

SUNDAY, SEPT. 19, 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 Jim leads the entertainment at the 2012 Christmas gala.



Anastasia Mancuso with Faith Formation students in 2011.



Altar servers pizza party in 2011.

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## FATHER JIM'S WISE & OTHERWISE

# Grandparents 'the wisdom of a people'



*The words of Pope Francis:*

Let me ask you: Do you listen to your grandparents? Do you open your hearts to the memories that your grandparents pass on?

Grandparents are like the wisdom of the family; they are the wisdom of a people. And a people that does not listen to grandparents is one that dies! Listen to your grandparents.

Mary and Joseph are the family, sanctified by the presence of Jesus who is the fulfillment of all God's promises. Like the Holy Family of Nazareth, every family is part of the history of a people; it cannot exist without the generations who have gone before it.

Therefore, today we have grandparents and children. The children learn from their grandparents from the previous generation.

How important grandparents are for family

life, for passing on the human and religious heritage, which is so essential for each and every society! How important it is to have intergenerational exchanges and dialogue, especially within the context of the family.

This relationship and this dialogue between generations is a treasure to be preserved and strengthened. Grandparents: let us salute grandparents. Young people salute their grandparents with great affection, and they thank them for the ongoing witness of their wisdom.

### And the otherwise ...

Grandson: "Gramps, you look down in the dumps. Are you worried about something?"

Grandpa: "Yes, I am. My future."

Grandson: "What makes you worry about your future?"

Grandpa: "My past."

## NEXT WEEKEND'S SCHEDULES

### Lectors

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 25**  
4:30 p.m. Mass

Janice Felitto and Carol Trinco (POF)

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 26**  
8 a.m. Mass

Mary Rose Leone and Dennis Toczala (POF)

**10:30 a.m. Mass**

Fran Perritano and Scott Bolen (POF)

### Eucharistic ministers

**SATURDAY SEPT. 25**  
4:30 p.m. Mass

Anthony Felitto, Mary Lynn Rebisz and Roger Rebisz

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 26**

8 a.m. Mass

John Reale Sr., Helen Toczala and Kuhn Su

**10:30 a.m.**

Joann Gerace, Mary Teti and Ta Eh

## 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.

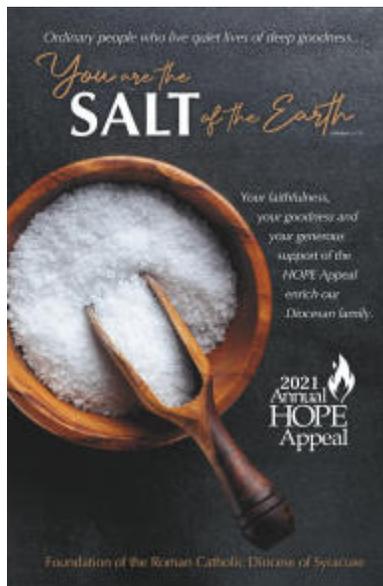
## Diocesan Hope Appeal begins; moved permanently to the fall

The annual Hope Appeal is underway.

In the past, the Hope Appeal was launched in spring. Last year, due to COVID, it was initiated in fall, and because of the success and feedback received by the diocese, Bishop Douglas Lucia decided to move the appeal to fall permanently.

Parishioners will be receiving a mailing from the diocese. If you don't get one, donation material will be available in church and in the parish office.

The diocesan goal is \$4.15 million, and each parish has an assessment to reach. Our assessment is \$34,220. Please pledge as much as you can. We would like to hit our parish goal as soon as possible.



## 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

**Sept. 11-12: \$6,595.50**

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

# Bishop ‘highly recommends’ wearing masks in church and indoor settings

In response to the Delta variant of the coronavirus and following CDC guidelines, Bishop Douglas Lucia is **highly recommending mask wearing** during Masses and any indoor church-related activities.

This recommendation is for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. All Eucharistic ministers will continue to wear masks during the distribution of the Eucharist and use hand sanitizer prior to the distribution.

According to health officials, the vast number of people infected with the Delta variant in the United States are the unvaccinated — about 25 percent of them are children. There also have been breakthrough cases among vaccinated individuals because the variant is so contagious.



Signs will be posted at the entrances of the church reminding people to wear their masks.

We hope everyone adheres to this recommendation in an effort to keep all safe.

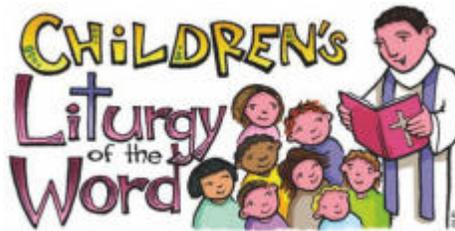
## Volunteer to share the Word of God with children

We are looking for a few more people to lead the Children’s Liturgy of the Word on Sunday mornings during the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

What exactly do you do?

You will read the Old Testament, psalm and gospel readings from a children’s liturgy book on a level that is child friendly and then lead them in a discussion about the readings or a related topic. The book guides you through everything. It is very user friendly. You would conclude with the creed and prayers of the faithful — also included in the book.

We have all the necessary guides, handouts and information to make it very easy to do and



follow. You do not have to be a Bible scholar to talk with the children.

If you would like to watch a session to see if you would be interested in it or sign up to help, call Anne Elacqua at 315- 941-7447.

## Tickets on sale for Communion Brunch on Oct. 17

The Mount Carmel Society sponsors its Communion Brunch on Sunday, Oct. 17, at Club Monarch in Yorkville.

Guest speaker is the Rev. Dennis Walker, a newly ordained priest in the Syracuse Diocese.

Tickets are available after all Masses and at the parish office. Adult admission is \$15; children 6 through 12 are \$8; and free for children younger than 6.

Doors open no earlier than noon. We ask that parishioners and guests carpool, if possible, because parking is limited.



## ALSO OF INTEREST

### Sts. Cosmas and Damian feast

St. Anthony and St. Agnes Church, 415 St. Anthony St., Utica, will be hosting its 109th Sts. Cosmas and Damian celebration this week.

There will be a healing Mass at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24. The Rev. Arthur Krawczenko will be the celebrant and the Rev. Mark Kaminski will co-celebrate.

After the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Sept. 25, there will be prayers at the Shrine of the Santi

Medici and recitation of the rosary, followed by benediction in front of the church.

Also, from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, the parish will be having its traditional food menu of eggplant parmesan, sausage and peppers, pizza frita, pasta fagioli and pasta dinners (takeout only). Novelties, candles and religious articles also will be available.

On Sunday, Sept. 26, pizza frita and coffee will be available from 9 a.m. to noon.



## Faith Formation begins this weekend

Welcome to a new year of Faith Formation. If you haven’t already done so, it’s not too late to register your children. If you have any questions, call Terri Panuccio at the parish office at 315-735-1482.

This year’s catechists are:

• **K-6:** Graceann Guzski, Lisa Hyatt, MaryLisa Vella, Jodie George, Josette Bilodeau, Rick Bilodeau, Michelle Commisso and Terri Panuccio.

• **Junior-senior high school:** Chris Gray, Sarah Trunfio, Amy Eddy and Anne Elacqua.

## Junior-Senior High program registration

Registration for the 2021-2022 Junior-Senior High Faith Formation classes is underway.

Classes begin Sunday, Oct. 3.

Registration forms are available in church or on the Faith Formation website at [www.mtcblsfaithformation.weebly.com](http://www.mtcblsfaithformation.weebly.com). We also can be linked from the parish website under PARISH LINKS and click on FAITH FORMATION.

You can download the form, fill it out and return it by dropping it off at the rectory or putting it in the collection basket in an envelope marked “Faith Formation registration.”

Please note that the sacramental program of Confirmation is a two-year program. **YOU MUST BE ENROLLED** as a ninth-grader, unless you attend Notre Dame Junior-Senior High School.

Details regarding new course schedules will be sent soon.

Also, if your child is in any grade above third and has not received the sacraments of Baptism or First Communion and Reconciliation, or if you’re new to the program, contact Anne Elacqua at 315-941-7447.

## New Parish Council members begin terms

Please congratulate and welcome our new Pastoral Council members. Thank you for your willingness to serve our parish in this capacity. Council members: Joanne Gerace, Maria Centollega, Christine Gray, Barbara Inserra and Anthony Laria

## THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

### LIVING

- Geraldine Bello—sisters Theresa, Joann and Lucille
- Jim—Fran, Kathy and family
- In thanksgiving—Vicki
- Children and Grandchildren—mom

### DECEASED

- Marie LaBella Baber—family
- Does "Dorie" Bolonoueski—Terri and Gina LaBella
- Margaret Cardamone—Connie Watkins
- George Carzo—family and friends
- MaryAnn Cesta—Vicki and Kay
- Anthony Collicco—wife Tessie
- William DeHimer—Marie Mastro
- Sam and Josephine DeSimone—Joe, JoAnn and family
- Tom DeSimone—Joe, JoAnn and family
- Dominick and Alba Esposito
- Norton Esposito—Bee
- Jeanette Farewege—Terri, Gina, Joey and Mary LaBella
- Patricia "Pat" Flihan—Terri LaBella and family
- Francis and Antoinette Freedan—Don and Rose
- Maxine Gelfuso—Nancy Laino
- Francis Giruzzi—Tom and Roseanne Gerace
- Phil Sr. and Phil Jr. Graziadei—wife, mother and family
- Carmella Graziadei Grande—Rocco and Lisa Grande and Family
- Pasquale and Roma Inserra—Joe and Barbara Inserra
- Georgia Ann Kelly—Terri and Gina LaBella
- Joseph and Palma LaBella—family
- Rocco F. and Rose LaBella—family
- John "Big John" Latini Jr.—Terri and Gina LaBella
- Frances J. Lee—Francis and Marianne Lee
- Frank J. Loconte—Tina Caggese
- Josephine Lofaro—children and grandchildren
- Rocco and Josephine Lofaro—children and grandchildren
- Ida and Josephine Manze—David Struz
- Ida M. and Josephine D. Manze and family—will



### 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.
- Manze and Motto Families—will
- Anthony Masercola Sr.—Jean and family
- Frank Mazza—wife Josephine
- Faith "Faye" Nappi—Terri and Gina LaBella
- Sandra Paciello—the parish
- Augustine (A.J.) Pedone—dad and family
- Marco and Palma Piccolino—children and grandchildren
- Dominick Plado—Fiorinda Grandinetta Wilson
- Joseph Putruele—Mr and Mrs. Nistico
- Jordan Ramsey—Joan Stuhlman
- Peter Roman—Madeline and Joe Briggs
- Peter Roman—Trinco Family
- Stan and Mary Struz—family
- Marietta Suppa—Vicki
- Patricia Anne Testa—family



### Memorials

- The gospel light is lit for our **parish catechists, children and families** as we begin a new Faith Formation year by Terri Panuccio.
- The St. Marianne Cope candle is lit in memory of **Jane Collis** by Bonnie.
- The St. Joseph candle is lit in memory of **Joseph Teti** by wife and children.

### Wedding

- **Anthony and Sarah (Calenzo) Schirripa.**

### Funeral

- **Joanne (Elacqua) Barbero and Joseph Barbero.**

### 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.

- Joe Teti—wife Mary and family
- Anne Purcell Tiel—Marianne and Francis Lee
- Thomas "Tom" Trinco—Terri and Gina LaBella
- Dr. Gino Trevisani—Terri and Gina LaBella
- Anthony R. and Erminia M. Trino—daughter Edye
- Maria Sorce Vullo—Rocco and Lisa Grande
- Bill Wicks—family

## Utica native, fiancée to present talk on Southern Italy Sept. 26 at Stanley

Utica native Daniel Anthony Zongrone, and his fiancée, Nancy Stewart, will present a Cultural Talk, "Rediscovering Southern Italy," at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, at the Stanley Center for the Arts. Space is limited. A minimum \$10 donation that supports the Stanley is requested.

Reservations are required by calling the Stanley Box Office at 315-724-4000. Refreshments

(Italian style) will be provided by Patrick O'Connor. There also will be a cash bar with signature Italian drinks.

The couple decided to purchase property in Calabria in the old town of Cropani, Italy, after discovering the connection between Zongrone's grandparents and the town. The couple is in Cropani renovating the property and have

met several local people who have family in Utica, giving them the idea to renovate an entire apartment in the village together with a villa in the Mimosas in Cropani Marina and renting it, beginning next summer, as an AirBnB, to people searching for their origins or to those who are interested in learning the history of the town.

# THIS WEEK'S MEDITATION, INTENTIONS

## Prayer of Surrender

Lord, purify me. Clarify me.  
 Mold me with values centered  
 on others rather than myself.  
 Make me a channel of your peace and love.  
 Empty me of my selfish desires and my  
 many jealousies, my useless wishes to raise  
 my status, assert my power, or be  
 recognized and coveted. Give me the heart,  
 the optimism and the vision of a child  
 that I may see where there is indifference  
 and injustice, that I may know who is the  
 victim of greed and prejudice,  
 that I may recognize the alienated,  
 unwelcomed and suffering.  
 May I be a vessel of your love and wisdom  
 that pours out to fill the gaping  
 needs of so many,  
 that uplifts the lowly and vulnerable,  
 that serves with simple peace and a caring  
 heart. Amen.

## Prayer of the Faithful

**Response: Lord, hear your people's prayer.**  
 • Give the Church and our leaders the



*"Suffer Little Children to Come Unto Me"*  
 (Anthony VanDyck, 1618)

grace of wisdom that we may honestly confront our failings, feel our common humanity with all people, and walk humbly together toward wholeness and holiness.

**We ask: Lord, hear your people's prayer.**  
 • Give the grace of discernment to Pope Francis that he may lead us with courage to be channels of love, peace, justice and heal-

ing in our world.

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

• Free us from any ambition for wealth, status or power. Open our hearts to be compassionate and selfless and to serve those who are marginalized, abused or forgotten.

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

• Bless the children of our world. Keep them safe through these times of COVID. Open their minds with understanding and fill their hearts with faith. We pray for the success of our parish catechetical programs that our young people may grow in wisdom and love.

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

• For all in need of our prayer. Comfort those who are anxious, depressed or in pain. Heal those who have faced abuse, who struggle with shame or who are challenged by addiction.

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

• For the needs of our beloved sick, dying and grieving, and for the intentions we hold in silence ...

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

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