

SUNDAY, MAY 30, 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

Faith Formation K-6: Terri Piazza-Panuccio

Faith Formation 7-10: Anne Carlone-Elacqua

Music director: Peter Elacqua

Website manager, bulletin, publicity: Fran Perritano



Sister Mary Lawrence waits to crush it in a softball game in August 1953.



Mount Carmel cheerleaders in 1954. Top row, from left: Rosemary Falbo, Anne Rita Trino, Marie Greco and Carol Rossi. Bottom row, from left: Marilyn Scotellaro, Mary Anne Suppa, Virginia Rossi and Barbara Sisti.

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FATHER JIM'S WISE & OTHERWISE

Can we be good Catholics and not go to Mass?



Every living thing needs nourishment — including our hearts and spirits.

Going to Mass brings about direct contact with the Body of Christ in Holy Communion and in the community of faith. Going to Mass draws us from the self-absorption of our lives and directs us to the grace and power of God.

Nothing substitutes for being at the Eucharist.

- We are not giving God the love and focus that God should have in our lives.
- We are not growing in the Word of God that we read and celebrate on Sunday. We need God's Word.
- We are not receiving one of the greatest gifts that Jesus left us — his Body and his Blood.
- We are not contributing to building up the

community of Christ by our presence, witness and service.

- We are depriving our children of the intimate knowledge of God that they deserve.
- We deprive ourselves of a profound sense of peace and love.
- We are weakening the Christian faith.

It's not hard to start back to church. Every parish church is waiting for you. Begin with a visit to feel the peace and sense the fellowship. Stay for Mass and come back for a few Sundays.

Then talk to a priest — he'd love to chat with you about returning and getting more out of the Mass.

Then stick with your new plan to put God first in your life and receive the gifts only God can give you.

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCHEDULES

Lectors

SATURDAY, JUNE 5
4:30 p.m. Mass

Carol Trinco and Joe Martin
(POF)

SUNDAY, JUNE 6
8 a.m. Mass

Leigh D'Agostino and Terry Reale (POF)

10:30 a.m. Mass

Scott Bolen and Mary Siniscarco
(POF)

Eucharistic ministers

SATURDAY JUNE 5
4:30 p.m. Mass

Vito Valenzi, Bonnie Gardiner
and Vicki Perritano

SUNDAY, JUNE 6
8 a.m. Mass

Michael Zasa, Bob Ferdula
and TBD.

10:30 a.m.

Jean Reale, Theresa Ianno
and Ta Pi

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 22-23: \$4,656

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

Parents, we need your help: Please consider having your eligible child become an altar server

Now that most COVID protocols have been lifted in our diocese and church, altar servers can return.

Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament has a wonderful tradition of dedicated youngsters and young people who serve weekend Mass and special services. We only have a handful of servers remaining, and they have been sent an email about returning so we can begin to schedule them very soon.

We are in need, however of many more servers, especially for the 4:30 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Sunday liturgies. Mass at 10:30 a.m. Sunday also can use more.

If your child is at least in third grade and has received First Communion, we urge you to consider signing up him or her to become an altar server. Once we get new servers, a training session will take place.

If we get enough volunteers, your child might have to serve only once a month, though they can serve more often if they like. A two-month schedule is sent via email in advance so you can plan your weekend when your child serves.

If you and can answer this call, send your child's name, what Mass he or she can serve and your email address as soon as possible to Fran Perritano at fperritano@sydio.org.

We ask that you prayerfully consider this request so our parish can continue this beautiful tradition.



9-week novena to Our Lady continues at 7 p.m. Wednesday

The second week of the Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel is at 7 p.m. 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.

Please place hymnals, prayer cards in racks in pews

Now that we are back to having hymnals and worship aids and prayer cards in our pews, we need your help.

Please make sure that at the end of Mass you tidy your pew and return the hymnals neatly

in the racks along with the prayer cards. And if there are worship aids, please leave them neatly at the ends of the pews.

Thank you for keeping your pews nice and neat.

Veterans center seeks volunteers for clothing drive

The Central New Veterans Outreach Center in downtown Utica has reached out to Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament parishioners for help.

The organization is looking for volunteers to assist with an upcoming clothing drive.

It also is taking donations of clothing and household items to assist more veterans.

For information or to volunteer, call Chris



Gray at 315-794-1143 or the outreach center at 315-765-0975.

Did you purchase your Buona Fortuna ticket yet?

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

- Tickets are \$20.
- Grand prize: \$10,000.
- Second prize: \$2,500.
- 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.

PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

LIVING

- Children and Grandchildren—mom
- Rosemarie and Christopher Chiffy—Phyllis and Anthony J. Palumbo
- Frank and Lori Lynn Szkotak—Roger, Laurie Klein and G. Bello
- In Thanksgiving for Jesus' Faithfulness—Rosemary

DECEASED

- Carmella Martorella Butler—Joann and Brad Campbell
- Marie Capra—Geri Nogas
- Pasquale, Mary and Tasha Cardinale—Ray Cardinale
- Anna Carzo—daughter Mary Ann and family
- Maria Chiricosta—family
- John and Maria Chiricosta—family
- David P. Conney—Brad and Joann Campbell
- Anthony DiBrango—the parish
- Frank Esposito "Essy"—Joanne and Rocco Gerace
- Norton Esposito—Bee
- Sandra "Sandy" Giehl—John and Jean Reale
- Carmella Graziadei Grande—Rocco and Lisa Grande and family
- Phil Graziadei Sr.—wife Ane Tre and family
- Pasquale and Roma Inserra—Joe and Barbara Inserra
- Joan Kremer
- Joe Latella—Chris and Bob Gaetano
- Antonio Leone—Fred and Anne Bruzzese
- Flora Leone—Fred and Anne Bruzzese
- Elaine Lopata—Regina George
- Elaine Lopata—Rosanne
- Kathleen Madia—Gina Szuba
- Theresa and Domizio Malara—will
- Ida and Josephine Manze—David Struz
- Ida M. and Josephine D. Manze and family—will
- Manze and Motto Families—will
- Francis Marchio—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 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.

- Frank Mazza—wife Josephine
- Mary and John Nasto—Carol Nasto
- Marco and Palma Piccolino—children and grandchildren
- Rev. Jerome Riley—Peter and Karen Elacqua
- Christine M. Rizzo—Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Zammiello
- Barbara Santino—Gina Szuba
- Stan and Mary Struz—family
- Joseph Suppa—Cynthia and Coromato Family
- Joseph Teti—wife Mary and family
- Anthony R. and Erminia M. Trino—



Memorials

- The St. Marianne Cope Candle is lit in memory of **Anne Malecki** by family.
- The St. Joseph Candle is lit in memory of **Joseph Teti** by wife and family.

Baptisms

- **Luke Philip Cook** and **Scarlett Renae Paternoster**.

Funerals

- **Marie Pugliese Capra**, **Francis Kolarits** and **Giuseppe (Joseph) Nistico**.

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.

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- Joseph Vaccarelli—David Vaccarelli
- Maria Sorce Vullo—Rocco and Lisa Grande
- Nicholas J. Yagey—Fred and Anne Bruzzese
- Carol Zasa—Brad and Joann Campbell
- Jeanette Zumpano—Gina Szuba
- John Stephen Zumpano—will

Funeral service and wedding planning guides on parish website 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 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 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 or-



ganization 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 under **FUNERAL SERVICE PLANNING**.

THIS WEEK'S MEDITATION, INTENTIONS

Prayer to the Holy Trinity

O God,
 You created me, chose me, love me
 and show me all signs of wonder.
 What more can I ask?

O Jesus,
 You saved me, lead me, hold me
 And walk with me at every moment.
 What more can I ask?

O Spirit,
 You inspire me, free me, refresh me
 and give your breath to all beauty.
 What more can I ask?

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: Receive our prayer, O God.

- For Pope Francis and the Church. Give us all a deeper awareness of our mission as disciples. May we be vibrant channels of your love and proclaim our faith with determination and strength.

We ask: Receive our prayer, O God.

- For our world. Bring consolation to those who suffer. Bring rest to all who



"The Trinity" (Andre Rublef, 1411)

are weary. May people of all nations be instruments of healing, welcome and compassion.

We ask: Receive our prayer, O God.

- For all who are struggling because of natural disasters. For people who suffer under oppressive regimes. For those who are hungry, homeless, alone or abused. Give them peace and comfort.

We ask: Receive our prayer, O God.

- Bless those who are single by choice or by circumstance. May they discover the joy of ministering to others with sincerity, openness and generosity.

We ask: Receive our prayer, O God.

- For all who have died in service to our nation. Grant them rest and eternal peace. We pray for an end to all war and violence, and for the blossoming of peace in our world.

We ask: Receive our prayer, O God.

- For the intentions we hold in silence. We pray for those who struggle with addiction, those who suffer from life threatening illnesses, and those who are overcome with grief.

We ask: Receive our prayer, O God.

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