

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 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, 22 of whom who will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time this weekend. Another group received First Communion May 1 and 2. Here are the children receiving First Communion this weekend:

*Natalie Maria Bottini
Caleb Anthony Cosamano
Evelyn Paige Durr
Makenly Olivia Fernalld
Rocco Anthony Fernalld
David Martin George
Madison Rose Golding
Nicholas Ryan Helmer
Petrucci Hpo
Bella Rose Jones
Blake Harrison Jones
Milania Nicole Kloster
Hudson Ryder Knoop
Quintin Wayne LoRusso
Brady Thomas McAuslan
Gavin Michael Moore
Lawrence Joseph Myers
Santino Angel Ramos
Lillyanna Marie Saunders
Carson Nicholas Vella
Alzaina Faye Weeks
Amerah Grace Weeks*

FATHER JIM'S WISE & OTHERWISE

Take time to do something to lift up someone

I've read many things over the years about the famous author Franz Kafka, but never have read that much by him. His stories are filled with such gloom and distress they didn't appeal to me.

But there must have been something very special about that man who could do what he did during the final months of his life when he was dying of tuberculosis.

It seems that Kafka met a child in the street, crying because she had lost her doll. He told her that even though the doll was gone, he had met the doll and the doll promised to write the little girl once a week.

In the following weeks, the final days of the great author's life, he wrote letters to the girl in which the doll told of travels and everyday life. This brought sweet magic into that child's life. (Not to mention the value of those letters



Happy anniversary, Father Jim

On Tuesday, May 18, Father Jim will celebrate the 47th anniversary of his priesthood.

Father Jim, who has been with us at Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament for more than a decade, was ordained May 18, 1974, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse.

Please congratulate Father Jim and continue to pray for him.

years later!)

If the Easter season of our faith is all about lifting up life and the Lord, wouldn't it be wonderful to think of something like Franz Kafka did to lift someone or something to the glory of God. Think about it. Use your imagination.

And the otherwise ...

A new priest gives his first homily at Mass.

Later, the old pastor asks a good parishioner how it went,

"It was bad — no story, no substance."

Just then the young priest walks in. The pastor confronts him and says, "I hear your homily wasn't good!"

The new guy says, "I got too busy the last few days, so I just read one of your old ones."

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCHEDULES

Lectors

SATURDAY, MAY 22

4:30 p.m. Mass

Connie Watkins and Janice Felitto (POF)

SUNDAY, MAY 23

8 a.m. Mass

Barbara Inserra and Melissa Leone (POF)

10:30 a.m. Mass

Mary Siniscarco and Fred Valentini (POF)

Eucharistic ministers

SATURDAY MAY 22

4:30 p.m. Mass

Vicki Perritano, Vito Valenzi and Julie Martin

SUNDAY, MAY 23

8 a.m. Mass

Helen Toczala, Bob Cimbalo and David Inserra

10:30 a.m.

John Reale Jr., Ta Eh and La Aung

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.

Consider \$125 anniversary donation

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 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.



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

May 8-9: \$6,450

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

What does Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament mean to you? Tell us for 'More Good News'

The summer issue of "More Good News" that will be published in July is dedicated to the 125th anniversary of our parish as we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

We would like you to be a part of it.

Please take a few minutes to answer the following question: "What does Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament Parish mean to me?"

You can write whatever you want. Three or four paragraphs would be great; more if you wish. Please include your name and age.

Please email your responses to Fran Perritano at fperritano@syrdio.org by May 22.

We're hoping to hear from a number of you. I know our parish means a great deal to all of us. Now, it's your chance to express it.



9-week novena to Our Lady is back beginning May 26

After a year's absence due to the pandemic, the nine-week Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel returns Wednesday, May 26.

The novena will run on consecutive Wednesdays through July 21. Each 7 p.m. service will be preceded by recitation of the rosary. Father Jim will offer Mass and a brief homily.

Please remember our COVID protocols remain in place for the novena.

Parish teens to receive Confirmation this week

Bishop Douglas Lucia will confirm 16 young people of the parish at 7 p.m. Wednesday in our church.

We pray that the gifts of the Holy Spirit will guide them each day of their lives. May God bless them dearly.

- Santino Alsante
- Paul Caruso
- Remi Charlebois IV
- Skylar Conkling
- Philip Cittadino

- Hay Ye Doh
- Genaro Graziano
- Sha Mu La
- Isabella Laino
- Kaitlyn Noon
- Ben Rawnika
- Emily Spiak
- Ty Stanley
- Gianella Szuba
- Julia Wagner
- Nan Zar



Get pasta fagioli, mushroom stew next weekend

Next weekend, May 22 and 23, pasta fagioli and mushroom stew will be sold after all Masses in the gym. The cost is \$5 for a 12-ounce container. Walk into the gym. Please remember to wear your masks and social distance.



Father Jim's homilies on our website, YouTube

Throughout his priesthood, Father Jim has been known as a well-versed homilist, explaining the gospel and what it means to people today in terms everyone can understand.

He also makes sure his sense of humor shines through.

We have begun to post his weekly homilies online on our website (www.mountcar-

melblessedsacrament.com) near the top of the right column and on our YouTube playlist titled "Father Jim's homilies."

We plan to post Father Jim's homilies weekly. We invite you to watch them again if you already attended Mass or to catch them for the first time if you are unable to make it to church.

We hope you like enjoy new feature.

Buona Fortuna returns; \$20 can turn into \$10,000

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.

Tickets are available after every Mass, at the

parish office and through parish sellers.

The drawing will take place the weekend of July 17 and 18. Ticket sellers are needed. Contact Leigh D'Agostino at 315-737-5965.

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



Celebrate Pentecost with music, scripture presentation May 23

"Soaring: Reflections on the Spirit Through Music" will be presented at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 23, in church.

We are co-sponsoring this celebration of the feast of Pentecost with the Chelsea Opera Co. The service will include a proclamation of scriptures, classical piano with Zachary Slade, vocal selections by Leonarda Priore accompanied by Karen Corigliano, and jazz offerings by instrumentalists Tom Brigandi, Barry Blumenthal, Joe Carello, Jimmy Johns and Jeff Stockham.

This event is made possible by J. Priore Construction Co. and the Nicholas S. Priore New Possibilities Fund.

A free-will offering will be accepted.

Come and reflect on the Spirit's presence in your life and in our world. Please remember all our COVID protocols will be in place.

PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

LIVING

- First Communion children—Mrs. Panuccio
- Nicole Graniti—mother
- Vincent Graniti—wife
- Vaughn, Jamie and Vito Valenzi—Phyllis and Anthony J. Palumbo
- Blessed Mother—Devotee
- Special intention of St. Ignatius of Loyola—Pasquale and Theresa Ianno
- Children and Grandchildren—mom

DECEASED

- Kathleen Arcuri—Stephanie DiGiorgio
- Ettie Buzbee—Barbara Jo Carino
- Shibley Caouette—the parish
- Pasquale, Mary and Tasha Cardinale—Ray Cardinale
- Sister John Anthony Cizza, OFM—cousin Fiorinda Grandinetta Wilson
- Beatrice Collella—Rosanne McCabe
- Alfonso DeSantis—Phyllis and Anthony J. Palumbo
- James J. Dyer—wife and children
- Richard D. Enders—Regina George
- Norton Esposito—Bee
- Gina (Raffule) Finnefrock—Steve and Becky LoPiccolo
- Donald Freedan—Rose Freedan
- Julia Grandinetta—daughter Fiorinda Grandinetta Wilson
- Phil Sr. and Phil Jr. Graziadei—wife, mother and family
- Carmella Graziadei Grande—Rocco and Lisa Grande and family
- Pasquale and Roma Inserra—Joe and Barbara Inserra
- Elaine Klein—Geraldine Bello
- Mary LaColla—Rosemarie Chiffy
- Alice Latella—Chris and Bob Gaetano
- Mr. Joseph Latella—St. Anne's Society
- Elizabeth Lee—Vicki
- Anthony Leone—Joe and Marilyn LaBarbera
- Flora Siringo Leone—Francis and Janis Mercurio, Kellyann Mercurio Bianco and son Francis Bianco, Mary Teresa Cimino Mercurio, Fiorinda Grandinetta Wilson
- Audrey Mae Liciari—Steve and Becky LoPiccolo
- Guiseppe "Joe" Loprete—Tim and Elaine



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.

Bozza and family

- Guiseppe "Joe" Loprete—Brad and Joann Campbell
- Toni Jean Lyng—Aunt Jean and family
- Ida and Josephine Manze—David Struz
- Ida M. and Josephine D. Manze and family—will
- Manze and Motto Families—will
- Frank Mazza—wife Josephine
- Richard A. Moody—family
- Edward Morgan—Fred and Anne Bruzzese
- Mary Lourdes Morrissey—son Pat, daughter-in-law Rosemary and grandchildren
- Donald Oliver—Marie Mastro
- Marie Nancy Pandolfo—Tina Caggese
- Marie Pandolfo—family
- Marie Pandolfo—the parish
- Marie Paolozzi—Doug and Elise
- Rosalie Parrotta—Vincent and Lucille



Memorials

- The St. Marianne Cope candle is lit in memory of **Mary Cavo Roberts** by son Tom DeCrescenzo and family.
- The St. Joseph candle is lit in memory of **Rocco Gerace** by daughter Joanne.

Funerals

- **Rosemary DeVito and Anthony DiBrango.**

Chapman

- Marco and Palma Piccolino—children and grandchildren
- Aunt Rose Rizzo—Rosemarie
- Thomas Shepherd—Francis and Marianne Shepherd Lee
- Carol Stewart Simchik—Joe and Barbara Inserra
- Jean Stewart Stow—Joe and Barbara Inserra
- Stan and Mary Struz—family
- Joseph Suppa—Carol and Phil Scampone
- Anthony R. and Erminia M. Trino—daughter Edye
- Joseph Vaccarelli—David Vaccarelli
- Maryann Van Dreason—Joe and Madeline Briggs
- Maryann (Guido) Van Dreason—Lynette Franco and children
- Maryann (Guido) VanDreasion—Lynne and Mike Macchioni
- Maria Sorce Vullo—Rocco and Lisa Grande
- Edward Wojnas—Marie F. Wognas
- Nicholas J. Yagey, Ret. U.P.D.—Steve and Becky LoPiccolo
- Sister Mary Irene Zegarelli, OSF—Mary T. Cimino Mercurio and family
- Sister Mary Irene Zegarelli, OSF—Fiorinda Grandinetta Wilson

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:

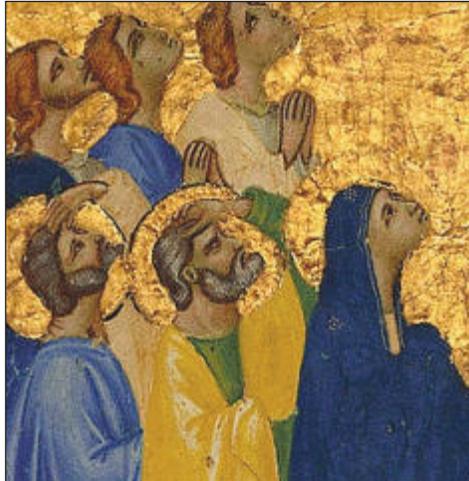
Friend: \$150. **Donor:** \$250. **Patron:** \$500. **Benefactor:** \$1,000. **Special Giver:** \$2,500. **Heritage Sustainer:** \$5,000.

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

THIS WEEK'S MEDITATION, INTENTIONS

Prayer of Consecration

*Lord Jesus, on the night before you died,
 You prayed for your beloved friends.
 You consecrated yourself for them
 and you consecrated them to you
 in your truth. Lord of Love, during
 this last week of Easter,
 I consecrate myself to your truth.
 Help me to hear your voice
 in every direction I take
 to discern the correct pathways
 you open before me,
 to stray away from those on byroads
 who call me to judge others,
 to walk apart from loud confusion
 and destructive lies,
 to step firmly on pavement stones of love,
 to open doors of gratitude
 and thresholds of welcome,
 to smile with faith and understanding
 upon all your children
 and to remain with you,
 safe in God's Holy Truth.
 Amen.*



*"The Ascension of Christ"
 (Pacino di Bonaguida, 1340)*

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

- Embrace the Church, O God, in your holy care. Renew our minds and our hearts. Strengthen our desire to serve as bearers of peace and justice for all people.

We ask: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

- Unite all Christians. Remove our misunderstandings. Bind the wounds that time and history have created. Give us a new vision so we can witness together in joy.

We ask: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

- Heal all who feel separated or disillusioned. Comfort those who still suffer from this pandemic. Stir us to help all who struggle with poverty and hunger. May all people know the warmth of human love.

We ask: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

- Touch us with the gift of peace. Open the minds of world leaders toward new solutions and deeper insights that they may together create a world of peace and welcome.

We ask: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

- For the children from our parish who will receive First Communion this weekend. And for the young men and women from our parish who will receive Confirmation this coming week. May they be signs of Christ's presence in our community.

We ask: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

- For the prayers we offer in silence ... For our beloved sick and dying, and for all who are addicted or facing difficulty...

We ask: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

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