

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS: 1896-2021

St. Mary of Mount Carmel Blessed Sacrament Parish

First Communion Class of 2021



Our First Communion Class of 2021 is comprised of 44 youngsters who will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time this weekend and on May 15 and 16. The ceremonies will take place over six Masses to allow family and friends to attend in a safe manner. Here are the children receiving First Communion this weekend:

*Layla Grace Allen
Carmella Marie Arcuri
Vincent Edward Arena II
Mung Dan Aung
Angelina Grace Callari
Samie Gaetano-Gates Cimbalo
Petrucci Hpo
Cecilia Vita Kane
Mason Markian Kaszycki
Evalena Rose Leone
Vincenza Rosalie Leone
Marciano Leonard Maldonado
Joseph Daniel Nash
Greyson Everly Ramirez
Matthew Leonard Reale
Michael Romeo Ruiz
Olivia Rose Sacco
Adrianna Marie Scalise
Haleigh Grace Smith
Vincent Michael Trevisani
Constantino Walter Visalli
Thaw Thaw Paw Wah
Eugenio John Whiteley*

FATHER JIM'S WISE & OTHERWISE

It's up to you to share joy of Christ's risen life



Have you ever told something exciting to a young child and watched their reaction to it? They can't wait to tell somebody else, even a stranger happening to walk by.

The Eastertime gospels send us a message to be like little kids and share the joy of the Lord's risen life with others, to spread the word about faith and enjoying life within the sacramental church and God's people.

It's not that our faith is found wanting or lacking for anything, it's just that so often the "news" has not yet leaked out. Too many, even in the Easter season, still walk among the dead, like the Magdalene, or wait and crouch in fear behind closed doors,

like the disciples.

Remember, if the basis of Christianity were anything else than a God who came from a tomb, we'd have nothing to shout about.

Peace be with you.

And the otherwise ...

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson.

"If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'"

One of them turned to the other and said, "You be Jesus!"

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCHEDULES

Lectors

SATURDAY, MAY 8

4:30 p.m. Mass

Maria Kozak and Terri Panuccio (POF)

SUNDAY, MAY 9

8 a.m. Mass

Terry Reale and Leigh D'Agostino (POF)

10:30 a.m. Mass

Scott Bolen and Clara Dempsey (POF)

Eucharistic ministers

SATURDAY MAY 8

4:30 p.m. Mass

Bonnie Gardiner, Vito Valenzi and Vicki Perritano

SUNDAY, MAY 9

8 a.m. Mass

Jennifer Tran, Kuhn Su and Helen Toczala

10:30 a.m.

Joanne Gerace, Tina Caggese and Marsha LaBella

PARISH WEBSITE

Visit 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.

JOB OPPORTUNITY



Wanted: Person to be in charge of caring for the parish campus

Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament is looking for a new maintenance person. This is a paid position.

This person will oversee the upkeep of the parish campus, including the church, Scalabrini Center, rectory and outdoors. Needed skills include carpentry, plumbing and electrical for minor repairs. This person also will be in charge of cleaning the buildings, mowing and snow removal on sidewalks and stairs.

If you're interested, contact Father Jim after Mass or by calling the parish office at 315-735-1482.

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 using the subject line PARISH EMAIL. You also can include a phone number, if you wish.

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

April 24-25: \$3,842

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

Donate



PARISH NEWS

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.

Buona Fortuna returns; ticket sellers needed

Our annual Buona Fortuna raffle begins this month in celebration of our 125th anniversary.

Tickets are \$20. Grand prize is \$10,000, second prize \$2,500 and third prize \$1,000. There also will be a bonus drawing for \$1,000.

The drawing will take place the



weekend of July 17 and 18.

Ticket sellers are needed. Contact Leigh D'Agostino at 315-737-5965 as soon as possible to reserve your tickets.

All ticket sellers who return 20 paid tickets by July 15th are entitled to a free ticket.

Become a member of 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.

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.

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.



Diocese presents programs for married couples, divorced

The Third Option, a program to build better marriages, has several virtual events scheduled for May and June:

• "Understanding Expectations Can Transform Your Marriage:" 7:15 to 9 p.m. Sunday, May 16. Contact Stephanie Stewart for information or to join the meeting at sstewart@syrдио.org or 315-472-6728.

• "Redefining Power Struggles in Marriage: Getting on the Same Team:" 7:15 to 9 p.m. Sunday, May 23. Learn about how when I win, my marriage loses. Contact Stephanie Stewart for information or to join the meeting at sstewart@syrдио.org or 315-472-6728.

• "Coping with Control Issues in Marriage: It Doesn't Have To Be That Way:" 7:15 to 9 p.m. Sunday, June 6. Contact Stephanie Stewart for information or to join the meeting at sstewart@syrдио.org or 315-472-6728. A Hope Appeal funded program.

Also, "Branch Out & Grow: For Separated and Divorced" has scheduled several programs. Meetings are one-hour and start at 7p.m. For information or to participate, contact Deacon Dean Brainard at dbrainard@syrдио.org or 315-472-6754, ext.4. Join us from the comfort of your home for online Zoom meetings:

- May 5: What's Happening to Me?
- May 19: The Road to Healing.
- June 2: Facing My Anger.
- June 16: Facing My Depression.
- July 7: Facing My Loneliness.
- July 21: What Does the Owner's Manual Say?
- Aug. 4: New Relationships.
- Aug. 18: Financial Survival.

How to submit bulletin items

Do you have an announcement or item you want published in the bulletin? If so, please submit the item via email to fperritano@syrдио.org two weeks before publication. Include your name, phone number and dates of publication.

PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

LIVING

- First Communion children—Mrs. Panuccio
- Victoria—Nonny
- Children and grandchildren—mom
- Children and grandchildren—Non and Pop
- In thanksgiving to St. Anthony for favors received—Marilyn
- In gratitude to the Holy Mother of Jesus—Phyllis and Anthony J. Palumbo

DECEASED

- Pasquale, Mary and Tasha Cardinale—Ray Cardinale
- Jack Cardone—Carol and daughters
- Anthony “Tony” Chiffy—Phyllis and Anthony J. Palumbo
- Ann Cucinotta—daughter Mary Teresa
- Ursula DelMonte—Tony and Pattie Dispirito
- Ursula DelMonte—Carol Franco and family
- Ursula DelMonte—Jim and Bernadette Peters
- Ursula M. (Leogrande) DelMonte—Fiorinda Grandinetta Wilson
- Tom DeSimone—Flo and Amanda
- Victoria Duesler—Bill True
- Richard D. Enders—Phyllis and Anthony J. Palumbo
- Norton Esposito—Bee
- Providence Fontaine—children and grandchildren
- Mr. and Mrs. John L. Giruzzi Sr.—Carmella Giruzzi
- Mr. John L. Giruzzi Jr.—Carmella Giruzzi
- Susan Giruzzi—Carmella Giruzzi
- Carmella Graziadei Grande—Rocco and Lisa Grande and family
- Robert “Jap” Grande—Tony Meola
- Robert Grande—the parish
- Joseph Ianno—mom, dad and family
- Pasquale and Roma Inserra—Joe and Barbara Inserra
- Raymond LaBarbara—Anna Scalise
- Fred LaBella—Maria and Leo
- Mary Beth LaNeve—Gordon and Chuck
- Alice Latella—Carol Franco and family



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 often-times 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.

- Carmen S. Lombardo “Uncle”—niece Rosemary, nephew Pat and family
- Ida and Josephine Manze—David Struz
- Ida M. and Josephine D. Manze and family—will
- Manze and Motto Families—will
- Anthony Marino—Jim Piccola
- Frank Mazza—wife Josephine
- Anthony Masercola Sr.—Jean and family
- Angie Mizgala—Mary and John Russo and children
- Eddie Morgan—Joe and Madeline Briggs
- Edward Morgan—Mario and Carmelann Scalzo
- Milton B. Morrissey—son Pat, daughter-in-law Rosemary and children
- Yolanda Pedone—Hon and children
- Marco and Palma Piccolino—children and grandchildren
- Rocco Rintrona Jr.—Nancy Calautti
- Catherine Sabia—children and grandchildren
- Carol Stewart Simchik—Joe and Barbara Inserra



Memorials

- The altar candles for May are lit in memory of **George Carzo** by Alice Bendino and Eleanor and Bob Leone.
- The altar bread for May is donated in memory of **James and Mary Antonelli Mancuso** by Dolores, Rick and Maryellen.
- The altar wine for May is donated in memory of **George Carzo** by wife Cindy and children.
- The gospel light is lit in memory of **Mary Caruso** by brother Ricky
- The St. Joseph Candle is lit in memory of **Joseph Clerrico** by wife and daughters.

Baptisms

- **Jameson Theodore Adams, Lucas Michael Ferreira and Zachary George Schulman.**

Funerals

- **Shibley Caouette and Marie N. Pandolfo.**
- Jean Stewart Stow—Joe and Barbara Inserra
- Stan and Mary Struz—family
- Frank Suppa III—Vicki
- Joseph Suppa—Phyllis and Anthony J. Palumbo
- Joseph Suppa—Judy, Carmen and Sara
- Marion Suppa—Vicki
- Anthony R. and Erminia M. Trino—daughter Edye
- Joseph Vaccarelli—David Vaccarelli
- Gaetano “Guy” Vivenzo—Phyllis and Anthony J. Palumbo
- Guy Vivenzo—Jim Piccola
- Maria Sorce Vullo—Rocco and Lisa Grande
- Michael C. Wicks—Brad and Joann Campbell
- Carol Zasa—Tony and Marilyn Cimino
- Carol Jane (Burns) Zasa—Eleanor and Robert Leone

THIS WEEK'S MEDITATION, INTENTIONS

Easter Prayer

Lord of the Vine,
breathe life into me and hold me firm.
May the fruit I bear sow justice and
peace, my blossoms burst forth
with kindness and mercy,
my desire remains solidly connected
to you that I may nurture faith, provide
hope and be a source of welcoming
love. Prune me, O Lord,
that my yield may be rich and ripe,
my life overflow with goodness
and my legacy be full of delight. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

• For the Church all over the world. May our faith be deepened and our hope be strengthened. May our love for others abound with energy and enthusiasm, and may we be channels of peace, justice and truth;

We ask: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.



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• For our world. Guide all who are experiencing loss, transition or change. Strengthen all who have been discouraged or victimized by this pandemic, and all who grieve the loss of a loved one.

We ask: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

• For anyone who feels cut off from God or community. May they discover new connections and relationships that can inspire faith, hospitality and consolation.

We ask: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

• For the troubled areas of our world. We pray especially for the people of Myanmar and for the families and friends of our Burmese community. May human dignity be restored to all people by governments that encourage peace, democracy and security.

We ask: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

• For the children from our parish who will receive First Communion this weekend. May they be signs of Christ's presence in our faith community;

We ask: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

• For the sick, the dying and the grieving. For all who are addicted or facing difficulty, and for the personal prayers we hold in silence ...

We ask: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

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