

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS: 1896-2021

# St. Mary of Mount Carmel Blessed Sacrament Parish

## ABOUT THE PARISH

**Address:** 648 Jay St., Utica, NY 13501.

**Telephone:** 315-735-1482; fax: 315-735-9806.

**Office hours:** Masks must be worn.

- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday.
- Closed on Friday and national holidays.

**Faith Formation and Scalabrini Center:** 315-724-3950.

**Email:** stmaryutica@syrdio.org

**Hearing impaired:** Listening devices available in the sacristy.

## MASS SCHEDULES

### Weekend

**Saturday:** 4:30 p.m.

**Sunday:** 8 and 10:30 a.m.

### Weekday

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:** 8:30 a.m.

**Rosary for the Unborn and Divine Mercy Chaplet:**  
Thursday after Mass.

### Holy Days

Consult the bulletin and website.

## RECONCILIATION

**Saturday:** 3:45 p.m.

## MARRIAGE

Make arrangements six months in advance.

## BAPTISM

Call the parish office to arrange. New parents are encouraged to attend the parent class before the birth of your child.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults or children, 7 or older who have never been baptized or confirmed or received the Eucharist, are invited to call the parish office for information.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our parish family. We invite you to become an active participant of our parish community. Please be sure to register by calling the parish office.

## PARISH STAFF

**Pastor:** Rev. Jim Cesta

**In Residence:** Rev. Luis Olguin

**Coordinator of Faith Formation K-6:** Terri Piazza-Panuccio

**Coordinator of Faith Formation 7-10:** Anne Carlone-Elacqua

**Maintenance:** Patrick Zasa

**Music director:** Peter Elacqua

**Website manager, bulletin, publicity:** Fran Perritano



Ray Alcuri during a performance by the Mount Carmel Players.



Artwork is applied to the ceiling at the 50th anniversary in 1946.

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## FATHER JIM'S WISE & OTHERWISE

# There's much to gain from being forgiving person

What's your attitude toward forgiveness?

One deeply spiritual person has said, "The only thing we can play on the one string we have is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10 percent what happens to me and 90 percent how I react to it."

Hate and revenge preoccupied a man named Harold Smith when a one-time friend spread rumors about him and damaged his reputation, Harold said, "I begged God to do something to the one who had ruined me, to make the person as miserable as I had become."

At first, he dismissed another friend's suggestion that he pray for the other person who hurt his good name. But since he believed in



the love of God and the power of forgiveness, he decided to give prayer a try without expecting much in return. Within a few weeks Harold found he could let go of his grudge.

"I wish I could say my act of forgiveness went over well with that person, but it didn't," he said. "But forgiveness did some amazing things to me!"

Here's what he gained: more time and energy now that he no longer wasted time on revenge; a new way of seeing the person he hated, someone really in need of prayers; and the ability to change his anger and hatred into compassion.

### And the otherwise ...

An elderly lady was well known for her faith and for her boldness and talking about it. She would stand on her front porch and shout, "Praise the Lord!"

Next door to her lived an atheist who would get so angry at her proclamations he would shout, "There ain't no Lord!!"

Hard times set in on the elderly lady and she prayed for God to send her some assistance. She stood on her porch and shouted, "Praise the Lord! God, I need FOOD! I am having a hard time. Please, Lord, send me some groceries!"

The next morning, the lady went out on her porch and saw a large bag of groceries and shouted, "Praise the Lord!"

Her neighbor jumped from behind a bush and said, "Ha ha! I told you there was no Lord. I bought those groceries. God didn't."

The lady started jumping up and down and clapping her hands and saying, "Praise the Lord! He not only sent me groceries, but He made the devil pay for them!!"

## NEXT WEEKEND'S SCHEDULES

### Lectors

**SATURDAY, MARCH 13**

**4:30 p.m. Mass**

Mary Lourdes Martin and Karen McBride (POF)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 14**

**8 a.m. Mass**

Barbara Inserra and Mary Rose Leone (POF)

**10:30 a.m. Mass**

Susan Martelotto and Fred Valentini (POF)

### Eucharistic ministers

**SATURDAY MARCH 13**

**4:30 p.m. Mass**

Bonnie Gardiner, Vito Valenzi and Vickie Perritano

**SUNDAY, MARCH 14**

**8 a.m. Mass**

Jennifer Tran, Kuhn Su and Helen Toczala

**10:30 a.m.**

Tina Caggese, Joanne Gerace and Marsha LaBella

## PARISH WEBSITE

Visit [www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com](http://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com) for the latest parish news and announcements. There's even a mobile version for your smart phone. Here's some of what you'll find on the site:

- Wedding Planning Guide.
- Funeral Service Planning Guide.
- Weekly prayers, reflections, photos, videos and more to enrich your faith.
- Photo galleries
- Bulletin
- Father Jim's "Wise and Otherwise"
- History of the parish
- Lector, minister schedules
- Mass schedules
- Parish news
- Ministries
- Event calendar
- Weekly reflection on Sunday's readings
- "More Good News" magazine
- Links to our social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

## Anniversary prayer to Blessed Scalabrini

Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini has a special connection to our parish. On Sept. 15, 1901, Bishop Scalabrini blessed the cornerstone of our new church. For nearly 100 years, priests from the Scalabrinian order served Mount Carmel Church. He was beatified by St. John Paul II in November 1997. As we celebrate our 125th anniversary, the following is a prayer for the year.



*Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini, you were chosen by Divine Providence to become the faithful servant of Christ to the church and to your people, the apostle of catechism and the father to the migrants. With the wisdom of your faith and strength of your courage, guide us in our pilgrimage of life to face the daily challenges and difficulties, knowing that in everything the providential love of God is at work to bring us all to a new fullness of life in Jesus and to live in harmony with one another. Listen to our prayer and entrust our petitions to Jesus through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Extend your protection to all who live and work in foreign lands and at sea, to their families at home and to all who call on you in their sorrow and distress. Thus free from fear and with a joyful heart we may give glory to God through Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

## SEND US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament Parish has compiled a database of email addresses that is being used to contact parishioners in case of emergencies, important schedule changes or other pertinent information. We ask all parishioners to submit their email address to Fran Perritano at [fperritano@syrdio.org](mailto:fperritano@syrdio.org) using the subject line PARISH EMAIL. You also can include a phone number, if you wish.

## YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

### Collection for Feb. 27-28: \$4,416

If you're unable to attend Mass, you still can make your donation by mailing it to: Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament Parish, 648 Jay St., Utica, NY 13502. You also can contribute online on our website. Look for the DONATE button in the right column.

MAKE YOUR DONATION

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# Father William Pizzoglio man of action, compassion

*Sixth in a weekly series on the beginning and growth of our parish.*

Father William Pizzoglio's first endeavor as pastor was to conduct a parish census that reflected that the congregation consisted of 2,035 families and 12,700 parishioners.

Father Pizzoglio's primary goal was to nurture the spiritual needs of young and old, and so it was that catechism classes were expanded and religious instruction classes intensified for public school children.

Another noteworthy task undertaken by him was the decoration and painting of the church in preparation for the 40th anniversary in 1936. Professor Antonio D'Ambrosio of New York City was commissioned to decorate and paint the church. Three new marble

## 125 OUR HISTORY

altars were designed and installed by the DaPrato Firm of New York.

Another serious problem was clamoring for a solution. For years, the nuns had been crowded in a small dilapidated convent. New rooms and a chapel were constructed, giving the sisters a home with all modern conveniences.

Perhaps the greatness of this man was displayed during World War II. Five thousand boys of Italian descent, 3,000 parishioners of Mount Carmel, left Utica for the war fronts. Father Pizzoglio kept in touch with all his

boys, regardless of the huge amount of correspondence.

Always ready to extend charitable works, Father Pizzoglio opened a clinic for children on Elizabeth Street operated by the Utica Visiting Nurses Association, with the church incurring all costs.

Many wives and mothers, responding to the nation's appeal, went to work in factories to make war materials. Father Pizzoglio understood the situation and saw the need for a day nursery. On Jan. 4, 1944, the nursery became a reality and Bishop Walter A. Foery solemnly blessed the Mount Carmel Day Nursery, which continued to operate until 1970.

*Next week: Father Berton takes over*

## PARISH NEWS

### Lent at Home for busy Catholic families

Given the challenges facing today's families, now is the perfect time and home is the perfect place to experience Lent. After all, home is where we rush and rest, we hope and worry, we love and forgive.

It is home where we most often experience day-to-day salvation. Lenten experiences can take place in nearly every room of the house.

Here are some ideas to try to enrich your celebration of Lent at home:

#### Lenten mealtime

Designate one evening a week to prepare a meal together. Assign a different dish or task to each family member. Before starting, discuss how each family member is giving to the others — giving time, effort and care to nourish the entire family to go out and do God's will. Begin with a prayer of thanks and petition.

#### Scripture readings

Prominently display the Bible and other books that feature topics such as Lent, forgiveness, prayer, scripture, generosity, social justice and service for others. Invite family members to choose passages and discuss what you read.

#### Kindness and sharing

On slips of paper, write random acts of kindness, such as giving a compliment, saying hi to an old friend, carrying someone's heavy load. Present each family member with a slip of paper as he or she leaves in the morning. Invite each to perform the kindness without seeking recognition. Afterward, talk together about what happened. Pray with one another that your kindnesses will be passed on throughout Lent and beyond.



#### More things to do online

Visit [www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com](http://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com) for more creative and instructive things to do during Lent:

- Stations of the Cross.
- Don't give up chocolate. Try these 25 things instead.
- One simple activity a day for the 40 days of Lent.
- Tyler Perry's "The Passion," suitable for families.
- Best Lent Ever daily email link.

#### Giving to charities

Ask each family member to find three to five high-quality, useful items that would be appreciated by those who are less fortunate. Donate the items to a favorite charity. Pray together for those who will receive them.

#### Fasting and abstinence

Since biblical times, fasting and abstinence have been considered appropriate expressions of repentance for sin. Fasting and abstaining from meat reminds us of our reliance on God, who is the source of all abundance and nourishment. As Catholics, we are encouraged to fast voluntarily and occasionally throughout the year to practice self-denial, to lead a life of moderation that deepens our compassion for people who are in need, and to develop a deeper hunger and thirst for God.

#### Stations of the Cross

Father Jim will host the Stations of the Cross at 12:15 p.m. every Friday during Lent. If you attend, you must sign in.



### Livestream Mass to begin soon; we need people to help

We almost are about to livestream 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturdays. You soon can watch it on our YouTube channel or visit our website at [www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com](http://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com).

We are looking for people who are technically inclined and willing to help livestream this Mass on occasion. If that's you, contact Anne Elacqua at 315-941-7447.



### Registration helpers needed for Masses, funerals and weddings

We would like to have a few additional helpers who can work our registration tables for weekend Masses, funerals and weddings.

It is nice to have a few extra people to help. If you are interested, contact Anne Elacqua at 315-941-7447 or [aelacqua@syrdio.org](mailto:aelacqua@syrdio.org).

## PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

### LIVING

- Kay DeSantis—Vicki
- 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Mrs. Pam DeSarro—St. Anne's Society

- Children and Grandchildren—mom

### DECEASED

- Kathleen Giruzzi Arcuri—Phyllis and Anthony J. Palumbo
- Zoey Marie Antanavige—Carol, Dennis and Chris Tuttle
- Frank Barretta—the parish
- Pasquale, Mary and Tasha Cardinale—Ray Cardinale
- Lena Carzo—Fred and Anne Bruzzese
- Lena Carzo—Pat Flihan and family
- Pat and Stella Castano—Peter and Karen Elacqua
- Ralph Centolella—Terri, Gina, Joey and Mary LaBella
- Ralph Centolella—Patty and Dave Watson
- Ralph Centolella—the parish
- Francis "Butch" Chandler—Karen Carzo
- Francis "Butch" Chandler—Joe and Mary Ann Guzzetta
- Francis Chandler—the parish
- Louise A. Crowell—Steven and Betty Calenzo
- Theresa Dailey—family
- Patricia "Patty" Dennison—Terri and Gina LaBella
- Al DeSantis—Jeanne Castronovo
- Mr. Alfonse J. "Al" DeSantis—Anthony and Julia Elacqua
- Alfonse "Al" DeSantis—Terri and Gina LaBella
- Angelo DiGiorgio—Peter and Karen Elacqua
- Rev. Abraham Esper—Regina George
- Rev. Abraham Esper—Rosanne George
- Norton Esposito—Bee
- Josephine Fanelli—Pat Flihan and family
- John H. Flihan—Terri LaBella and family
- Robert "Bob" Flihan—Terri LaBella and family
- Rose Gamello—Anthony and Diane Laria
- Carmella Graziadei Grande—Rocco and Lisa Grande and family
- Pasquale and Roma Inserra—Joe and Barbara Inserra



### Prayer Remembrance policy

Prayer Remembrances must be submitted two weeks in advance of the desired publication date. Those received this weekend will reach the parish office in time to be placed in the bulletin two weeks from now. You must use ONE envelope for each Mass intention. To ensure that all your intentions are listed as requested, please do not write multiple intentions on ONE envelope as oftentimes names are inadvertently omitted. If you have a prayer intention that you would like parishioners to pray for, please call Pattie Franco at 733-4210. She, along with members of our prayer line, will be glad to pray for you.

- Norman C. Jackson—Fred and Anne Bruzzese
- Rita Kupiec—the parish
- Joseph N. LaBella—Terri LaBella and family
- Walter Loin—Terri and Gina LaBella
- Walter Loin—V. Rocci
- Ida and Josephine Manze—David Struz
- Ida M. and Josephine D. Manze and family—will
- Manze and Motto Families—will
- Anthony Marino—Angela and Bob Del-Buono3
- Frank Mazza—wife Josephine
- Tom Moffitt—Peter and Karen Elacqua
- Bernie Oastler—Karen Elacqua
- Albert Palermo—Steve and Betty Calenzo
- Mary Parker—Vicki



### Memorials

- The altar candles for March are lit in memory of **Rocco and Alice Gerace** by daughter Joanne.
- The gospel light for this week has been lit in memory of **Mary Caruso** by brother Ricky.
- The St. Marianne Cope candle is lit in memory of **Margherita Aceta** by daughter Nancy and family.
- The St. Joseph candle is lit in memory of **Tom DeCrescenzo Jr.** by mom and dad.

### Funerals

- **Christine M. Rizzo and Marie E. Caputo.**

### Baptism

- **Riley Lane Zasa.**
- Rosalie Pasquale—Mr. and Mrs. Mario Favale
- Yolanda Pedone—Hon and children
- Richard Pelli—Pat Flihan and family
- Marco and Palma Piccolino—children and grandchildren
- Antoinette Prato—Carol Franco
- Valerie Ryan—Marie Testa
- Stan and Mary Struz—family
- Frank Suppa III—Vicki
- Anthony R. and Erminia M. Trino—daughter Edye
- Joseph Vaccarelli—David Vaccarelli
- Maria Sorce Vullo—Rocco and Lisa Grande and family
- Kathleen Timpano—Pat Flihan and family, Beverly Franz, Terri, Gina, Joey and Mary LaBella, Lucille LaVine, Pfisterer Family

## Remember that special person with a memorial gift and plaque

A gift in the name of a loved one, a friend or colleague is a fitting expression of love and charity, a way to remember someone special while at the same time honoring their faith and benefitting the mission of St. Mary of Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament Parish.

A memorial gift will help sustain the parish as the center of our faith community and support the parish's many programs, worship and structures.



Upon the death of a loved one, when planning an obituary, please invite family and friends to contribute to the St. Mary of Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament Memorial Fund in memory of the deceased.

There are Memorial Plaques at the Catherine Street side of the church. Space is available for brass memorial plaques in honor of loved ones. The categories are as follows:

**Friend:** \$150. **Donor:** \$250. **Patron:** \$500. **Benefactor:** \$1,000. **Special Giver:** \$2,500. **Heritage Sustainer:** \$5,000.

Please call the parish office at 315-735-1482 to reserve your plaque or if you have any questions.

**THIS WEEK'S MEDITATION, INTENTIONS**

**Lenten Covenant Prayer**

*Lord, may I walk my life's pathway with integrity — as Moses coming down the mountain embracing your law, as Paul proclaiming the power of Christ crucified, as a believer in the purity of truth, the constancy of faith the strength of church. Give me a clean heart and a directed spirit. Amen.*

**First scrutiny: Deliverance from personal evil**

**Response: God is power; God is might. God will triumph over sin.**  
*Kyrie Eleison / Christe Eleison / Deliver Us O God*

- When we fail to seek forgiveness or proclaim faith, When greed and selfishness divide us, When hatred and fear enslave us.

**Response**

- Wherever we ignore the needs of others, Wherever we have built walls of division, Wherever we have shown arrogance or



*"Christ Driving The Money Changers from the Temple" (Rembrandt, 1635)*

prejudice.

**Response**

- From the lure of wealth, power and

glory

From our desires to manipulate and exploit, From our need to stay in control.

**Response**

- When we desire to hold revenge, When we hesitate to forgive, When we injure by our words and gossip.

**Response**

- From our impatience, anger and deceit, From our mistrust, conceit and pride, From our addictions, self-pity, and envy.

**Response**

**Prayer of Exorcism**

*May the power of your word change my life and invigorate my spirit. Free me from any falsehood and evil; create in me a clean heart, a renewed vision, a deeper sense of your indwelling holiness. Lord Jesus, in your gentle strength set free my spirit, touch my mind and my heart, awaken my sense of mission. guide me through my life's journey.*

*May I be a sign to the world of the great power of your unconditional love. Amen*

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