

SUNDAY, AUG. 15, 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: 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

Trustees: Rocco Arcuri and Bill Thibault

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



Girls basketball team in 1996.



Building and grounds crew in 1996.



The family of Rocco Antonio Taurisano and Carmela Dote Taurisano.

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FATHER JIM'S WISE & OTHERWISE

Eucharist a personal relationship with Christ



How is Jesus present in the Eucharist?

Most of us, at one time or another, find ourselves either asking that question or trying to explain the mystery for someone else. Catholics believe that the body and blood of Jesus are present in consecrated bread and wine. We do not say the Eucharist is "like" the body and blood of Jesus, but that it "is" the body and blood of Jesus.

Jesus, in the Eucharist, wants to be and is deeply present to us in love and in compassion. Only when we begin to understand the Eucharist as a time when Jesus is not distant, but close; not aloof, but very intimate; not above us, but profoundly near us; not judging us, but compassionate toward us, will we truly be able to relate this teaching of the Church to our faith and

devotion.

There is no doubt that a body-and-blood relationship exists between a mother and her child. But they don't think of each other as body and blood. They think about the human relationship between them, whether or not it is mutually loving.

It's the same way in the Eucharistic celebration. We have a body-and-blood relationship with God in Christ. In this encounter, we no longer get stuck on the elements of bread and wine or body and blood. This is because we experience persons instead of things, relationships instead of magic.

Real reverence must be for the person of Christ and for all people for whom he died — the two are inseparable. That is why people are called the Body of Christ.

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCHEDULES

Lectors

SATURDAY, AUG. 21

4:30 p.m. Mass

Terri Panuccio and Anthony Laria (POF)

SUNDAY, AUG. 22

8 a.m. Mass

Maria Kozak and Mary Rose Leone (POF)

10:30 a.m. Mass

Joe Siniscarco and Clara Dempsey (POF)

Eucharistic ministers

SATURDAY AUG. 21

4:30 p.m. Mass

Jean Lippincott, Anthony Palumbo and Jean Masercola

SUNDAY, AUG. 22

8 a.m. Mass

John Reale Sr. Marie Mastro and Kuhn Su

10:30 a.m.

Marsha LaBella, La Aung 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.

Consider \$125 anniversary donation

Nearly \$40,000 has been donated so far in our parish's 125th anniversary appeal.

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!

If you haven't contributed yet, 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.



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

Aug. 7-8: \$7,179

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

10 good reasons why you should become a catechist



Catechist Graceann Guzski helps one of her kindergarten students in 2019.

Do you love children and want to pass your faith and love of God on to the future generations?

If so, please consider the following top 10 reasons to become a catechist, written by Joe Paprocki, long-time catechist and Loyola Press' National Consultant for Faith Formation.

- You will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus.

- Your baptism calls you to share in Jesus' ministry.

- Children, teens and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus.

- Children, teens and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to encounter good role models of faith.

- You have much to share with those you'll teach, and you'll have opportunities to share faith with other catechists.

- Today's catechetical textbooks/resources offer outstanding support.

- You'll be challenged, you'll have fun and you'll make new friends.

- You'll be helping people deepen their relationship with Jesus. (You'll be evangelizing!)

- You'll be handing on a 2,000-year-old tradition that changes lives.

- It's our job: Jesus sent us to "go and teach all nations."

If you are interested in joining our wonderful K-6 grade Faith Formation family, call Terri Panuccio at 315-735-1482 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday or email her at tpanuccio@syrdio.org.

Parish cookbooks have arrived; there still is time to purchase them

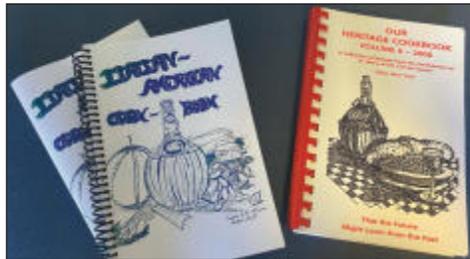
If you ordered a parish cookbook, they have arrived.

Please call the parish office at 315-735-1482 to make arrangements to pick up your cookbooks.

If you haven't ordered yours yet and want to purchase one, there still is time.

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.

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 offer-



ing a bundle deal at \$15 for both cookbooks.

Reserve your copies by calling the parish office from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday.



Prepare for Christmas by ordering 125th anniversary 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.

Know someone who wants to join Catholic Church?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process whereby an adult who has not been baptized or one who has been baptized but not received any other sacraments can learn and deepen their faith and become fully initiated into the Catholic Church.



ings with Father Jim to share and teach many things about the Catholic way of being Christian. It also involves some reading at home on which to base discussions.

If you are interested in learning about this rite, contact Father Jim at the parish office at 735-1482.

Franciscan sister to make appeal here next weekend

Sister Melissa Scholl, OSF of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, will be at all Masses next weekend, Aug. 21 and 22, for its annual Mission Appeal.

The Franciscan Sisters of Allegany was the first community of American nuns to have foreign missions. They minister to those in need, especially the underprivileged, the undernourished, the outcast and the victims of injustice

and violence.

Funds to support the missions where the sisters work and volunteer are solicited through the efforts of the St. Elizabeth Mission Society.

As a congregation, the sisters continue to respond to the overwhelming needs of our brothers and sisters through education, health care, and social ministries in Jamaica, Brazil, Bolivia and the states.

Nominations sought for Pastoral Council

We are looking for nominations for our Pastoral Council. There are three vacant seats that need to be filled for the 2021-2022 year. Nomination forms are available in church or at our parish office. Nominations are due by Aug. 29. All the accepting nominees' names will be placed in a basket and three names will be drawn at our 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Sept. 12. If you have any questions, contact Pastoral Council Chairman Bill Thibault at 315-796-3478.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

LIVING

- In thanksgiving to my family, friends and parishioners for their healing prayers—Rosemary
- Mass of thanksgiving—Delores Fontaine
- Children and Grandchildren—mom

DECEASED

- Marie Jean Albano—Joanie Miller
- Marie Jean Albano—Angela Potaczala
- Theresa Alessi—Loving family
- Daniel Arcuri—the parish
- Virginia (Gina) Calenzo-Hibbard—brother Steve and Betty Calenzo
- Rose Calidonna—Ed and LuAnn Buc-ciero
- Bill Campola—wife Betty
- Marion Cardillo—Aunt Vicki
- Daniel and Mary Cichon—family
- Marie Longo Cochrane—sister Joann Longo
- Bobby Dellechese—father Bob
- Dolores Dellechese—husband Bob
- Sam and Josephine DeSimone—Joe, JoAnn and family
- Tom DeSimone—Joe, JoAnn and family
- Dominick and Alba Esposito—daughter-in-law Bee
- Norton Esposito—Bee
- Joseph (Joe) Fiore—Fay Ciancaglini
- Clementina Geary—Pandolfo Family
- Clementina Geary—the parish
- Lisa Gilberti—Fred and Anne Bruzzese
- Lisa D. Gilberti—MaryTeresa, Francis and Kelly Mercurio
- Matt Goss—Karen Elacqua
- Phil Sr. and Phil Jr. Graziadei—wife, mother and family
- Carmella Graziadei Grande—Rocco and Lisa Grande and family
- Philip A. Gulla Jr.—Dennis, Carol and Christopher Tuttle
- Alberta Guzzetta—son Joseph and family
- James Haggerty—Victoria Perritano
- George A. Inserra III—Aunt Bee
- Pasquale and Roma Inserra—Joe and Barbara Inserra
- Diane Dellachese Jones—father Bob
- Ashley Kara—Joanne Czerw
- Rocco Leone—Jim Piccola
- Rocco Lofaro—Theresa, Lucille, Gerry and Joann
- Frank and Lena Longo—Bee Esposito
- Lola J. Longo—Aunt Joann Longo
- Marino and Mary Longo—daughter



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.
- **A \$5 minimum donation is requested for each intention, please.**
- If you have a prayer intention that you would like parishioners to pray for, please call Pattie Franco at 733-4210. She and members of our prayer line will be glad to pray for you.

Joann Longo

- Moe Longo and wife—Joann Longo
- Ida and Josephine Manze—David Struz
- Ida M. and Josephine D. Manze and family—will
- Manze and Motto Families—will
- Frank Mazza—wife Josephine
- Esther Marchetta—Elaine and Joe Furgal
- Jane E. Martin—daughter Mary Lou
- Faith "Faye" C. Nappi—Bruce and Susan Brewer, Carol and Anthony Carzo, Cindy Carzo, Frank and Josie Carzo, Bart and Roberta Colwell, Joanne Czerw, Fay Ciancaglini, Carol Franco, Tom and Roseanne Gerace, Jean A. Masercola, Frank Meola, Joanne Meola, Tony and Palma Meola, Beverly (Carlone) Paciello, Guy Piccolino, Tony and Marilyn, Kristin and Carol Wendler
- Frances Longo McAleese—sister Joann and Bob
- Thomas McCabe—Rosanne and family
- Thomas McCabe—sister Valarie McCabe



Memorials

- The sanctuary lamps are lit in memory of **Gloria Dellaera** by Ann Trozzi.
- The gospel light is lit in memory of **Michael A. Felitto Jr.** by Randy and Dawn Butler.
- The St. Marianne Cope candle is lit in memory of **Magdalen Suppa** by Rosemarie.
- The St. Joseph candle is lit in memory of **Joseph Teti** by wife and family.

Baptisms

- **Isabelle Inez Hanretty**
- **Brendan Sut Seng Awng Jahkyi**
- **Nora Deborah Mazzara**

Funeral

- **Mary F. Tinelli**

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.

- Catherine Santoro Parrella—Bee Esposito
- Marco and Palma Piccolino—children and grandchildren
- Frederick P. Piperata—Mary T. Cimino Mercurio
- Edith Poccia—the parish
- Stan and Mary Struz—family
- Joseph Teti—wife Mary and family
- Anthony R. and Erminia M. Trino—daughter Edye
- Thomas A. Trinco—Tom and Roseanne Piccolino Gerace, Patti Gigliotti, Carol Roefaro, Carmel R. Russo, Fiorinda Grandinetta Wilson
- Maria Sorce Vullo—Rocco and Lisa Grande

THIS WEEK'S MEDITATION, INTENTIONS

Prayer of Mary's Presence

David danced and sang before the Holy Ark of God's Promise. Jesus danced within Mary's womb at Elizabeth's blessing. Mary sang her praise at being so honored. O God, your promise of life stirs within each of us, even in our pain and suffering, the whole world is pregnant with the expectant joy of your presence — the promise that exalts the poor and lifts the lowly, blessing generation upon generation, scattering the proud and conceited with strength, casting down the mighty from thrones of power, filling the hungry with abundance showing mercy to your children, turning the entire world upside down. We carry your promises of life within us — promises that will someday carry us home. May these blessings of yours bring me to sing today to dance with joy and grace, and to give those I meet the best of my blessings. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: Receive our prayer O God.

- We pray for Mother Church in our time.

May she uphold the dignity of all women, honoring their ministry and their gifts within the church and promoting the rights of women in every culture of our world.

We ask: Receive our prayer O God.

- We pray for our world and its many places of conflict. May the Queen of Peace inspire reconciliation between nations at war, love where family and neighbors are divided, and an end to violence that destroys and kills.

We ask: Receive our prayer O God.

- May we be bearers of Christ in our world: Signs of holiness to others, beacons of faith, gentleness and wisdom. May we know the grace of deepening our sense of hospitality and welcome especially to immigrants who need our help and kindness.

We ask: Receive our prayer O God.

- For all who face life-threatening illness, addiction, grief or death. May they have faith in the resurrection of the body and hope in the promise of eternal life.

We ask: Receive our prayer O God.

- For the needs we have in our personal lives, and for the needs of those to whom we have promised our prayer and our concern ...

We ask: Receive our prayer O God.



"Assumption" (Titian, 1516)

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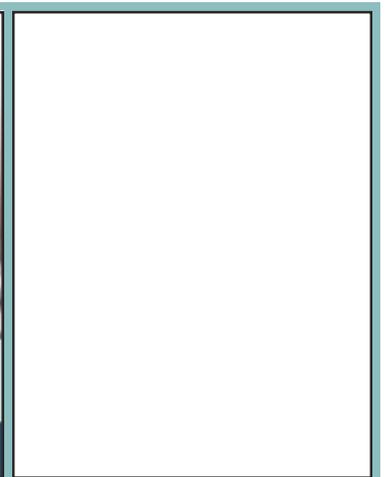
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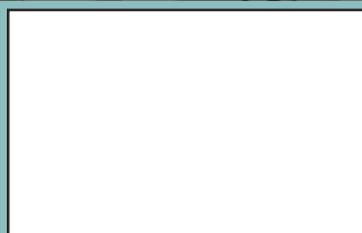
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