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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.

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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

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To become a registered member of the parish, please call 508-753-5001 or register on-line at www.mtcarmel.ws.

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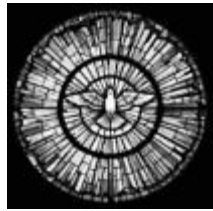
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As a reminder Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester in screening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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19**

The pancake breakfast, along with Bishop McManus' visit to our parish, will be rescheduled in the spring.

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY – A LEGAL HOLIDAY – MONDAY, JANUARY 17TH

Parish offices will be closed. Mass will be celebrated as usual at 7:00 AM. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday!



Monday, January 17

In Catholic social tradition, "rights" correspond to the treatment every person deserves not because of background or individual merit, but by virtue of being created in the image and likeness of God. As followers of Christ, we are called to a concern for our brothers and sisters. This means that, in acknowledging rights, we also acknowledge responsibilities.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

As you are probably aware, we have been doing repairs and updating of the parish buildings and property. We just had to replace the boiler in the parish center at a cost of \$14,700. This was in addition to repairs which were needed in the late winter last year to the heat delivery system at the center at a cost of \$11,870.42. The chimney at the church needed repairs, as well patching the church's foundation at a total cost of \$3700. Repairs were needed in the church sacristy at a cost of \$3335. The gutters on the church had to be replaced and I'm hoping this will alleviate some of the water problems we're having in the lower church hall. The cost for this was \$4990. We've augmented the lighting system on the church property because of security problems and changed and replaced broken lights and fixtures at a cost of \$6,965.13. Also, during the summer we needed to do extensive landscaping and remove a lot of overgrowth on the property at a cost of \$2200.

The total cost for all this work amounted to \$48,000, most of which came from the money returned to the parish because of your generosity to the Legacy of Hope Capital Campaign.

I was informed by our property manager, John Oliver, that he was told by the company that replaced the gutters that the parish center roof will need to be replaced after this winter. Obviously, this will be a major cost.

I just wanted to keep you up to date on extraordinary parish expenses and how the money you contributed to Legacy of Hope is being spent.

Please know how much I appreciate your generosity to your parish!

Winter blessings!

Monsignor Pedone

**“AT THE FOOT OF CROSS”
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, January 27th at 6:30 PM at the parish center. If you are grieving the loss of someone by death you are cordially invited to join us for sharing and mutual support. Please invite others who are grieving a loss of a loved one to join us as well. We meet the last Thursday of every month.

Green...

We are now in the Season of Ordinary Time. The color for Ordinary time is green, which stands for growth, life, hope, and anticipation. Green vestments are worn on all Sundays and generally everyday Mass is celebrated during Ordinary time. Ordinary time ends the day before Ash Wednesday.

**RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY
MEETING WILL BE RESCHEDULED**

The meeting scheduled for Monday, January 18 at 7 PM has been cancelled and will be rescheduled in the future. If you have any questions, please Joe at 508-614-5971 or Barbara at 508-612-1595.

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!

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.

2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

“To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” (1 CORINTHIANS 12:7) St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God’s plan? How are you helping to build God’s kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don’t do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.

A LETTER FROM BISHOP McMANUS

January 2022

My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

January 22, 2022 marks the 49th anniversary of the tragic *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision which, with its companion case *Doe v. Bolton*, legalized abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy in every state in the nation. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (n. 373), designates Saturday, January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children”. All the faithful in dioceses throughout the United States of America 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.

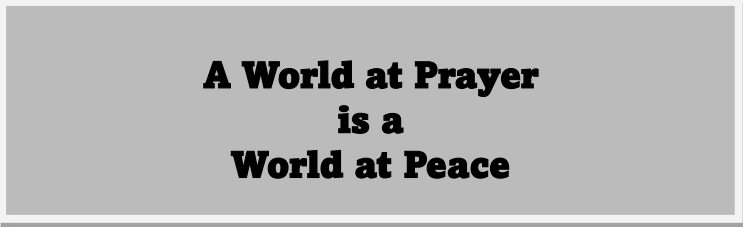
As we reflect on this unspeakable tragedy, we also recall how the Church for many years has continued to reach out to those who have been so sadly affected by the culture of death, particularly through ministries providing aid to women and families in crisis pregnancies, offering the healing love and mercy of Christ to those wounded by abortion through the ministry of Project Rachel, and by continuing to teach and preach the truth and beauty about love and life that bring authentic freedom and happiness. It is through our prayers, charitable works, and loving sacrifices that the culture can be transformed.

Let us take this opportunity of the January 22nd Day of Prayer and Penance to renew our resolve to live and proclaim the Gospel of Life. May we respond generously to the challenge Saint Pope John Paul II put forth in *Evangelium vitae*: “A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. May an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and Lover of life, from the heart of every believer.” Our active participation in the shared commitment to the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person will, with God’s grace, truly work toward the building up of a Culture of Life and a Civilization of Love.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester





MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 15, 2022—4:00 p.m.

Marcia DiLeo by Family

Dominic DiBaro Jr. (Birthday Remembrance) by Mother and Family

Sunday, January 16, 2022—8:00 a.m.

Linda E. Sacco by husband Pat Sacco and Family

Anthony J. Dilorio (Month's Mind) by Family

Maryann Ferzoco (Month's Mind) by Shirley Dilorio

Sunday, January 16, 2022—10:30 a.m.

Sandra Brouillard (5th Anniversary) by Elizabeth Santley

Rocco Visci (Birthday Remembrance) by Family

Susan G. Porcaro (9th Anniversary) by son, Michael C. Martin

Father Frank Liistro (9th Anniversary) by Michael C. Martin

Monday, January 17, 2022—7:00 a.m.

Parishioners Intentions

Tuesday, January 18, 2022—7:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving for Maria Banzuela

Wednesday, January 19, 2022—7:00 a.m.

The Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, January 20, 2022—7:00 a.m.

Theodocia Banzuela by the Banzuela Family

Saturday, January 22, 2022—4:00 p.m.

Victoria DiLeo by Family

Nino Sasso (Fifth Anniversary) by Wife and Family

Sunday, January 23, 2022—8:00 a.m.

Louise Buffone (30th Anniversary) by daughter Nancy

Sunday, January 23, 2022—10:30 a.m.

The People of the Parish



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, 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, Lois Harris and Luisa (Angelina) Polselli. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

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

Dominic DiBaro Jr.
(Birthday Remembrance)
By Mother and Family

The Waters of Baptism

John and Emily Regele
children of

Matthew and Lindsay Regele
were 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 them.



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**.

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

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.



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

Sunday, Jan 16, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—You are gifted, any way you slice it

We're all good at something. But not all of us consider our talents and skills as assets given to the Body of Christ. Say you can sew, make people laugh, fix an engine, bake a great pie, or balance a mean checkbook. Of what use are these things to the church, you might ask. Discernment of gifts is something Saint Paul took very seriously in the early community. In our faith sharing, we might ask each other how "mighty deeds" or knowledge or healing might be translated into modern needs the church has. Don't underestimate the healing value of a great pie!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11 (66). "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."*

Monday, Jan 17, 2022

Help the dream awaken

One of the many things Martin Luther King, Jr. taught Americans was that faith could—and should!—be a driving force for positive social change. He also showed that people of all faiths could put aside differences and do this work together. A Baptist minister, King met with Pope John XXIII and many other faith leaders who later together publicly lamented his death. Keep King's spirit of faith-based social action and interfaith cooperation alive—gather with Catholics and other people of God to discuss, learn, pray, plan, and act on a peaceful journey toward healing all forms of inequality.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22 (311). "But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day."*

Tuesday, Jan 18, 2022

Shop with a conscience

Today we note Mary Kenney O'Sullivan, who died on this day in 1943. A Catholic mother of three, she poured her considerable talents into organizing working-class women to demand the right to vote and expect justice in their workplaces. She fought for social justice even as the concept of Catholic social teaching was still being refined and formed into what it is today. O'Sullivan understood and lived out social teaching concepts of solidarity, the dignity of the human person, and the dignity of work. Can your shopping choices, voting patterns, and prayers help uplift workers who are currently mistreated?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28 (312). "The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath. That is why the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."*

Wednesday, Jan 19, 2022

God loves an underdog

We all tend to cheer for the underdog. We find it inspiring when the person or team least expected to win triumphs. David's victory over Goliath appeals to us for this reason. But there's more to the story. When we have an unsurmountable task before us, it is wise to let God take control. After all, God is all powerful. History is full of saints who did the unexpected because they trusted that God would supplement their weaknesses. As Saint Catherine of Siena advises: "Start being brave about everything . . . Don't look at your weakness, but realize that in Christ crucified you can do everything." Today pray for God's will to be revealed to you and trust that he will give you the strength you need.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6 (313). "Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?"*

Thursday, Jan 20, 2022

MEMORIAL OF SEBASTIAN, MARTYR—Listen to the peoples' laments

The anguish of physical pain can be a fact of life. In medieval times many artists were fascinated by the martyrdom of Saint Sebastian and created gruesome images of it. For practicing Christianity in the third century, Sebastian was ordered to be executed by arrows. He survived this ordeal, only to later be beaten to death for his faith. Father Robin Ryan, C.P., a Passionist priest, says when he encounters people suffering in any form, he avoids explanations as so much about God and suffering is a mystery. He tries to allow those in pain to lament and share their emotion with God, often using the psalms as a starting point as they "help us to recognize that we belong to a tradition and a community of faith; we are not alone in this experience." Draw solace from the lament tradition the next time you find yourself or others in pain.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12 (314). "He had cured many and, as a result, those who had diseases were pressing upon him to touch him."*

Friday, Jan 21, 2022

MEMORIAL OF AGNES, MARTYR—I stand with Agnes

The stories of martyrs can make us feel a bit uneasy. They edify us, but they also can—and should—horrify us. Why? Because in every story, we encounter human violence, perhaps even a reflection of the violence we ourselves have suffered, committed, or ignored. While we laud fourth-century martyr Agnes of Rome for her sacred commitment to chastity, we must not overlook the fact that she was martyred for resisting a forced, unwanted relationship and inhumane treatment as mere property. Agnes' story is particularly relevant today because women continue to face the very real threat of personal as well as systemic violence. Will you stand with Agnes against gender violence in all its forms?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19 (315). "You have treated me generously, while I have done you harm."*

Saturday, Jan 22, 2022

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN—Cradle-to-grave Catholics

To embrace a consistent ethic of life is to not only oppose abortion but also to support and defend the dignity and right to life in all conditions and under all circumstances. The term "the Seamless Garment" was coined by the Catholic activist Eileen Egan to characterize this position, later popularized by the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin. He said: "Those who defend the right to life of the weakest among us must be equally visible in support of the quality of life of the powerless among us: the old and the young, the hungry and the homeless, the undocumented immigrant and the unemployed worker." Learn more about the Seamless Garment ethic and take a stand today for life in all its forms!

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21 (316). "Let us see your face, Lord, and we shall be saved."*

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