

SUNDAY, SEPT. 26, 2021

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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



Marge Hanrahan at the 2012 Parish Festival.



All Saints Day 2011 with Faith Formation children.



Altar servers circa 1970s.

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FATHER JIM'S WISE & OTHERWISE

Be good steward in thanks for God's gifts



A Sunday school teacher asked her class why they should be quiet while in church.

One bright girl said: "Because there's people sleeping in there!"

Of course, a few more things happen in church — worship, prayer, praise in word and song, the blessing and sharing of sacraments and the giving of gifts.

God gives us gifts beyond our imagining — life, the created world around us, the opportunity for love within family and friends.

Good stewardship in the household of the church recognizes the benefits and gifts we enjoy from God and the faith we share, and it also recognizes our need to be givers for the sake of the church's life and the help of others.

We know that the word "tithe" means to give one tenth back to God's purposes.

A very moving story goes like this: A missionary in Africa had taught people about tithing. He explained the difference between giving from what is left over and giving right off the top.

Early one morning a native man came to the door with one fine fish — this was his "tithe" for the parish family. The missionary said, "You must have done well if you already caught 10 fish so early today."

"No" said the man, "This is the only one so far. Now I'm going back and try to catch the other nine." Impressive!

And the otherwise ...

A priest preached a very short sermon. He explained, "My dog got into my study and chewed up some of my sermon notes." At the close of the Mass a visitor asked, "If your dog ever has pups, please let my priest have one of them."

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCHEDULES

Lectors

SATURDAY, OCT. 2
4:30 p.m. Mass

Mary Martin and Karen McBride (POF)

SUNDAY, OCT. 3
8 a.m. Mass

Karen Elacqua and David Struz (POF)

10:30 a.m. Mass

Carla Percia and Jacky Thibault (POF)

Eucharistic ministers

SATURDAY OCT. 2
4:30 p.m. Mass

Marie Luce, Erma Dormio and Anthony Palumbo

SUNDAY, OCT. 3

8 a.m. Mass

Bob Ferdula, Marie Mastro and Michael Zasa

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.

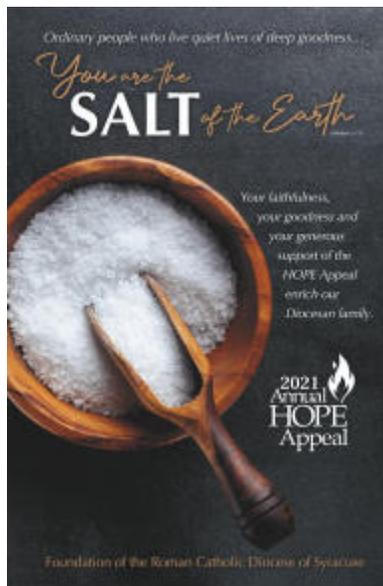
Diocesan Hope Appeal underway; please contribute as soon as you can

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 using the subject line PARISH EMAIL. You also can include a phone number, if you wish.

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Sept. 18-19: \$5,630

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

Junior-Senior High programs begin next weekend

Classes for the revamped Junior-Senior High Faith Formation program begin from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 3, for the seventh- and eighth-grade classes.

The ninth- and 10th-graders have various courses to choose from for their two-year program leading up to Confirmation. Their classes will be available from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. on Sunday and Monday evenings beginning Oct. 3 and 4.

Please note that Confirmation is a two-year program and usually begins in ninth grade. All students must attend for two years prior to receiving the sacrament unless they attend Notre Dame Junior-Senior High School or another Catholic high school.

For details and to register, contact Anne Elacqua at 315-941-7447 or aelacqua@syrdio.org.

Please consider registering your child for our program. Let your family and friends know, too. We would love for them to join us.

Courses for seventh-eighth grade

Year I for 2021-2022

- **Fall I:** Making Decisions
- **Fall II:** Becoming Friends
- **Winter:** Meeting Jesus
- **Spring I:** Seeking Justice
- **Spring II:** Dealing with Tough Times

Year II for 2022-2023

- **Fall I:** Learning to Communicate
- **Fall II:** Being Catholic



- **Winter:** The Bible
- **Spring I:** Gathering to Celebrate
- **Spring II:** Praying

Courses for ninth-10th grade

- **Fall 2021 Sunday Night:** Sacraments
- **Fall 2021 Monday Night:** Morality
- **January 2022 Sunday Night:** Eucharist
- **Spring 2022 Sunday Night:** New Testament
- **Spring 2022 Monday Night:** Old Testament
- **Fall 2022 Sunday Night:** Me and My Faith
- **Fall 2022 Monday Night:** Mission
- **January 2023 Sunday Night:** Eucharist
- **Spring 2023 Sunday Night:** Old Testament
- **Spring 2022 Monday Night:** New Testament

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.



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.

What is involved are several informal gatherings 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.



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.

'Jazz Nativity' returns Dec. 9 to begin Christmas season

Mark your calendar for Thursday, Dec. 9. At 7 p.m., the parish once again will present the wonderful and moving "Jazz Nativity – Bending Toward the Light." You won't want to miss this performance to start your Christmas season. A special children's piece is added this year. More details will follow.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

LIVING

- Rosemarie Chiffy—sister-in-law Theresa
- Vicki Perritano—David Struz
- Children and Grandchildren—mom

DECEASED

- Marie Jean Albano—Tina Caggese
- Joe and Joanne Barbero—Tessie
- Joseph and Joanne Barbero—Carol Conino
- Joseph and Joanne Barbero—Philip and Gloria Enea
- Joseph and Joanne Barbero—Fiorinda Grandinetta Wilson
- Carol Taurisano Bedell—Joe and Marilyn LaBarbera
- Bob Ciancaglini—Fay and family
- Dominick Plado Costante—Joe and JoAnn DeSimone and family
- Joseph DeFina—Bob and John Nole
- Carmela Delitto—family
- Tom DeSimone—Flo and Amanda
- Anthony Dichiera—sister Tessie
- Daniel Dichieria—daughter Tessie
- Norton Esposito—Bee
- Maria Franco—Frances
- Angela Gerace—Tom and Roseanne
- Carmella Graziadei Grande—Rocco and Lisa Grande and Family
- George A. Inserra III—Aunt Bee
- Pasquale and Roma Inserra—Joe and Barbara Inserra
- Alex Kogut—Tom and Roseanne Gerace
- Theresa LaBella—Maria and Leo
- MaryBeth LaNeve—Lucy, Tom and Roseann, Bev Franz, Annette Guido, Terri Panuccio
- Gilbert Lee—Vicki
- Betty Luvera—Ralph and Pauline Giovinnazzo
- Ida and Josephine Manze—David Struz
- Ida M. and Josephine D. Manze and family—will
- Manze and Motto Families—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.
- Mrs. Shirley A. (Fanelli) Mario—Felix and staff from Proctor Cafeteria
- Anthony J. Masercola Jr.—Jean and family
- Frank Mazza—wife Josephine
- Mary Pellegrino—daughter Jeanette
- Marco and Palma Piccolino—children and grandchildren
- Dominick Plado—Bob, Rosemary and Maria
- Dominick Plado—Mary Teresa, Francis and Kellyann Mercurio
- Carolyn Santoro—the parish



Memorials

- The sanctuary lamps are lit in memory of **Mary Beth LaNeve** by Terri, Lucy and Bev.
- The gospel light is lit for in memory of **Rocco and Josephine Lofaro** by family
- The St. Marianne Cope candle is lit in memory of **Sister Frances Ann Cimino OSF and Sister Mary Irene Zegarelli OSF** by Mary T. Cimino Mercurio.
- The St. Joseph candle is lit in memory of **Frank Graniti** by wife Nancy and children.

Baptism

- **Sydney Bryanne Young**

Funeral

- **Thomas S. DeCrescenzo**

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.
 - Stan and Mary Struz—family
 - Anthony R. and Erminia M. Trino—daughter Edye
 - Maria Sorce Vullo—Rocco and Lisa Grande

Utica native to give presentation on Southern Italy

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.

St. Anne Society to gather Oct. 10 at 10:30 a.m. Mass

The St. Anne Society will meet to pray and share Communion together at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Oct. 10.

Although this will be the first-time meeting since the pandemic, to err on the side of caution, the group will not have a formal meeting in the Salerno Room following Mass.

Yearly dues can be paid after Mass.

THIS WEEK'S MEDITATION, INTENTIONS

Spirit Prayer

O God, Fill me with your Spirit that I may recognize and welcome your prophets, hear their words and let you touch my heart, find the ways of wisdom you lay before me. Diminish my dependence on wealth and pleasure so I may find my center in you. Extend my arms to the needy, offer cups of water to the thirsty, share my resources with the hungry, open my heart to the searcher, lead others by my virtue, speak your name in all I do. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: Lord, hear your people's prayer

- For the Church. May God's spirit be evident in our leadership and in our service so that the poor, the marginalized and the victimized are not forgotten — but rather cared for and honored.

We ask: Lord, hear your people's prayer

- For world leaders and policy makers. May the Spirit of God encourage work that fosters peace and justice in every nation that all



"Moses Elects 70 Elders" (Jacob DeWit, 1737)

people may find healing and happiness.

We ask: Lord, hear your people's prayer

- For a deeper spirit of openness and welcome. May we renounce any temptation that is based on prestige, power and prejudice. Give us welcoming hearts that we may acknowledge God's presence in all people.

We ask: Lord, hear your people's prayer

- For young people. Fill them with courage and vision that they may help reshape our

world into a place where love is shared sincerely, and all people are deeply valued.

We ask: Lord, hear your people's prayer

- For all in special need, the sick, the addicted, the dying and the grieving. For all who suffer with this pandemic and its effects. And for those we remember during this moment of silence ...

We ask: Lord, hear your people's prayer

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