

SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2021

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# 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



Farewell party for the Rev. Gino Marzala in April 1978.



Father Jim Cesta's First Communion portrait.

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## FATHER JIM'S WISE & OTHERWISE

# Special message from parents to their children



With college graduations just behind us and high school commencements on the horizon, many cherished young people are taking another important and significant step on the road of life — and good parents can feel some satisfaction in watching the progress of their children.

No diploma or certification is handed to these parents — whether they be a couple or single parent — their reward so often is to treasure the goodness, talent and success of their sons or daughters in their heart.

The wisdom and challenge involved in being a good parent is expressed well in the following:

### 'I Loved You Enough'

Some day when your children are old enough to understand the logic that motivates a parent, tell them:

• I loved you enough to ask you about where you were going, with whom and what time you would be home.

• I loved you enough to insist that you buy a bike with your own money that we could have afforded to give you.

• I loved you enough to be silent and let you discover that your handpicked friend was a creep.

• I loved you enough to stand over you for two hours while you cleaned your room, a job that would have taken me 15 minutes to do myself.

• I loved you enough to let you see anger, disappointment, disgust and tears in my eyes.

• I loved you enough to admit I was wrong and ask for your forgiveness.

• I loved you enough to let you stumble, fall and hurt.

• I loved you enough to let you assume responsibility for your actions at 6, 10 and 16.

• But most of all, I loved you enough to say NO when you hated me for it. That was the hardest part of all.

## NEXT WEEKEND'S SCHEDULES

### Lectors

**SATURDAY, JUNE 12**

**4:30 p.m. Mass**

Terri Panuccio and Maria Kozak (POF)

**SUNDAY, JUNE 13**

**8 a.m. Mass**

David Struz and Karen Elacqua (POF)

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

Fran Perritano and Carla Percia (POF)

### Eucharistic ministers

**SATURDAY JUNE 12**

**4:30 p.m. Mass**

Jean Lippincott, Julie Martin and Anthony Felitto

**SUNDAY, JUNE 13**

**8 a.m. Mass**

Bob Cimbalò, John Reale Sr. and David Inserra.

**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

**May 29-30: \$6,042**

**Anniversary: \$33,850 from 267 donations**

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.

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## PARISH NEWS

### Chelsea Opera to present 2 performances on The French Chef June 18 and 19 in Salerno Room

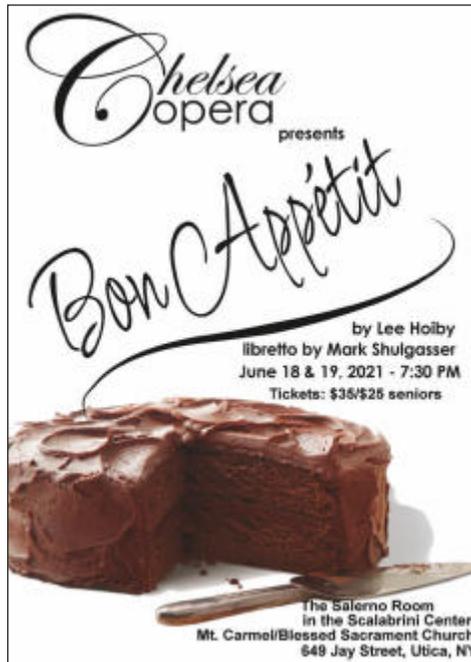
Chelsea Opera is pleased to present a delightful musical confection — “Bon Appétit” a short opera about The French Chef, Julia Child, composed by Lee Hoiby.

“Bon Appétit” will be presented at two performances — at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 18, and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 19, in the Salerno Room at the Scalabrini Center, 649 Jay St. Performances will include other French fare and, of course, wine, hors d’œuvres, nibbles and cake. Come for the cake; stay for the music!

Tickets are \$35 per person (\$45 at the door) and \$25 for seniors (\$35 door). To purchase with a credit card, visit <https://web.ovationtix.com/trs/pr/1052695>.

For purchases by check or money order, print the ticket order form in this story on our parish website or at <http://chelseaopera.org/season.html>. You also may pick up a form in church. Complete the form, include your payment and place it in an envelope marked: “Attention Anne Elacqua / Bon Appétit.” You can drop the envelope in the collection basket or at parish office, or mail to the address on the form. Tickets purchased by check or money order must be bought by June 14.

Seating is limited. Six guests will be seated per round table. No masks are required for au-



dience members who are fully vaccinated. If you are not vaccinated, you will be required to wear a mask.

### Parents: Father Jim in need of many altar servers

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](mailto:fperritano@sydio.org).**

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

### 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@sydio.org](mailto:aelacqua@sydio.org)



### Novena to Our Lady continues Wednesday

The third 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.

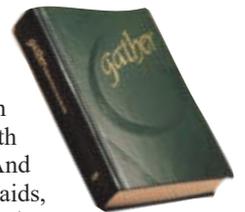
Each 7 p.m. service will be preceded by recitation of the rosary. Father Jim will offer Mass and a brief homily.

### 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.



### Did you purchase your Buona Fortuna ticket?

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

- Theresa Sportelli—Rick and Dolores
- Children and Grandchildren—mom
- St. Anthony, St. Joseph, St. Lucy and St. Monica—Tessie
- For peace and unity in our country and the world
- For an end to abortion

### DECEASED

- Michael Bello—Gerry, Michele, Laurie and Roger
- Mike Bello—Bee Esposito
- Joy Byrne—Joe and Madeline Briggs
- Anna Carzo—children and grandchildren
- Carol Chiffy—Aunt Re
- Richard Chiffy—Aunt Re
- Ursula DelMonte—James DelMonte
- Rosemary DeVito—Phil and Carol Scampone
- Francisco J. Diaz—mom, sister and family
- Norton Esposito—Bee
- Carmella Graziadei Grande—Rocco and Lisa Grande and family
- Pasquale and Roma Inserra—Joe and Barbara Inserra
- Elaine Klein—Joann, Roxanne and Matt
- Mary Beth LaNeve—Gordon and Chuck
- Flora Leone—Re Chiffy
- Ann Lottermoser—Diane McKenney
- Ann Lottermoser—Elissa Santalucia
- Ann Lottermoser—Gloria Simonette
- Ann Lottermoser—Steinhorst Prayer Group
- Theresa and Domezio Malara—will
- Ida and Josephine Manze—David Struz
- Ida M. and Josephine D. Manze and family—will
- Manze and Motto Families—will
- Frank Mazza—wife Josephine
- Jack McCarthy—Joe and Madeline Briggs
- Francine (Pugi) Mikalajunas—Frank Buttita and Lorraine McGovern



### 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.

- Donald Oliver—Ron and Lucille Wereszynski
- Yolanda Pedone—Hon and children
- Marco and Palma Piccolino—children and grandchildren
- Ida J. Pisano—will
- Stan and Mary Struz—family
- Richard Taurisano—Re Chiffy
- Anthony R. and Erminia M. Trino—daughter Edye
- Arthur Trozzi Sr.—children
- Joe Vaccarelli—David Vaccarelli
- Maryann Van Dreason—Ron and Lucille Wereszynski



### Memorials

- The altar candles for June are lit in memory of **Rocco and Alice Gerace** by daughter Joanne and **Leona Antonelli Jones** by goddaughter Dolores.
- The altar bread and wine for June has been donated in memory of **Rocco Comisso** by family.
- The sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of **Arthur Trozzi Sr.** by Ann and children.
- The gospel light is lit in memory of **Mary Caruso** by brother Ricky.
- The St. Marianne Cope candle is lit in memory of **Ellen M. Nichols** by Annette Guido and Nancy Gerzonich.
- The St. Joseph candle is lit in memory of **Rocco and Alice Gerace** by daughter Joanne.

### 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.

- Maria Sorce Vullo—Rocco and Lisa Grande
- Graceanne Welfe—Ron, Lucille and family
- Carol Zasa—Lucy LaVine

## 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](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 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](http://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com) under **FUNERAL SERVICE PLANNING**.

# THIS WEEK'S MEDITATION, INTENTIONS

## Covenant Prayer

*O God of old and new covenant promises,  
 You have never stopped  
 showing us the depth  
 and breadth of your love.  
 Moses splashed blood upon the people  
 to remind them of how much  
 you loved them  
 from the beginning of time.  
 Your Son, Jesus, shed blood for us  
 to welcome us into eternal life with you.  
 You give us the Eucharist  
 to nourish and heal us at every step  
 of our earthly journey.  
 Body, Blood, Life and Love  
 for always and forever  
 from our very beginning  
 to a time that never ends.  
 You are with us. You are with me.  
 May my life bring you glory  
 and thanksgiving,  
 offer your love to everyone I encounter,  
 mirror your deep grace  
 and be a blessing.  
 Amen.*



*"Baroque Painting of the Last Supper"  
 (Mechelen, Belgium)*

## Prayer of the Faithful

**Response: Receive our prayer, O God.**

- For the Church — many members and yet one body. May we grow in unity and love. Strengthen our commitment to serve each other.
- **We ask: Receive our prayer, O God.**
- For our world. For those who are hungry.

For refugees displaced by violence. May we find ways to provide food, refuge and welcome for them.

**We ask: Receive our prayer, O God.**

- Bless us with a deeper sense of joy and gratitude. As we begin to emerge from this pandemic, may we be conscious of the sacredness of all life and discover anew the treasures we have in each other.

**We ask: Receive our prayer, O God.**

- For Pope Francis and Bishop Lucia; for our pastor, Father Jim, and for all priests and all who are ministers of the Eucharist. May they be signs of Your loving presence in our lives.

**We ask: Receive our prayer, O God.**

- Inspire governments and all people to work for justice, to have strength and courage to speak the truth and to find ways to bring healing and peace to our world.

**We ask: Receive our prayer, O God.**

- For all who are sick, addicted, alone, dying or grieving. For those who struggle with depression or through abuse. And for the intentions we hold in our hearts.

**We ask: Receive our prayer, O God.**

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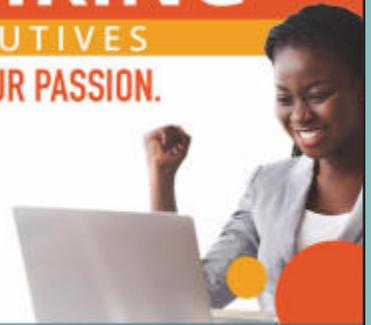


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