

SUNDAY, AUG. 29, 2021

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS: 1896-2021

St. Mary of Mount Carmel Blessed Sacrament Parish

ABOUT THE PARISH

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

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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



Lena Ollerenshaw and Rosalie D'Ambro at the 2001 parish festival.



Music Ministry in the mid-1990s.

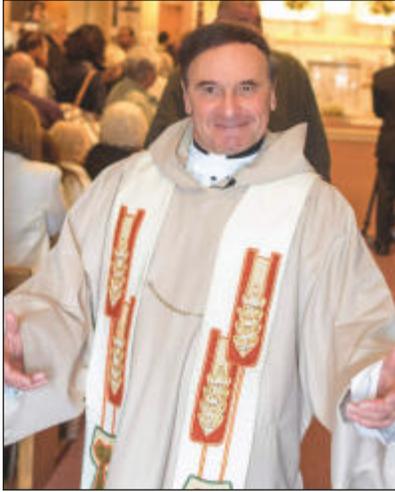


Parish Council in 1996.

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FATHER JIM'S WISE & OTHERWISE

Share something of yourself with other people



"No cover charge, no minimum and everybody is welcomed."

That's how Bruce Renfroe, an elevator operator in New York City, described the elevator that he transformed into a mini jazz club about 25 years ago. He permanently injured his knee and was put on elevator duty where he sat just inside the doors — his love for jazz inspired him to share it with his elevator passengers each day.

His 30-second ride was known as an oasis in a rushed and confusing world of commuters in the Big Apple. Inside his elevator you were greeted with black and white photos of jazz artists, hanging plants and the smooth and soothing sound of good music. His gift of something he personally loves helped to mellow out so many busy people.

How do you share with others something of yourself?

Something you know will enrich another person's life — at home, at work, in school.

St. Paul writing to his converts in the Greek port city of Corinth said, "God loves a cheerful giver." This doesn't mean just money or material resources, it includes our own delights and what fascinates or captivates us, our hearts, our senses, our soul.

And the otherwise ...

Some go to church to take a walk;
some go there to laugh and talk.
Some go there to meet a friend;
some go there, their time to spend.
Some go there to meet a lover;
some go there a fault to cover.
Some go there for speculation,
some go there for observation.
Some go there to doze and nod.
The wise go there to worship God.

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCHEDULES

Lectors

SATURDAY, SEPT. 4
4:30 p.m. Mass

Joe Martin and Connie Watkins
(POF)

SUNDAY, SEPT. 5
8 a.m. Mass

David Struz and Karen Elacqua
(POF)

10:30 a.m. Mass

Fran Perritano and Carla Percia
(POF)

Eucharistic ministers

SATURDAY SEPT. 4
4:30 p.m. Mass

Vicki Perritano, Vito Valenzi
and Bonnie Gardiner

SUNDAY, SEPT. 5
8 a.m. Mass

Bob Cimbalo, John Reale Sr.
and David Inserra

10:30 a.m.

Mary Teti, Joanne Gerace
and Ta Eh

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.

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

Aug. 21-22: \$4,628

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



Please help! Parish is in dire need of people to livestream Saturday Mass

Many people, including some who are homebound and are unable to come to church, have enjoyed and treasured our livestreamed weekend Mass.

With the generosity of many parishioners, we purchased equipment and livestream the 4:30 p.m. Mass on most Saturdays. It's also available on our YouTube channel to be viewed at any time.

We say most Saturdays because we only have one person doing the work — Vito Valenzi.

Vito does a great job but can't make it on

some Saturdays. He really could use some help.

We are looking for at least one, hopefully two or three people, who would be willing to be trained to help us livestream our Mass on Saturday afternoon from the choir loft.

We will provide training. If you have some technical talent, we really, really could use you.

This is not a full-time commitment. We would just need you on occasion or to be put on a rotating schedule if we get several people.

Call Anne Elacqua at 315-941-7447 or email aelacqua@syrdio.org

K-6 Faith Formation program begins on Sept. 19

Classes for our kindergarten through sixth grade Faith Formation program will begin at 9:15 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 19.

Registration forms have been mailed to all previously registered families and also are available at both entrances of the church. Please fill them out and return them as soon as possible so that proper preparations can be made for the upcoming year.

Please note that the diocese requires that all children must attend a FULL year of Faith Formation classes prior to the year of First Communion preparation.

If you have any questions, contact Terri Pannuccio at the parish office at 315-735-1482 or 315-794-4085.

Also, our Faith Formation program is looking for volunteers to assist our catechists. This is a great opportunity for you to share your faith with the little ones of our parish. This also is a great way for students in junior-senior high



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

school to complete their community service hours. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Terri at the parish office.

Do you know someone who wants to be Catholic?

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.

What is involved are several informal gather-

Labor Day update: Parish office closed, no Mass

The parish office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 6, in observance of Labor Day. No morning Mass will be offered on that day.



Communion Brunch planned for Oct. 18

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.



Have you ordered 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 donates \$500 to veterans center

Vincent Scalise, executive director of the Central New York Veterans Outreach Center, sent a letter thanking the parish for the contribution to organization from the 125th anniversary pasta dinner.

"On behalf of the Central New York Veterans Outreach Center, I would like to say thank you for your generous donation of \$500," Scalise wrote. "Your commitment to helping veterans in need within our community is sincerely appreciated."

"The goal of the CNYVOC is to continue to make a difference within the veteran community with the help of donations from supporters such as you; we will continue to see improvements in their lives."

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

LIVING

- For the good health of Dolores Fontaine—Jim Piccola
- For the people in Afghanistan
- For peace and unity in our country and the world
- Children and Grandchildren—mom

DECEASED

- Marie Jean Albano—Tony and Palma Meola
- Marie Jean Albano—the parish
- Sally Arcuri—Bee Esposito
- Howard “Don” Cameron—Jean Masercola
- George Carzo—Gina Hardt
- Dominick and Alba Esposito—daughter-in-law Bee
- Norton Esposito—Bee
- Patricia Flihan—Fred and Anne Bruzzese
- Mrs. Josephine Gacek—Marie Luce and family
- Edward and Frances George—Ro and Gina
- Jason Goss—Karen Elacqua
- Carmella Graziadei Grande—Rocco and Lisa Grande and Family
- Philip Graziadei Jr.—mom, Ann Tre and family
- Jim Haggerty—Fran and Kathy Perritano
- Jim Haggerty—Mary Lou Mazza
- Michael Hawkins—Tom DeCrescenzo and family
- George and Mary Inserra—Bee
- Pasquale and Roma Inserra—Joe and Barbara Inserra
- Bro. Vianney Justin, ofm—Terri and Nick Panuccio
- Theresa LaBella—Maria and Leo
- John Latini—Gabe and Denise Timpano and family
- Rocco J. Losito Jr.—Ed and LuAnn Bucciero
- Ida and Josephine Manze—David Struz
- Ida M. and Josephine D. Manze and family—will
- Manze and Motto Families—will
- James Martin Sr.—daughter Mary Lou
- Frank Mazza—wife Josephine
- Peter McBride—family
- Thomas M. McCabe—Roseanne, Laura



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.

and baby Tom

- David M. Morrissey Sr.—Terri and Nick Panuccio
- David M. Morrissey Sr.—Terry and John Reale
- Faye Nappi—Fred and Anne Bruzzese
- Faith Nappi—Rosemarie Chiffy
- Faye Nappi—Flo and Amanda DeSimone
- John Nasto—sister Carla Nasto
- Marco and Palma Piccolino—children and grandchildren
- Edith Poccia—Flo and Amanda DeSimone
- Edith Poccia—Patricia Morreale
- Grandma Rizzo—Rosemarie
- Bob Roberts—Hayes, Sullivan and Papa-
leo Families
- Gloria Sciortino—Gloria Simonette



Memorials

- The gospel light is lit in memory of **Sal Suppa Sr.** by sister Re.
- The St. Marianne Cope candle is lit in memory of **Antoinette (Toby) Testa-Butler, Cardillo and Felitto families.**
- The St. Joseph candle is lit in memory of **Aunt Kay Luvera** by nephew Ricky.

Baptisms

- **Ivy Rita-Rose Allen**
- **Jacob Patrick Allen**
- **Nora Appolina Allen**
- **Logan Samuel Angell**
- **Isla Rose Barres**

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.

- Gloria Sciortino—Betty Jane Rossi
- Stan and Mary Struz—family
- Salvatore Suppa—Vicki
- Thomas “Tom” Trinco—Fred and Anne Bruzzese, Frank Ferraro, Robert and Joanne Gentile and family, Marie Luce, Cathy and Larry Myers, Victoria Perritano
- Anthony R. and Erminia M. Trino—daughter Edye
- Maria Sorce Vullo—Rocco and Lisa Grande
- Bill and Chancy Wicks—family

Last call for council nominations

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.

Nominations are due this weekend.

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.

How to submit bulletin items

Do you have an announcement or item you want published in the bulletin? Please submit the item via email to fperritano@syrдио.org two weeks before publication. Include your name, phone number and dates of publication.

THIS WEEK'S MEDITATION, INTENTIONS

Prayer for growth

Lord, help me grow closer to you.
 Be the center of my life.
 Free me from my dependence
 on so many things —
 Obstacles that push me away from You;
 observing laws alone as my religion;
 following tradition strictly
 without understanding,
 accepting only those truths
 that affirm my values;
 maintaining hard judgments
 that blind me and keep me righteous.
 Free me from all these delusions
 that I may humbly accept the Holy Word
 You have planted within me
 until it drives me to care more deeply
 for all your creatures,
 until it inspires me to work
 for the betterment of the world,
 until I accept your challenge
 to care for this planet,
 until I welcome every person
 as a child of God,
 until my heart is centered in You
 and I fully embrace Your will for my life.
 Amen.



“Christ and the Pharisees”
 (Ernst Zimmermann, 1852-1901)

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: Lord, hear your people's prayer.

- For Pope Francis and the Church all over the world. May we experience a deeper conversion of mind and heart, allowing Your Word to instruct, guide and free us.

We ask: Lord, hear your people's prayer.

- For a better understanding of our responsibility to be good stewards of our planet and its resources. May we discover new ways to share our abundance with those in

need.

We ask: Lord, hear your people's prayer.

- For all who pass on our faith tradition — priests, sisters, religious leaders, teachers and parents. May they encourage us to understand that faith must immerse every part of our lives and strengthen our willingness to accept and love all people.

We ask: Lord, hear your people's prayer.

- For all who are victims of the evil of human hearts. For all who are judged and manipulated by others. For those who are abandoned, lonely or depressed. Heal their hurt and give them hope.

We ask: Lord, hear your people's prayer.

- For children and adolescents beginning a new school year. Help them grow physically, intellectually and spiritually. May the challenges of this year not overburden them and may they remain safe and healthy.

We ask: Lord, hear your people's prayer.

- For the prayers we hold in silence ... For our beloved addicted, sick, dying and grieving. For people who are challenged physically, mentally or emotionally.

We ask: Lord, hear your people's prayer.

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