

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 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. (livestream on parish YouTube)

**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



Bottom row, from left: Joe Timpano, Rocco Gerace and Dominick Timpano. Top, from left: Chuck Palozzi, the Rev. Caesar Donagan and Tony DeSarro.



Members of the Mount Carmel choir circa 1950s.



May Crowning in 1951.

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## FATHER JIM'S WISE & OTHERWISE

# Being Catholic much more than just believing



A pastor was calling on parishioners who were somewhat lax in practicing their faith, especially weekend Mass.

One fellow gave this nasty answer to the invitation to come back to church:

"Father, when I was a baby, you poured water all over me, and when I grew up you tied me to a woman I've had to support all these years. I'm miserable."

The pastor said, "Oh, yes, and the next time you have anything to do with the church, I'll probably be throwing a bit of dirt on you."

The man's involvement with church was limited to baptism, marriage and burial.

Our communion with church is

characterized by prayer, hearing the same word of God proclaimed at Mass, sharing in the Bread of Life and partaking of the Cup of Blessing — also our service of others and the world and finding Jesus in the disguise of the needy, as St. Mother Teresa said.

Our Catholic love for the gift of life and our pledge to defend life from conception to dying, devotion for the saints and sacramental view of seasons and creation is paramount. All this keeps us in lively communion with what being church is all about.

Sounds like much more than only baptism, marriage and burial, doesn't it?

## NEXT WEEKEND'S SCHEDULES

### Lectors

**SATURDAY, MAY 1**  
4:30 p.m. Mass

Joe Martin and Carol Trinco  
(POF)

**SUNDAY, MAY 2**  
8 a.m. Mass

Mary Rose Leone and Maria  
Kozak (POF)

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

Clara Dempsey and Jackie  
Thibault (POF)

### Eucharistic ministers

**SATURDAY MAY 1**  
4:30 p.m. Mass

Jennifer Tran, Anthony Palumbo  
and Anthony Felitto

**SUNDAY, MAY 2**  
8 a.m. Mass

Bob Cimbalo, David Inserra  
and John Reale Sr.

**10:30 a.m.**

John Reale Jr., La Aung  
and Ta Eh

## 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

**April 17-18: \$4,982**

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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## PARISH NEWS

### You could become a member of our growing funeral service team

Over the past several months, many of our parishioners have volunteered to help at our funeral services.

We have formed a quartet of musicians, have several lectors who read when families are small or too burdened to find readers, have Eucharistic ministers at every funeral and people who serve as greeters and registrants.

Together, we have developed a spirit of camaraderie by offering a parish presence at funerals and gravesides.

This is a wonderful gift that we bring to a grieving family and a way for them to experience the support of our parish family.

We hope to add more people to this growing ministry. We need people who can write and send letters to grieving families, and people who are willing to be trained to perform grave-



side services.

As more needs and possibilities arise, we may be able to find even more ways to respond to many in our parish who are grieving the loss of family or friends.

Will you prayerfully consider helping us in this ministry?

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, call Anne Elacqua at 315-941-7447 or email her at [aelacqua@syrдио.org](mailto:aelacqua@syrдио.org).

### Please consider donating \$125 in celebration of your parish's 125th anniversary year

Over the last 125 years, our parish has been cherished as a jewel in East Utica. It is a jewel with needs to be addressed as it continues moving into the years ahead.

As with any Catholic parish, there are programs, upkeep of buildings and many other expenses that all need attention. As a part of this 125th anniversary, we ask that you might consider a supporting donation of \$125. Of course, an anniversary donation of any amount would be appreciated, and if a greater one is within your reach, God bless!

Please pray over and consider this opportunity to celebrate a wonderful and blessed parish church and community with a long history and

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OUR HISTORY

a bright future.

You may donate by placing your contribution in an envelope marked "Anniversary donation." Please return it either in the collection basket or by mailing it to the parish office at 648 Jay St., Utica, NY 13501-1398.

Call 315-735-1482 with any questions.

We thank you in advance for anything you can give.

### Don't forget to pick up something good to eat at Food Drive-Thru

Our parish will conduct its second Food Drive-Thru this weekend.

On Saturday, the drive-thru will be offered from 4 to 7 p.m., or until food runs out. Food items will be sausage and peppers (sweet, hot, mixed), mushroom stew and pasta fagioli. The cost is \$5 each. Also, meatballs will be sold for \$1 each.

On Sunday, pizza frita will be available from 8 a.m. until noon for \$2 each, or until it runs out. Food also might be available Sunday based on availability.

If you come to the drive-thru, please enter at the Jay Street entrance of the parking lot where the festival takes place. Someone will come to your vehicle and take your order, which you will pick up at the gym entrance. You then exit on Catherine Street.

All servers will be wearing masks and gloves. We ask that you put on your mask when your order is taken and delivered.

For information or to volunteer, call Joe Briggs at 315-368-4565.



### Children to receive First Communion

Next weekend, we welcome children in our parish to the Eucharistic table for the first time during our 4:30 and 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Masses. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

### Lee Priore, Chelsea Opera to help parish celebrate

We are pleased to announce a collaboration with Leonarda Priore and the opera company she co-founded and leads as president, Chelsea Opera.

It's this organization that has presented "Jazz Nativity" in our parish for several years.

Lee, a long-standing parishioner, has returned to our area after many years in New York City. Daughter of the late Salvatore and Mary Priore, Lee has had a long history of involvement with our parish music programs and with the arts in our area. She recently returned to the area and we will be collaborating with her and Chelsea



Opera on a series of presentations to help us celebrate our 125th jubilee year.

Lee also has presented our parish community with a recording of her singing an arrangement written especially for this purpose of a favorite hymn, "We Shall Behold Him." We will play this hymn at all Masses on Good Shepherd Sunday, April 24 and 25, after communion.

There is more information on Lee on our parish website and an initial announcement of some of

the programs we can look forward to coming soon.

### We need people to join our livestream Mass team

We are looking for more team members who would be willing to be trained to help us live stream our weekend Masses on Saturday evening from the choir loft.

We will provide training. If you have some technical talent, we need you.

Call Anne Elacqua 315-941-7447 or email [aelacqua@syrдио.org](mailto:aelacqua@syrдио.org)

## PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

### LIVING

- Children and grandchildren—mom

### DECEASED

- Pasquale, Mary and Tasha Cardinale—Ray Cardinale
- Joseph Catera—Ron and Lucille Wereszynski and family
- Ralph Centollela—Carol, Dennis and Christopher Tuttle
- Bob Ciancaglini—Fay and family
- Marie Cichello—Loving Family
- Marie Cichello—Pfisterer Family
- Alfonse “Al” DeSantis—Betty Arcuri
- Norton Esposito—Bee
- Viola B. Garramone—daughter Carol Conino
- Carmella Graziadei Grande—Rocco and Lisa Grande and family
- Aruel Hayes—Brian and Maureen Hanley
- Pasquale and Roma Inserra—Joe and Barbara Inserra
- Stanley Jaloweic—Rosemarie Chiffy
- Helen R. LaBella—Terri LaBella and family
- Charles Lee—Rosemarie Chiffy
- Ida and Josephine Manze—David Struz
- Ida M. and Josephine D. Manze and family—will
- Manze and Motto Families—will
- Frank Mazza—wife Josephine
- Theresa Marie Mazzara—Carol and Dennis Tuttle
- Frank Mercurio—wife Mary Teresa
- Richard Ashland Moody—family
- Edward “Eddie” Morgan—Terri LaBella and family
- Lena Ollerenshaw—Rosemarie Chiffy
- Lena Ollerenshaw—Mary and John Russo and family
- Carmen Pellegrino—daughter Jeanette



### 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.

- Marco and Palma Piccolino—children and grandchildren
- Helen Pinto—Amelia Guido
- Emily Rose—grandmother Roseanne DeMetri and family
- Joseph Scialdone—Mary Teti and family
- Carol Stewart Simchik—Joe and Barbara Inserra
- Mary Louise Sirianni—Jeanette Pellegrino
- Jean Stewart Stow—Joe and Barbara Inserra
- Stan and Mary Struz—family



### Memorials

- The St. Marianne Cope candle is lit in memory of **Sister Mary Melanie** by family.
- The St. Joseph candle is lit in memory of **Rocco and Alice Gerace** by daughter Joanne.

### Funerals

- **Louise Sbarra and Joseph Latella.**
- Joseph Suppa—Fred and Anne Bruzzese
- Joseph Suppa—Mr. and Mrs. Pat Mungari
- Joseph Suppa—Jeanette Pellegrino
- Dominick Testa—Dawn and Randy Butler
- Kathleen Timpano—Frank and Philomena Marrotta
- Anthony R. and Erminia M. Trino—daughter Edye
- Joseph Vaccarelli—David Vaccarelli
- Leonard A. Vetere (1) “Daddy/Pa”—daughter Rosemary, Pat and grandchildren
- Maria Sorce Vullo—Rocco and Lisa Grande
- Edward S. Wojnas—Theodore and Joseph Wojnas
- Carol Jane Zasa—Fred and Anne Bruzzese
- Carol Zasa—Fay Ciancaglini
- Carol Zasa—Anthony and Julia Elacqua
- Carol Zasa—Fran and Don Leo

## Funeral service and wedding planning guides online to help you

To help families who are grieving the loss of a loved one, or to guide couples who are planning weddings this year, our parish website at [www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com](http://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com) offers funeral and wedding planning guides.

### Weddings

Wedding music can also be selected with the help of our wedding planning guide found on the parish website at [www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com](http://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com) under **WEDDING PLANNING**.

Brides and grooms should contact Anne Elacqua (315-941-7447) to coordinate and



plan music for their weddings. Questions about readings, readers, candle ceremony and the organization of the opening processions or any other matters dealing with the wedding ceremony will be coordinated through our marriage team headed by Mario and Carmelann Scalzo (315-381-3132).

### Funerals

In an effort to ease the burden of grieving families, the selection of scripture readings, readers, people who place the pall (burial cloth), eulogy directions and choice of eulogists also will be coordinated directly with the church through Peter Elacqua (315-542-9185) or Anne Elacqua (315-941-7447). A guide for music selections and a guide for funeral reading selections can be found on the parish website at [www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com](http://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com) under **FUNERAL SERVICE PLANNING**.

# THIS WEEK'S MEDITATION, INTENTIONS

## Prayer for Shepherding

*Shepherd of all Goodness and Lord for all time, You watch over me with constant vigilance, with deep care. You search eagerly for me when I am lost, You find me and carry me gently home. You hold me when I am afraid and calm my anxiety. Your love covers me completely and fills me with tenderness and peace. Be with me this day in all that I do; guide me at every step along the way. May I hear your voice that leads me to fullness. May I feel your presence that overwhelms me with joy. You, who lay down your life for me and hold me in your love, snatch me away from all that can ensnare me today. Carry me gently in your strong arms, wrap me in the mantle of your mercy, and lead me back home with your unwavering vision. Amen.*

## Prayer of the Faithful

**Response: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For the Church. May we, among the beloved of God, recognize God's love, live as God's children and follow the voice of the



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Shepherd in all we do.

**We ask: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For peace on the earth. May governments and world leaders act in compassion,

work together to end violence and develop policies that advance the common good.

**We ask: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For all who are burdened by poverty, disease and oppression. May the Good Shepherd touch the hearts and open the understanding of the wealthy and satisfied that we may better address the needs of the poor, the hungry and the infirm.

**We ask: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For our shepherd and pastor, Father Jim; for our bishop Douglas and for all who lead and minister within the Church. May their compassionate service be a sign of God's generous love.

**We ask: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For all our parish children and young adults, and especially those who have been preparing for First Eucharist and Confirmation. Enfold them in your love.

**We ask: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For our beloved sick, dying and grieving, and for all who suffer loneliness or the effects of this pandemic. We pray for the needs we remember in our silence ...

**We ask: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

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