

SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2021

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St. Mary of Mount Carmel Blessed Sacrament Parish

ABOUT THE PARISH

Address: 648 Jay St., Utica, NY 13501.

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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

Maintenance: Fran D'Ambrosio

Website manager, bulletin, publicity: Fran Perritano



Several members of the Mount Carmel CYO in 1976, including Vincent Elacqua, Joe Teti, Andrew Florentino and Laurie Ivanovich.



Father Joe Salerno, Deacon Bob Riggalls, Karen Elacqua and a First Communion class in the 1990s.



Chancey Wicks, mother of Michael Wicks, in the late 1970s or early '80s.

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FATHER JIM'S WISE & OTHERWISE

Real peace comes from Jesus, not our lives

A young French Canadian priest offered this perspective:

"I work with university students as a chaplain. They have a zest for life and an energy that I can only envy. But inside of all this zest and energy, I notice that they lack hope because they don't have a big story, a big vision, that can give them perspective beyond the ups and downs of their everyday lives.

"When their health, relationships and lives are going well, they feel happy and full of hope; but the reverse is also true. When things aren't going well, the bottom falls out of their world. They don't have anything to give them a vision beyond the present moment."



In essence, what he is describing might be called "the peace that this world can give us."

In his farewell discourse, Jesus contrasts two kinds of peace: a peace that he leaves us and a peace that the world can give us. The peace that the world can give us is not a negative or a bad peace. It is real and good, but it is fragile and inadequate because it can easily be taken away from us.

Peace, as we experience it ordinarily in our lives, generally is predicated on feeling healthy, loved and secure. But all of these are fragile. They can change radically with one visit to the doctor, with an unexpected dizzy spell, with sudden chest pains, with the loss of a job, with the rupture of a relationship, with the suicide of a loved one, or with multiple

kinds of betrayal that can blindsides us.

We try mightily to take measures to guarantee health, security and the trustworthiness of our relationships, but we live with a lot of anxiety, knowing these always are fragile.

What Jesus offers is a peace that is not fragile, that is beyond fear and anxiety and does not depend upon feeling healthy, secure and loved. At the Last Supper and as he was dying, Jesus offered us his gift of peace. It is the absolute assurance that we are connected to the source of life in such a way that nothing, absolutely nothing, can ever sever — not bad health, not betrayal by someone, indeed, not even our own sin.

We are unconditionally loved and held by the source of life itself and nothing can change that. Nothing can change God's unconditional love for us.

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCHEDULES

Lectors

SATURDAY, JULY 17

4:30 p.m. Mass

Dolores Chainey and Salvie Perritano (POF)

SUNDAY, JULY 18

8 a.m. Mass

Melissa Leone and Barbara Inserra (POF)

10:30 a.m. Mass

Fred Valentini and Mary Siniscarco (POF)

Eucharistic ministers

SATURDAY JULY 17

4:30 p.m. Mass

Rick Chainey, Julie Martin and Debbie Hayes

SUNDAY, JULY 18

8 a.m. Mass

Michael Zasa, Bob Ferdula and Marie Mastro

10:30 a.m.

Marie Centolella, 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

July 3-4: \$5,233

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

Next Sunday: Special Mass celebration, spaghetti dinner

As part of our 125th anniversary celebration next weekend, a special Mass will be offered at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, July 18, to commemorate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Father Jim will concelebrate Mass with former Mount Carmel pastor the Rev. Joe Salerno, and Historic Old St. John's pastor, the Rev. Tom Servatius, a former parishioner.

In addition to this celebration, several long-time parishioners will be honored during Mass. Also, a special anniversary issue of "More Good News" will be distributed.

Following Mass, a procession will take place to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel where benediction will be offered.

Then, a spaghetti dinner under the tent, catered by Joey's Restaurant, will take place. Dinner includes ziti, meatball, salad, rolls,



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wine and dessert. Entertainment will be provided by Anthony LaBarbera.

Tickets are \$20 per person (children 12 and

younger are free). **Deadline to purchase them is Sunday, July 11.** No tickets will be sold the day of the event.

Proceeds will benefit the CNY Veterans Outreach Center.

Also, a number of other anniversary events and activities are being finalized. Here are some of the things that will take place:

Golf tournament: Sunday, Aug. 29, Stonebridge Golf and County Club.

Communion Breakfast: Sunday, Oct. 17 at Club Monarch.

Christmas ornament: Depicting the 125th anniversary logo developed by Maria Vallese.

Visit the parish website at www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com and continue to check the bulletin for details on these events.

Congratulations to our high school, college grads

We have a number of young adults who graduated from high school and college. We are featuring them in the bulletin and on our parish website.

Bethany Geary

- **Parents:** Steve and Patti Geary.
- **College:** Graduated summa cum laude in May from Utica College.
- **Degree:** Bachelor's in nursing.
- **Plans for the future:** Will start job in August at Upstate University Hospital in Syracuse in the cardiothoracic step-down unit.



GEARY



RIZZO

Joseph R. Rizzo

- **Parents:** Joseph and Patricia Rizzo.
- **High school:** Christian Brothers Academy, Syracuse.
- **Awards, activities:** BSA Eagle Scout, New York State emergency medical technician, American Red Cross lifeguard, Brother Adolphus Honor Society, National Society of High School Scholars, La Salle Award, Scholar Athlete Award.
- **Plans for future:** Attending University of Miami to study biology/premed

To feature your graduate, submit the following information to Anne Elacqua at aelacqua@syrdio.org. If you have any questions, you can call her at 315-941-7447.

- Name.
- Parents' names.
- High school or college from which you graduated.
- Awards and/or degrees.
- Plans for the future.
- Also, if you're 18 or older, please submit a head-and-shoulders photo of yourself.



Golf tournament Aug. 29 at Stonebridge

The eighth Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament Golf Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 29, at Stonebridge Golf and Country Club in Frankfort.

The cost is \$90 per player, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, food and beverages on the course, a one-hour open bar after play, steak dinner, 50/50 raffle, door prizes, optional skins, and hole-in-one chances to win a car and ATV, and a casino hole.

Brochures are available in church and the parish office. Deadline to enter is Aug. 7.

If you and/or your foursome would like to play, pick up a brochure or call the parish office at 315-735-1482

Last day to purchase Buona Fortuna July 15

The last day to purchase Buona Fortuna tickets is Thursday, July 15.

- 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 in the parish office or by calling Leigh D'Agostino at 315-737-5965.

The drawing will take place the weekend of July 17 and 18.

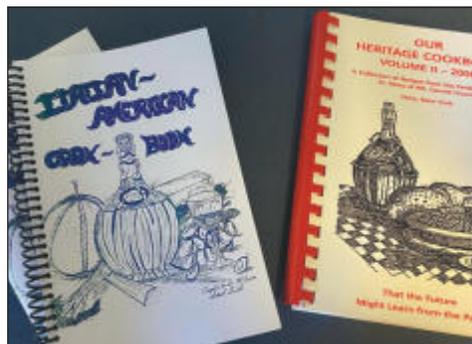
All ticket sellers who return 20 paid tickets by July 15 are entitled to a free ticket.

Parish cookbooks are on the way; order yours now

In honor of our 125th anniversary, we have reproduced the popular Volume 1 "Italian-American Cookbook" from 1970 that was used as a fundraiser when our school was open.

The first batch, so to speak, of the cookbooks sold out. More are ordered. Reserve your copies by calling the parish office at 315-735-1482 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

For nostalgic purposes, the cookbook has been reproduced in its original form and is \$10 each. Also, if you are interested in the "Our Heritage Cookbook" from 2006, we are offering a bundle deal at \$15 for both cookbooks.



THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

LIVING

- Laurie Klein—mom
- Laurie Klein—Roger, Ross and Roger
- For the Good Health of Tom Trinco—Jim Piccola
- Children and grandchildren—mom

DECEASED

- Father Abe—Joe and Delores Sarcone
- Sara Mae Angelo—will
- Arthur Battista—Phil and Carol Scampone
- Pat Cannon—Rosanne
- Angeline Coiro—the parish
- Sam and Josephine DeSimone—Joe, JoAnn and family
- Tom DeSimone—Joe, JoAnn and family
- Dan and Josephine Dichiera—Joe and Delores Sarcone
- Congetta, Joe and Maria DiPierro—Rocco, Joey and Julie
- Frank P. DiSpirito—Fred and Anne Bruzzese
- Shiela Dziok—Dorothy Dziok
- Sheila Dziok—Philip and Gloria Enea
- Dominick and Alba Esposito—Bee Esposito
- Norton Esposito—Bee
- Dylan Fitzgerald—Rocco and Lisa Grande
- Buddy Gigliotti—wife Patti
- Donna Gowett—Marie A. Luce
- Carmella Graziadei Grande—Rocco and Lisa Grande and family
- Pasquale and Roma Inserra—Joe and Barbara Inserra
- 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
- Anthony J. Marino—Phil and Carol



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.

Scampone

- Anne Marie Martin—the parish
- Frank Mazza—wife Josephine
- George McBride—family
- Philip Pandolf—the parish
- Marco and Palma Piccolino—children and grandchildren
- Jennie Piluso—Joe and Delores Sarcone
- Jimmy Piluso—Joe and Delores Sarcone



Memorials

- The gospel light is lit in memory of **Magdalen Suppa** by Rosemarie.
- The St. Joseph candle is lit in memory of **Caruso and Flihan families** by Ricky.

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.

- Ronald Rich—Anthony and Susan Giovinazzo
- Samuel Simbari—the parish
- Stan and Mary Struz—family
- Frank Suppa Jr.—Vicki
- Marietta Suppa—Vicki
- Anthony R. and Erminia M. Trino—daughter Edye
- Maria Sorce Vullo—Rocco and Lisa Grande
- Richard Yozzo—Carmen and Judy Graziano
- Carol Jane Zasa—the parish staff



Final Wednesday of novena this week

The final Wednesday Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel is at 7 p.m. Wednesday. The ninth and final service is at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, July 18.

Parish seeks new ushers; please help

Our ushers took on added importance during the past year with helping to guide the faithful as we returned to Mass amid the pandemic.

The parish now is seeking more ushers to carry on this important role of greeting those attending Mass, guiding them to their pews, taking up the collection and performing various other duties.

We ask you to prayerfully consider joining this important group. You can usher at whatever Mass you attend each weekend.

If you're interested, call Barbara Jo Carino at 315-796-5721 to sign up or for information on this ministry.



D'AMBROSIO



MORRISSEY

New maintenance person

Say hello to the parish's new maintenance person — Fran D'Ambrosio. He takes over for Pat Zasa, who moved on to another job.

The parish also would like to thank Patrick Morrissey who did a great job of keeping the parish campus grounds and buildings in tip-top shape until Fran began his position last week.

THIS WEEK'S MEDITATION, INTENTIONS

Prayer for the journey

*When life is easy and I am comfortable,
when my job brings contentment
and my relationships satisfy,
when I sit back and ponder the many
blessings I have;
it is then that you call me, Lord.
It is then that you send me out to preach
a new way. It is then that you
remind me about how little I need —
just faith in you, good footwear
and a walking stick for the journey.
My companion and I are not to expect
any warmth or welcome,
But will gladly accept any
graciousness we receive
and any rejection we encounter.
The joy that will sustain us
is the healing we carry,
the Gospel we preach,
the miracles we begin
all in your name, O Jesus, my Lord.*



"Landscape Between Storms" (Renoir, 1875)

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: Lord, hear your people's prayer.

- For the Church. Strengthen our vision and our support for Pope Francis. Deepen our dependency on God rather than on our possessions, accomplishments or power.
We ask: Lord, hear your people's prayer.
- For the world. Give us discernment, wisdom and strength that we might oppose the many injustices of our time and

- be able to face rejection with courage.
We ask: Lord, hear your people's prayer.
- For the grace to travel lightly. Open our hearts and our hands that we may surrender all that we cling to.
We ask: Lord, hear your people's prayer.
 - For our companions on this faith journey. For our families, friends, co-workers and members of our parish community. Hold us together in faithfulness to each other and unify our commitment to Christian values during this time of polarization.
We ask: Lord, hear your people's prayer.
 - Bring healing to all in need. Invigorate those who are saddened or having difficulty. Restore life to the sick, the dying and the grieving. Inspire the addicted and the destitute. Create life-giving pathways for immigrants and for all who are afflicted.
We ask: Lord, hear your people's prayer.
 - For the prayers we offer in silence.
We ask: Lord, hear your people's prayer.

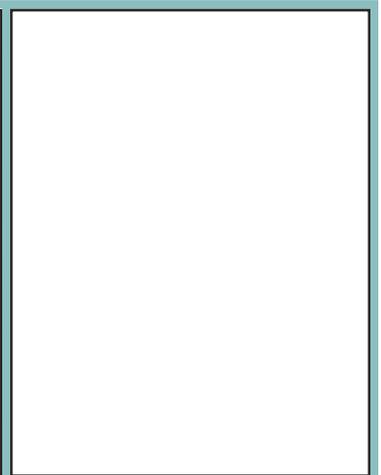
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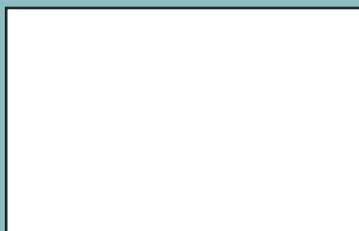
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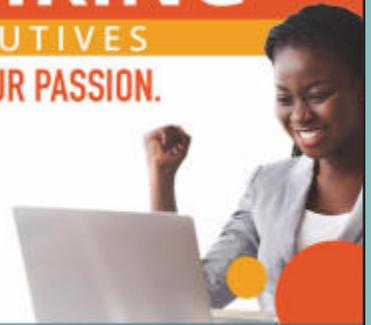


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