

SUNDAY, AUG. 22, 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

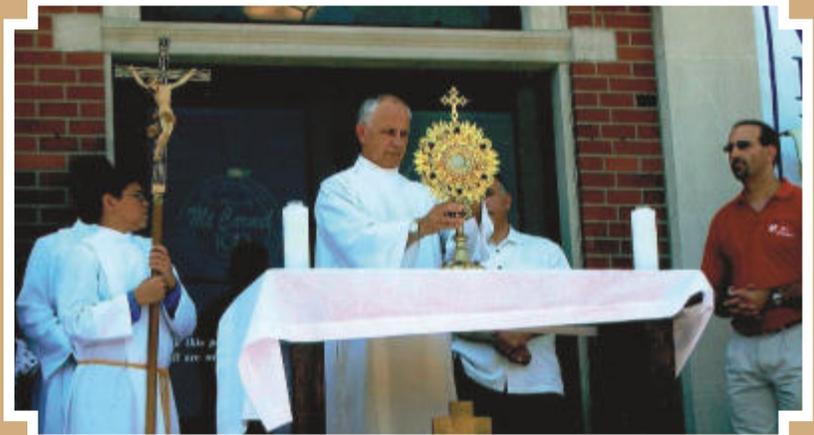
**Faith Formation K-6:** Terri Piazza-Panuccio

**Faith Formation 7-10:** Anne Carlone-Elacqua

**Music director:** Peter Elacqua

**Buildings and grounds:** Fran D'Ambrosio

**Website manager, bulletin, publicity:** Fran Perritano



Father John Rose offers benediction on the front church steps.



Mount Carmel School Class of 1966.



Monsignor Ronald Bill, Kathy Mosca, Julie Flihan and Gordon Schindler at the 2001 parish festival.

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## FATHER JIM'S WISE & OTHERWISE

# 'Love note' to our recently confirmed youths



You know the old joke about the two church pastors complaining about the bats in their bell towers?

One says, "No problem, to get rid of them just baptize them and give them Confirmation; you'll never see them again!"

Unfortunately, it's not always just a joke. Too many of our wonderful young people recently confirmed by our bishop have vanished from weekend Mass, the community of the faithful.

Just as each family puts so much hope and dreams in the younger ones — gifted, energetic and lively — so, too, our parish household has invested much hope and expectations in the young adults confirmed in the Catholic faith.

Some are seen and take their place at the table of the Lord on weekends — most do not.

Young people are pulled in many directions —

sports has become one of the sacraments, part-time jobs, school — they are occupied, and God bless them. But it will be much tougher, maybe impossible, to fit in Mass and weekend worship later in life if young people never weave it into the fabric of their lives now.

Who will be the parish in the near future?

I sent a personal "love note" to each of those confirmed this year, affirming those who try to be part of our parish scene, encouraging others to get into it, at least once or twice a month. Maybe when school starts we'll see more of these great kids who are the treasure of the faith community.

Parents, grandparents and godparents are asked to put in a good word for keeping the Lord's Day. Tell them the Good Shepherd wants to friend them on God's Facebook and wants to stay in touch.

## NEXT WEEKEND'S SCHEDULES

### Lectors

**SATURDAY, AUG. 28**  
4:30 p.m. Mass

Mary Martin and Karen McBride (POF)

**SUNDAY, AUG. 29**  
8 a.m. Mass

Leigh D'Agostino and Terri Reale (POF)

10:30 a.m. Mass

Scott Bolen and Mary Siniscarco (POF)

### Eucharistic ministers

**SATURDAY AUG. 28**  
4:30 p.m. Mass

Rick Chainey, Julie Martin and Debbie Hayes

**SUNDAY, AUG. 29**  
8 a.m. Mass

Michael Zasa, Marie Bova and Bob Ferdula

10:30 a.m.

Marie Centolella, Theresa Ianno and Ta Pi

## 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.

## 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](mailto:fperritano@syrdio.org) using the subject line PARISH EMAIL. You also can include a phone number, if you wish.

## YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

**Aug. 14-15: \$6,318**

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

### K-6 Faith Formation program needs new catechists

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!)



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

- 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](mailto:tpanuccio@syrdio.org).

### 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.



What is involved are several informal gather-

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.

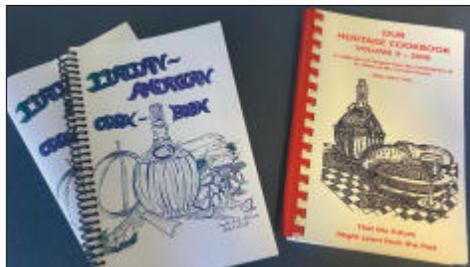
### Parish cookbooks sold out again! More are on order

Our parish cookbooks apparently are very popular — the second batch has sold out.

More have been ordered and we will let you know when they arrive. If you haven't ordered yours yet, 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 offering 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.

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



### Christmas ornament still on sale; place your order soon

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.

### 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.



### Coming soon: Communion Brunch

The Mount Carmel Society will host its Communion Brunch at noon Sunday, Oct. 17, at Club Monarch, 16 Erie St., Yorkville. Check future bulletins and the parish website in the coming weeks for more details.

## THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

### LIVING

- Health and blessings to Rosemarie Chiffy on her 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday—Terri and Nick Panuccio
- Happy 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday Rosemarie Chiffy—Scripture Group
- Happy Birthday Rosemarie Chiffy—Vicki
- Happy Birthday Lynda Padula—Aunt Vicki
- Children and Grandchildren—mom
- Brother Vianney Justin, OFM—Terri and Nick Panuccio

### DECEASED

- Edith Collea Benjamin—Rosanne and family
- Crist J. Brown—Phyllis and Anthony J. Palumbo
- Shirley Arcuri Cannistra —Jean Masercola
- Shirley Jean Cannistra—Phyllis and Anthony J Palumbo
- Marie Caputo—Beverly Franz
- Frank Carzo—daughter MaryAnn and family
- Bob Ciancaglini—Fay and family
- Mary K. Cichon—family
- Rev. Richard Dellos—Kathleen Ball
- Dominick and Alba Esposito—daughter-in-law Bee
- Norton Esposito—Bee
- Gina Marie Evangelista—the parish
- Joseph Fiore—Frank Ferraro
- Madeline V. Flihan—Fred and Anne Bruzzese
- Patricia “Pat” Flihan—Mary T. Cimino Mercurio and Family
- Joe Flo—Jim Piccola
- Viola Crossley Garramone—daughter Carol Conino
- Tina Geary—sister-in-law Eleanor Borello
- Clementina Geary—Anthony and Julia Elacqua
- Clementina Borello Geary—Mary T. Cimino Mercurio and Family
- Mrs. Frances Gowett—Marie Luce and family
- Carmella Graziadei Grande—Rocco and Lisa Grande and Family
- George and Mary Inserra—daughter Bee
- Pasquale and Roma Inserra—Joe and Barbara Inserra
- Martin (Marty) Landesman—wife Virginia
- Frances Longo—sister Carolyn Mitchell



### 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.

- Salvatore and Mamie Longo—daughter Carolyn
- Ida and Josephine Manze—David Struz
- Ida M. and Josephine D. Manze and family—will
- Manze and Motto Families—will
- June Hardt Maugeri—mom and sisters
- Frank Mazza—wife Josephine
- Faith (Faye) Nappi—Betty Arcuri, Chet and Marsha Kukowski, Vinnie and Gina Rocci, the parish
- Augustine (A.J.) Pedone—dad and family
- Gloria Ann Peterpaul—sister Jean and family
- Marco and Palma Piccolino—children and grandchildren
- Benedict Poccia—wife
- Grandma Rizzo—Rosemarie
- Cecilia Peters Schindler—Gordon and Kitty
- George A. Schindler—Gordon and Kitty
- Lucille Simon—Carol Franco
- Janina Kaleta Skora—Phyllis and



### Memorials

- The sanctuary lamp is lit in honor of the 95th birthday of **Rosemarie Chiffy** by Terri Panuccio.
- The gospel light is lit in memory of **Bette Coria** by Joanne Felitto.
- The St. Marianne Cope candle is lit in memory of **Antoinette (Toby) Testa-Butler, Cardillo and Felitto families.**

### Baptisms

- **Nora Isabella Blystone.**
- **Lucia Lynn Larabee.**

### 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.

Anthony J. Palumbo

- Benjamin Smith—V. Rocci
- Stan and Mary Struz—family
- Dr. Gino Trevisani—Mr. and Mrs. Rocco Arcuri
- Dr. Gino Trevisani—Gabe and Denise Timpano and family,
- Dr. Gino Trevisani—V. Rocci and family
- Patricia A (Coppola) Trimboli—cousin Firoinda Grandinetta Wilson
- Anthony R. and Erminia M. Trino—daughter Edye
- Thomas (Tom) A. Trinco—Betty Arcuri, Fay Ciancaglini, Carol D’Orazio, Mary T. Cimino Mercurio, Carolyn Longo Mitchell, Phyllis and Anthony J. Palumbo, the parish
- Marilyn Schindler Turi—Gordon and Kitty
- Maria Sorce Vullo—Rocco and Lisa Grande
- Jack “Turk” Zogby—Larry and Marie Bova

# THIS WEEK'S MEDITATION, INTENTIONS

## Prayer for Intentional Discipleship

My Lord Jesus,  
 with Father and Spirit,  
 You knew me before I was born,  
 You formed and fashioned me  
 and smile upon me,  
 You offered your life as teacher and guide,  
 You give me all I need — always ready to  
 offer me more.  
 How could I ever follow anyone else?  
 Lord, to whom can I ever go?  
 You alone are holy, You alone are Lord,  
 You alone are everlasting life and love.  
 Strengthen me to follow you with intention,  
 open my mind and heart —  
 to steadfastly embrace your truth,  
 to bravely take the new roads  
 you open before me,  
 to bear your love to all people,  
 Your kindness and mercy to those in need,  
 Your peace where there is division,  
 Your healing where there is hurt. Amen.



"Christ Preaching" (Rembrandt, 1652)

## Prayer of the Faithful

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

- May we, as Church, recommit ourselves to Christian discipleship. May the teachings of Pope Francis bring us closer to knowing Christ, that we may intentionally choose to follow Christ always — and especially during times of difficulty.
- **We ask: Receive our prayer, O God.**
- For the grace of freedom from our many addictions. May we not be enslaved by pow-

er, money, fame, work or depression. Keep our minds open in these times when politics divides us. Give us wholeness and courage to embrace the values of Christian living.

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

- For those who are persecuted because they follow Christ. For those who need to be strengthened in faith. For those who seek direction and asylum. For those who need to be welcomed in a foreign land. May God give them hope and strength.

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

- For college students who begin to return to school. May they travel in safety and experience a year of growth and discernment.

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

- For the needs of our beloved sick, dying and grieving. For all who have lost homes, security and loved ones because of injustice, war and terrorism.

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

- For all those people and personal intentions that we hold in prayer during this moment of silence ...

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

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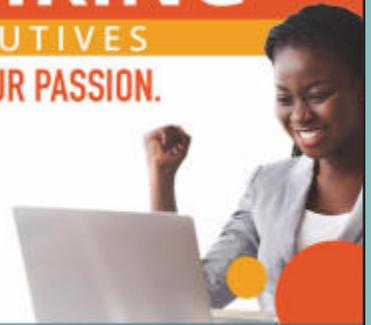


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