m. The Sick of the Parish

Tuesday, January 11, 2022—7:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving for Nimmy Francis

Wednesday, January 12, 2022—7:00 a.m. Denise Garofoli by a Friend

<u>Thursday, January 13, 2022—7:00 a.m.</u> **The Souls in Purgatory**

Saturday, January 15, 2022—4:00 p.m. Marcia DiLeo by Family

<u>Sunday, January 16, 2022—8:00 a.m.</u> Linda E. Sacco by husband Pat Sacco and Family Anthony J. Dilorio (Month's Mind) by Family

Sunday, January 16, 2022—10:30 a.m. Sandra Brouillard (5th Anniversary) by Elizabeth Santley Rocci Visci (Birthday Remembrance) by Family Susan G. Porcaro (9th Anniversary) by son, Michael C. Martin Father Frank Liistro (9th Anniversary) by Michael C. Martin

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



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, Chet DiLeo, Jacob Rivera, Stephanie Berthiaume Cowie, Fulvia D'Amico, Dolores Ventresca and Lois Harris. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

<u>Rest in Peace</u>

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 Rose M. Oliver, Giovanna Palladino, Francis Sestito, Virginia Marie Czubrynski, Elizabeth Cariglia, Robert Morello Sr., Veronica Coat and Aldona Mastro. God grant them peace forever and bring comfort to their families and friends.

GOLDEN YEARS CLUB

Due to the recent increase in positive Covid cases there will be no Golden Years Club during the month of January. They will resume again in February.

THE POWER OF A CANDLE BURNING BRIGHTLY

Fire is a powerful symbol. That's why flame plays such a prominent role in our liturgies. It helps us to understand Jesus as the Light of the world. We have the opportunity to light a candle as a symbol of our love for departed family and friends and to have it burn brightly for seven days. Witnessing it connects us with our loved one. And knowing that it burns throughout the day and night comforts us. A SANCTUARY LAMP signifies the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle. We have two—one in the church and the other in the chapel. Call the Office to arrange for either of them to burn for your loved one for seven days. The donation is \$10. You may also choose to light a vigil candle in front of Our Blessed Mother's statue in the rear of the church for a goodwill offering. Experience the power and energy of a candle burning brightly. Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.



for Faith FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Tell it like it is

The hidden days are over. When the Spirit descends on Jesus and the heavenly voice proclaims him beloved, Jesus is effectively outed as the Divine Son. Did Jesus know this was the hour when his private life would come to an end? When any dreams he may have had for a quiet domestic existence were surrendered for good? The underlying truth is that on the day of our Baptism, we each surrender the notion of a private world that's all about us. As Pope Francis puts it, "Immersing us in Christ, Baptism also makes us members of his body, which is the Church, and participants in its mission in the world." Be the beloved. Share the love.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11; Acts 10:34-38 or Titus 2:11-14; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 (21). "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Monday, Jan 10, 2022

Give every child a chance

According to the National Center for Child Poverty, about 15 million children in the United States-21 percent of all children-live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line. The Christ Child Society seeks to address the critical needs of these children. U.S.-born Servant of God Mary Virginia Merrick, who died on this day in 1955, founded the Christ Child Society in 1887 at the age of 20-despite being paralyzed from a childhood injury. Today, its 6,000 members volunteer nearly 400,000 hours and serve more than 75,000 children and their families annually. You may find a chapter—or start one—at nationalchristchild.org.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20 (305). "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Tuesday, Jan 11, 2022

Pray the way to a more perfect union

Dom Lambert Beauduin, a Belgian Benedictine monk, died this day in 1960-but not without influencing the way we pray at Mass. As a liturgical scholar, Beauduin championed—years before Vatican II—the idea of worshipers actively participating in the Mass rather than sitting in pews to pray their private devotions. He promoted the idea of congregants literally "being on the same page," able to follow along with the Latin by using worship aides to translate the words of priests and prayers. "Beauduin had an insatiable thirst for unity," notes a biographer. Pray for greater unity in our church today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28 (306). "On the sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught." Wednesday, Jan 12, 2022

Here I am, Lord

Jesus saw his healing ministry of the sick and spiritually oppressed as a call from God. It is the same call each of us receives, not only to serve God and his people but to serve ourselves-to be our best selves, which will bring us the greatest joy. Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, known as an apostle of love, explains the profound grace that comes with responding to God's call in his "Jesus, the very thought of thee" hymn: "... how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!/ But what to those who find? Ah, this No tongue nor pen can show;/ The love of Jesus, what it is None but His loved ones know."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39 (307). "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."

Thursday, Jan 13, 2022

MEMORIAL OF HILARY, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

In defense of the faith

Saint Hilary (d. 468) was a bishop during a time of great contention in the early church. He was popularly selected to lead, and he undertook scholarship that continues to be recognized today. His informal title, "Hammer of the Arians," has a violent ring to it, but in fact, he defended the Trinity against the Arian heresy through his writing, even though his opponents used the more forcible method of exile. Living a truly Christian life—loving those who oppose you, forgiving wrongs, turning the other cheek—has often been ridiculed by those who prefer the use of force. You can "defend" the faith by the way you choose to live.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45 (308). "A leper came to him and kneeling down begged him and said, 'If you wish, you can make me clean.'

Friday, Jan 14, 2022

I feel your pain

Healing gospel-style involves assessing the physical, mental, and spiritual health of the ill person. As Pope Francis says, Jesus asks us: "To stop and listen, to establish a direct and personal relationship with others, to feel empathy and compassion, and to let their suffering become our own as we seek to serve them." This holistic approach is slowly being embraced by Western physicians. Today's healthcare providers are encouraged to use such tools as the FICA method to assess a patient's faith; its importance in their decision-making; their connection to a community of like-minded believers; and the recommended action related to the spiritual assessment. We're all commissioned to be healers to some extent; the next time someone comes to you in pain, remember this compassionate approach.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12 (309). "Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk'?"

Saturday, Jan 15, 2022

The stone rejected

In our continued observance of the Amoris Laetitia Family Year, we are reminded by Pope Francis to consider the complexities of people's lives when we're tempted to judge their family or marital situation. "It can no longer simply be said," writes the pope, "that all those living in any 'irregular situation' are living in a state of mortal sin." Non-traditional families need to be offered "understanding, comfort, and acceptance." We need to stop applying moral laws as if they were, in the pope's words, "stones to throw at a person's life." Consider today the grace of God's mercy, compassion, and forgiveness operating in your own life.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mark 2:13-17 (310). "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."



