

SUNDAY, JULY 25, 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: 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

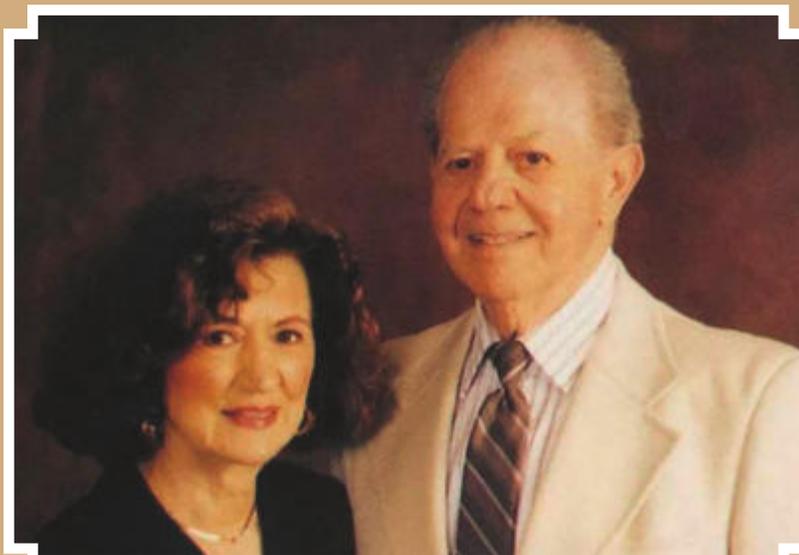
Music director: Peter Elacqua

Buildings and grounds: Fran D'Ambrosio

Website manager, bulletin, publicity: Fran Perritano



Youth choir in the mid-1970s.



Virginia Eannace and Joseph Laria.



Mount Carmel School Class of 1976.

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FATHER JIM'S WISE & OTHERWISE

Some misconceptions about the Catholic faith



The Catholic Church has been around for more than 2,000 years — and we've been misunderstood for just about that long as well.

Today, Catholics often are the butt of jokes by comedians, and often scorned by others.

Here are some of these misconceptions — and the truth about the Catholic faith:

• **The Catholic Church is not biblical:** The Catholic Church is deeply biblical. Jesus' followers gathered the sacred writings and established the fundamental books of the Bible in the first centuries of the Church. All Catholic worship is based on a careful reading and presentation of the Bible.

• **The Catholic Church is authoritar-**

ian: Catholic life is not run by the pope; rather, Catholic life unfolds in local parish congregations. The pope and bishops give guidance on certain fundamental issues of faith and good living, but all pastors do that. The Church believes fundamentally in the freedom of the human conscience.

• **Catholics are superstitious and worship idols:** Catholics worship only God. We pray to saints as our older brothers and sisters in faith who are united with us in Christ. Sacred images inspire us and focus our thoughts and prayer.

• **Catholics are hung up on sex:** Catholics do take sex very seriously because they see it as a beautiful and important gift from God. Catholics encourage personal discipline in the exercise of sexual activity.

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCHEDULES

Lectors

SATURDAY, JULY 31
4:30 p.m. Mass

Mary Martin and Karen McBride (POF)

SUNDAY, AUG. 1
8 a.m. Mass

Terry Reale and Leigh D'Agostino (POF)

10:30 a.m. Mass

Jackie Thibault and Scott Bolen (POF)

Eucharistic ministers

SATURDAY JULY 31
4:30 p.m. Mass

Anthony Palumbo, Jean Masercola and Jean Lippincott

SUNDAY, AUG. 1
8 a.m. Mass

Marie Bova, Kuhn Su and Helen Toczala

10:30 a.m.

Marsha LaBella, Tina Caggese 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.

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 17-18: \$5,326

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



Order your Christmas ornament

Orders are being accepted for the parish's 2021 Christmas ornament depicting the 125th anniversary logo. The cost is \$10 per ornament. You can reserve one or more now by calling the parish office at 315-735-1482 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

PARISH NEWS



At the 10:30 a.m. Mass last Sunday, four women were honored for their decades of dedication and service to the parish. From left, Rosemarie Chiffy, 94; Vicki Perritano, 91; Antoinette LaPaglia 100; and Palma DeSarro, 100.

Parishioners gather to celebrate Our Lady and 125th anniversary

In normal times, the Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament famous Italian Festival would have taken place last weekend with hundreds of people from far and wide gathering on the parish grounds for three days of fun, food and friendship.

Well, we all know it's not yet quite normal, but parishioners still were able to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and our 125th anniversary with a special celebration and a pasta dinner.

Father Jim concelebrated the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass with former pastor and native son, the Rev. Joseph Salerno, and former Mount Carmel parishioner and now pastor of Historic Old St. John's, the Rev. Tom Servatius.

At the Mass, four women older than 90 were honored for their decades of dedication to the parish: Palma DeSarro, 100; Antoinette LaPaglia 100; Rosemarie Chiffy, 94; and Vicki Perritano, 91.

After Mass, 150 people attended a pasta dinner under the tent in the parking lot. Proceeds benefitted the CNY Veterans Outreach Center. Also, food collected during our nine-week novena was donated to Mother Marianne's Soup Kitchen.

So, as we continue to celebrate 125 years of faith, family and fellowship, let's pray that next year at this time we once again will be able to celebrate our heritage with our festival.

To view a photo gallery of Sunday's celebrations, visit our parish website at www.mount-carmelblessedsacrament.com.



Buona fortuna winners

The following people were winners of the Buona Fortuna raffle:

- \$10,000: Ralph "Crash" Giovinazzo.
- \$2,500: Judy Ziobro.
- \$1,000: Mike Tennyson and Grace Decker.

"Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the Buono Fortuna Raffle," said Leigh D'Agostino, chairwoman. "Once again, It was a very successful fundraiser for our parish community. A special thanks to all our "super sellers."



Golf tournament tees off 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. You also can download the entry form on the parish website.

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

Please respect parking rules around parish

Now that the diocese has lifted most COVID restrictions and more people are returning to weekend Mass, now is a good time to review parish parking regulations:

- There is **NO PARKING** in the driveway in front of the garage near the Scalabrini Center on Jay Street.
- There is **NO PARKING** in the fire lane at the side of the gymnasium.
- There is **NO PARKING** in the emergency lane in front of the church on Catherine Street where the curb is painted yellow.

• There are handicapped parking spots on Jay Street and in the shrine parking lot. Remember, these are reserved for those with handicapped placards or plates.



THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

LIVING

- Bob Dellecese—Phyllis and Anthony J. Palumbo
- Michael Noce—Rosemary
- Carmela Sciortino—Gloria and Betty Jane Rossi
- In Honor of St. Anne—Rosemarie Chiffy
- Children and Grandchildren—mom

DECEASED

- Sal Bosco Sr.—Fred and Anne Bruzzese
- Joseph Cabellon—Silvana and family
- Bob Ciancaglini—Fay and Family
- Donato "Don" Colucci—Terri and Gina LaBella
- Philip Cornacchia—Phyllis and Anthony J. Palumbo
- Adolf Danella—Phyllis and Anthony J. Palumbo
- MaryAnn "Gibby" DeFazio—DeCrescenzo children
- Ursula DelMonte—Phil and Carol Scampone
- Norton Esposito—Bee, Ray and Sally Arcuri, Gerry and family, David and Stephanie Inserra, George, Nancy, and Andrew Inserra, John and Diana Inserra, Sam and Monique Mancuso, Alison and Rob Manserson, Curt and Laura Perfect
- Frank Furgal—Tom and Grace DeCrescenzo
- Edward and Frances George—Ro and Gina
- Lindsay George—Pat and Theresa Ianno
- Lisa Druscovich Gilberti—Terri and Gina LaBella
- Jacquelyn E. Gorea—Dr. and Mrs. Fred Talarico
- Carmella Graziadei Grande—Rocco and Lisa Grande and family
- Flam Guido—family
- Pasquale and Roma Inserra—Joe and Barbara Inserra
- David Johnson—Terri and Gina LaBella
- David P. Johnson—Patti Morreale
- Margaret "Peggy" Klaus—Terri and Gina LaBella
- Mary Beth LaNeve—Phyllis and Anthony J. Palumbo
- Frank and Lena Longo—grandchildren
- Ida and Josephine Manze—David Struz
- Manze and Motto families—will
- Ida M. and Josephine D. Manze and fam-



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.

ily—will

- Daniel O. Marley II—Terri and Gina LaBella and Lisa and David Taurisano
- Anne Marie Giglio Martin—Terri and Gina LaBella
- Frank Mazza—wife Josephine
- Sharon Moyer Mazza—Terri and Gina LaBella
- Carmella Nole Melchiorre—Jean Masercola
- Frank "Butch" Menozzi—cousin Bee Esposito
- John R. Nasto—sister Carla
- Mary and Carl Nasto—daughter Carla
- David Ollerenshaw—family
- Mella Passalacqua—Rosemarie Chiffy
- Roland Perreault—family
- Marco and Palma Piccolino—children and grandchildren



Memorials

- The St. Marianne Cope candle is lit in memory of **Bill and Blanche Miller** by Bonnie.
- The St. Joseph candle is lit in memory of **Peter and Josephine Amico** by granddaughter Joanne.

Funerals

- **Clementina "Tina" Geary and Edith R. Poccia.**

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.

- Todd Rasmussen—Nancy Graniti
- Ronald Rich—Tracy Jones and John Costello
- Stan and Mary Struz—family
- Angela Tomanio—Gloria Simonette
- Anthony R. and Erminia M. Trino—daughter Edge
- Joe Vaccarelli—Gina, Jeff and Alana Batson
- Joe Vaccarelli—David Vaccarelli
- Maria Sorce Vullo—Rocco and Lisa Grande
- Richard Yozzo Sr.—Terri and Gina LaBella
- Tony Zane—Phyllis and Anthony J. Palumbo

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 thanksgiving

Jesus, you fed the crowds with bread.

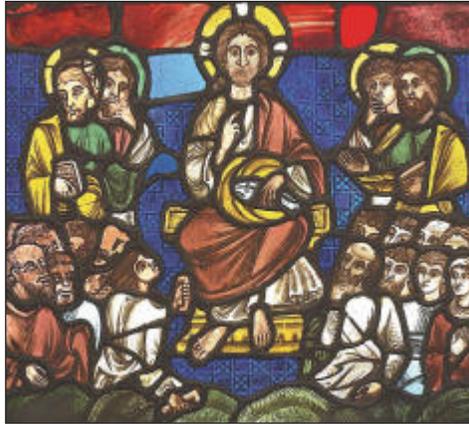
Thank you for food that nourishes,
for companions who share
my joys and trials,
and for my constant hunger
to better discern your will for my life.
Jesus, you taught the multitude
about God's Kingdom.

Thank you for faith that sustains me,
for opportunities you offer me
to grow in understanding,
for the ways you challenge
my faith to develop,
and my love to strengthen.

Jesus, you showed us how
our tiny sharing can feed many.

Thank you for the miracles
you let me perform,
for helping me to believe
in the power of my gifts,
for offering me moments
to listen, guide and help.

Keep my mind open and my heart thankful.
Amen.



13th Century Stained Glass, artist unknown

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: Receive our prayer, O God.

- For the Church. Give us the grace of patience and gentleness. Open our hearts and minds to share more deeply from our abundance. May we be a sign of your generous love for all.

We ask: Receive our prayer, O God.

- For a sharper awareness of the hungers

within our hearts. May we rely on your grace and providence to satisfy and fill us, and to give us direction.

We ask: Receive our prayer, O God.

- Bless all who bring food to our tables daily — farmers, harvesters, transporters, grocers and cooks. Renew their dedication with energy, perseverance and inspiration.

We ask: Receive our prayer, O God.

- For all in our world who endure hunger for food, for love or for acceptance: Orphans, refugees, immigrants, those who live on the fringes of society, those who struggle amid devastation or violence. Help us find ways to satisfy their hungers, to remain aware of their needs and to offer our assistance.

We ask: Receive our prayer, O God.

- Bring safety to travelers, blessings to the aged and the infirm, opportunity to the unemployed and depressed, health to the sick and the addicted, peace to the dying and comfort to the grieving.

We ask: Receive our prayer, O God.

- For all the intentions we hold in our hearts ...

We ask: Receive our prayer, O God.

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