

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS: 1896-2021

St. Mary of Mount Carmel Blessed Sacrament Parish

Confirmation Class of 2021



On Wednesday, May 19, 16 young adults received the gifts of the Holy Spirit through Confirmation. Bishop Douglas Lucia presided. You can view photos from the ceremony on the parish website. Here are those who were confirmed and their sponsors:

Santino **José** Alsante ~ Anthony Alsante
Ty **Michael** Bonner ~ Edward Bonner
Paul **Paul** Caruso Jr. ~ Michelle Koehler
Remi **Louis** Charlebois IV ~ Michael Cancilla
Skylar **Cecelia** Conkling ~ Vanessa Conkling
Philip **Albert** Cittadino ~ Joseph Carzo
Hay Ye **Abel** Doh ~ Paw Lar Wah
Genaro **James** Graziano ~ Alyssa Betrus

Sha Mu **Jude** La ~ Shar Kaw Moo
Isabella **Francis** Laino ~ Tina Pavia
Kaitlyn **Cecelia** Noon ~ Tammy Kreimeyer
Ben **Elizabeth** Rawnika ~ Khe Meh
Emily **Elizabeth Ann** Spiak ~ Michelle Elias
Gianella **Hermione** Szuba ~ Philip Scampone
Julia **Edith** Wagner ~ Elizabeth Campola
Nan **Catherine** Zar ~ Judy Ta

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FATHER JIM'S WISE & OTHERWISE

Learn to speak Holy Spirit's different languages

Come Holy Spirit, send out from heaven the rays of your light. Come Father of the poor. Come giver of the gifts. Come light of hearts.

Encourage our best. Be our spirit's guest. When things become heated, be our sweet coolness. When we are working, be our rest. When we are in sorrow be our inner peace.

Light most bright, enlighten the hearts of your faithful. Without your power we can do nothing, and nothing is right. Wash what is sordid, water what is arid, cure what is sick, bend what is rigid, warm what is chilling, correct what is devious.

Give to the faithful to those who trust in you, your seven holy gifts. Give them virtue's reward, give them salvation at their end. Give them never ending joy. Amen

Scripture tells us that God's Spirit can en-

able people to even speak other languages — at Pentecost for instance. This is usually what comes to mind when we think of “speaking tongues.”

The phenomenon of a kind of “holy babbling or praise also is part of the Spirit's working for many persons of faith. But think of this, too: A person who is filled with the Spirit can speak several languages that are ways of witnessing to Christ. To “speak” the language of humility, poverty, obedience to God's Word, the language of patience with others, of care and sensitivity to others needs. Can we not consider these the languages of the faithful person, prompted by the Spirit of God?



Language comes alive when it is translated into action and deeds. So often we become bloated with words. Do not forget the fig tree that was cursed by the Lord Himself when he found that it bore no fruit, only leaves.

And speaking of words ...

- “Man doesn't live by bread alone. He needs buttering up once in a while.” — Robert Henry
- “There is a great distance between said and done.” — Puerto Rican Proverb
- “The great dividing line between success and “someday is not a day of the week.”
- “Failure can be stated in five words. I did not have time.”
- “The mind is a bit like a garden. If it isn't fed and cultivated, weeds will take it over.”
- “No matter how great the man, the size of his funeral usually depends on the weather.”

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCHEDULES

Lectors

SATURDAY, MAY 29

4:30 p.m. Mass

Salvie Perritano and Dolores ChaNEY (POF)

SUNDAY, MAY 30

8 a.m. Mass

Maria Kozak and Mary Rose Leone (POF)

10:30 a.m. Mass

Jackie Thibault and Clara Dempsey (POF)

Eucharistic ministers

SATURDAY MAY 29

4:30 p.m. Mass

Anthony Felitto, Anthony Palumbo and TBD

SUNDAY, MAY 30

8 a.m. Mass

John RealeSr., Marie Mastro and Kuhn Su

10:30 a.m.

Marsha LaBella, Joanne Gerace and Tina Caggese

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.

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

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

May 15-16: \$4,775

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

Celebrate Pentecost with music and scripture presentation Sunday with choir, Chelsea Opera

“Soaring: Reflections on the Spirit Through Music” will be presented at 3 p.m. Sunday 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.

Pick up pasta fagioli, mushroom stew this weekend

Pasta fagioli and mushroom stew will be sold after all Masses this weekend 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.



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.

Father Jim's homilies now 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.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.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.



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@syradio.org



9-week novena to Our Lady is back beginning Wednesday

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

The novena will run on consecutive Wednesdays through July 14, with the final service at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, July 18.

Each 7 p.m. service will be preceded by recitation of the rosary. Father Jim will offer Mass and a brief homily.



Please 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.

PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

LIVING

- Cornelius Deep—David Struz
- Rosemary Commisso Lowden—mom
- Dennis Walker—David Struz
- In honor of our Blessed Mother—Connie Watkins
- Children and Grandchildren—mom

DECEASED

- Evelyn Albano—Re Chiffy
- Kay Arcuri—Carmella Giruzzi
- Anthony Buffa—Gordon Schindler
- Ann Tague Byrne—Rosanne McCabe
- Pasquale, Mary and Tasha Cardinale—Ray Cardinale
- George Carzo—Carol, Anthony and family
- George Carzo—Guy Piccolino
- George Carzo—Phil and Carol Scampono
- Bob Ciancaglini—Fay and family
- Anthony Collicco—wife Tessie
- Elizabeth Coria—Phyllis and Anthony J. Palumbo
- Ursula DelMonte—James DelMonte
- Anthony DiBrango—Anthony and Anna Marie Garramone
- Norton Esposito—Bee
- Michael Galimo—wife and children
- George—MaryAnn
- Grandinetti Family—Tessie
- Carmella Graziadei Grande—Rocco and Lisa Grande and family
- Pasquale and Roma Inserra—Joe and Barbara Inserra
- Elaine Klein—Theresa Suppa
- Elaine Klein—Bee Esposito
- Paul William Kohan—Carol and Phil Scampono
- Elizabeth Lee—Rosemarie Chiffy
- Elizabeth Lee—Francis and Marianne Lee
- Ida and Josephine Manze—David Struz
- Ida M. and Josephine D. Manze and family—will
- Manze and Motto Families—will
- Francis Marchio—family
- Frank Mazza—wife Josephine
- Theresa Marie Mazzara—Christopher Tuttle
- Palma Nole—Linda Macchione



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.

- Palma D'Amore Nole—husband, children and grandchildren
- Donald R. Oliver—Steven and Betty Calenzo
- Leonard Pannofino—Theresa Pannofino
- Augustine (A.J.) Pedone—dad and family
- Salvatore Perritano Sr.—Vicki
- Vincent and Adeline Piccola—son Jim
- Marco and Palma Piccolino—children and grandchildren
- Vinnie Ranieri—Nonni
- Tony, Eleanor and Joe Salerno—Joe and Barbara Inserra
- Louise Sbarra—Theresa Suppa
- Stan and Mary Struz—family
- Sadie Suppa—Re Chiffy
- Joseph A. Tomasetti—Phyllis and Anthony J. Palumbo



Memorials

- The St. Joseph candle is lit in memory of **Michael Galimo** by wife and children.

Memorial offerings

Please call the parish office at 315-735-1482 to schedule your intentions.

- Monthly donations toward altar bread and altar wine are \$75 each.
- Altar candles (two available each month) are \$15 each.
- The weekly sanctuary lamps (three available each week) gospel light, St. Joseph and St. Marianne Cope candles are all \$10 per week.

- Anthony R. and Erminia M. Trino—daughter Edye
- Joseph Turi—daughter Mary Desiderio
- Joseph Vaccarelli—David Vaccarelli
- Samuel F. Ventura—Phil and Carol Scampono
- Gaetano "Guy" Vivenco—Steve and Betty Calenzo
- Gaetano "Guy" Vivenco—Tom and Claudia Calenzo
- Maria Sorce Vullo—Rocco and Lisa Grande
- Carol Zasa—Joe and Barbara Inserra and David Vaccarelli
- The following intentions have been requested by Annette Marro—Nicholas Marro, Antoinette and Carmello Covais, Carolyn and Antoinette Covais, Frank and Antoinette Covais, George T. Covais, George and Virginia Covais, Jack and Betty Covais, Jack and Lena Covais, Sal and Katherine Covais, Salvatore and Jeannette Covais, and Saverio Covais

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

Pentecost Prayer

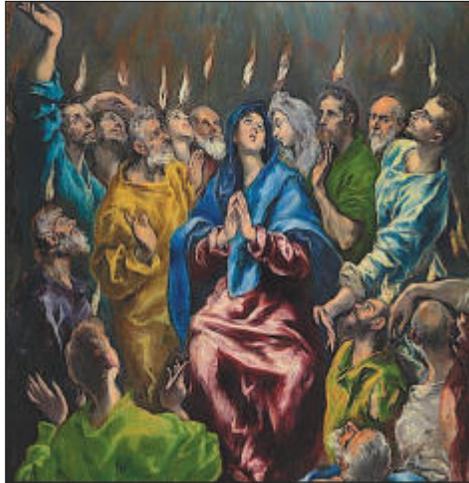
*Fill me with your Spirit, O Lord.
Renew my life; refresh my outlook.*

*Give me new vision
that I may see beyond the horizon
and within the depth of my person and
my abilities that I may uncover ways to
further your reign. Fill my life with color
and joy. As your Spirit sings and dances
within me, bring me to live in deep holi-
ness and peace. Open me O Lord,
to new possibilities, new directions
and new awareness. May I discern
your will with acceptance
and follow your guidance with abandon.
Amen.*

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: Come to us, Spirit of God.

- For Pope Francis and the whole Church. Fill us with the fruits of your Spirit that we may be signs of your love, joy and peace in



"The Pentecost" (El Greco, 1614)

all that we do.

We ask: Come to us, Spirit of God.

- For all who are burdened by grief or despair. Bring hope to their hearts and new vision to their lives.

We ask: Come to us, Spirit of God.

- Help us to end violence and divisions

in our world, to work together toward the common good and to promote healing and reconciliation.

We ask: Come to us, Spirit of God.

- For all who experience injustice, heal their pain and inspire them to trust again. For immigrants who have not been welcomed, for those who suffer still from the effects of this pandemic and for all who struggle with disease or addiction.

We ask: Come to us, Spirit of God.

- In thanksgiving for your many gifts — the hope, beauty and refreshment that will come with the days of summer; the dreams for which we can find fulfillment.

We ask: Come to us, Spirit of God.

- For the many intentions we hold in our hearts. For the needs of our families and friends and for the many people of our world who suffer in so many different ways.

We ask: Come to us, Spirit of God.

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