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# It's time we breathe life into our religion

A recent survey about religion and faith in America discovered that the numbers of those who say they believe in God and are spiritual people actually has grown, but more and more say they just do not identify with a specific church or congregation.

On census forms they often check "none" where it says "Religion." We call them the new "nones."

Nearly one-third of adults younger than 35 are unaffiliated with any actual church body or parish. At the same time, we



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see a continuing interest in spiritual life, faith and a hunger for community and rituals that bring meaning to everyday lives.

Some say we are moving from an "Age of Belief" in creeds and doctrines, obligation and duty, to folks looking for an experience of God, rather than a religion about God.

To encourage, especially our younger people, with a word about God that breathes new life, the spirit of Pentecost, this is our task. I think it would make identifying with our Catholic ways more attractive and inviting if we, the "regulars," exhaled a bit more the breath of new life instead of just duty, obligation or fear of God getting even.

Our Catholic values, beliefs, worship, sacraments, sacred seasons, diversity of ages and cultures, styles and the joy of community have much to offer in these times of high-tech stress. Our church isn't perfect, nor will it ever be, but so many find so much in being identified as a Catholic and a companion of Jesus.

An older person once wrote:

"How much I criticize you, my church, yet how much I love you. You have given much scandal, and yet you alone have made me understand holiness. Countless times I felt like slamming the door of my soul in your face, and yet every night I pray that I might die in your embrace."

## HISTORY CORNER

### December 1950: Father Berton takes command

*This is an occasional series on the men who shepherded St. Mary of Mount Carmel Church. For more on the history of our parish, visit [www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com](http://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com).*

It was certainly a difficult task for the Provincial to choose another pastor to succeed Father Pizzoglio in 1950. A reasonable assumption would be a young, experienced assistant who had served under Father Pizzoglio for 10 years, who was well known and loved by the congregation. The choice – the Rev. Joseph Berton.

During his pastorate from December 1950 to October 1964, the parishioners of Mount Carmel enjoyed the fruition of their labors. Many parcels of property were acquired around the church to provide adequate parking but, perhaps, the most outstanding of his accomplishments can be noted at 648 Jay St., the site of the parish rectory. Without exaggeration, it is one of the most beautiful and practical rectories of the Syracuse diocese.

Father Berton spent 26 years of his priesthood at Mount Carmel. He died in 1984 and is buried in Syracuse.

#### Father Peter becomes pastor: 1964

On Oct. 10, 1964, Father Berton was succeeded by another former assistant, the Rev. Peter Bortolazzo.

Father Peter arrived at Mount Carmel during its transitional period. Within a few months, many of the homes that surrounded the church were razed by the City of Utica Urban Renewal Program. Many parishioners moved away from the area but still remained faithful to their beloved parish.

During this time, the parish experienced much financial growth. It was through his



**The Rev. Peter Bortolazzo became pastor of Mount Carmel in 1964. He began planning for the 75th anniversary of the church. The plans called for major renovations, including a new terrazzo floor, installation of new pews, a new marble altar of sacrifice, a complete restoration of the paintings and new granite steps.**

guidance that the parish undertook the challenges of Pope John XXIII and the Vatican II Council. After many years of priestly service, Father Peter was transferred back and was welcomed graciously and whole heartedly at Mount Carmel as an assistant. His great love and devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel still bears witness to this community of faith.

#### Father Corrado and Father Negro: 1973-1983

The year 1973 found Mount Carmel under

the pastorate of Father John Corrado. Father John continued the work that began his predecessors, emphasizing the development of the area surrounding the church.

During his pastorate, many additional physical aspects came to fruition within the parish, including the Shrine to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, renovations to the school, the Senior Citizen Center and the construction of Scalabrini Park, a monument to the founder of the Society of St. Charles Borromeo.

His pastoral was filled with much love, faith and devotion. He sponsored the Ashes to Easter program, the inception of a Liturgical Committee, the development of Penitential Services and the installation of lay ministers.

Father John's reverence in celebrating liturgy and his paternal homilies brought peace and solace to many. Before leaving Mount Carmel, Father Corrado recommended to the provincial as his successor a soft spoken caring priest, Father Carmelo Negro.

Father Negro assumed pastorate in May 1979. He immediately became involved with his parish duties. Dedicated to maintaining a beautiful church, he undertook the task of replacing the old organ. The new organ was dedicated at a special Mass marking the 85th anniversary.

During the years of 1979 and 1983, Father Negro continued to show a strong concern for furtherance of the liturgical programs initiated by Father John, emphasizing the Lay Ministry Program and improvements to the school.

In 1983 Father Negro was reassigned to St. Anthony's parish in Connecticut. His many deeds of kindness will be remembered by many.

# 'I can make a positive difference'

## Nick Gilberti: God 'always on duty'

*Nick Gilberti has grown up at Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament. He was an altar server and now is a Eucharistic minister. He recently graduated from high school. He's very much a leader and a believer that God always is there guiding you on the right path.*

### What do you like about the parish?

I like the sense of it being a close-knit community. I enjoy coming to church and being greeted by people I know personally and that I talk to on a regular basis.

**According to your Facebook page, you've been involved with the Naval Academy Summer Seminar. What is it and what attracted you to it?**

Naval Academy Summer Seminar, as best summarized by their website, is a fast-paced, six-day experience for high achievers who have completed their junior year in high school. Summer Seminar teaches you about life at the Naval Academy, where academics, athletics and professional training play equally important roles in developing our nation's leaders. I was initially attracted to Summer Seminar because I wanted to attend the Naval Academy and pursue a career as a Navy pilot. I have since changed my decision, but Summer Seminar was, nonetheless, the best experience of my life thus far.

**What important lessons did you learn at Summer Seminar?**

I learned many important lessons at Summer Seminar, but perhaps most importantly, I learned that your only limits are the ones you set for yourself. We truly can accomplish anything with enough drive, determination, discipline and perseverance.

**You were involved with the Proctor debate team and went to Philadelphia for a national tournament. How did you get involved with debate and what did you like about it?**

Politics has been an interest of mine from a young age. When I got to high school, I felt as if the Speech and Debate team was a natural fit. Finally, in my senior year, I joined the team and participated in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, which gave me the opportunity to compete for a spot at Nationals, where I competed in the Public Forum category. Public Forum is like Lincoln-Douglas, except it is two versus two.

**Do you ever win any "debates" with your mom?**

I think we all know the answer to that.

**Many youths your age don't like to get involved at church. Why do you do it?**

I feel like I can make a positive difference in the church, and I don't like being a bystander when I know I can actively participate in something that



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### NICK GILBERTI

**Age:** 18.

**School:** Class of 2013, Thomas R. Proctor High School.

**Family:** Mother Lisa, grandmother Rosa, father Frank, brother Phil.

**Favorite TV show:** "The Walking Dead."

**Favorite movies:** "The Edge," "The Grey" and "Taken" (1 and 2).

**Favorite musical artist:** Toby Keith.

has such a large impact on my life. It's the least I can do in exchange for what God has given me. I think we should all begin to realize that.

**Do you ever have the occasion to talk to your friends about your faith, and if you do, what do you tell them?**

I seldom get the opportunity to talk about my faith with anyone my age, unless I'm defending it. But when I do get a chance to teach someone what being a Christian is really about, I try to show them that it's not just about feeling guilty all the time. I try to show them that no matter what is going on in your life, you have someone who is always by your side. I try to show them that religion is not just the tradition of our grandparents. It's real life. No matter what you face in 2013, there is a lesson written in the Bible that is the answer to your predicament.

**What advice would you give to people your age?**

Hold true to your convictions, not what you've been told is right by the voice that screams the loudest. Reach out to God, and live your life knowing that you are invaluable to Him. Finally, always remember that He has a plan for you, for all of us. Instead of asking, "Why does this have to happen to me?" say, "Maybe this is just the next step in the grand scheme of things." You may not realize it now, but when things make the least bit of sense, and life seems so unfair, it's God's way of helping you carry out His will. And that's something we can all be grateful for.

**What's the most important lesson you've learned in your life so far?**

That even though God works in mysterious ways, He's always on duty in your life. It's the truth, and some of us are blindsided by it, some of us discover it gradually and some of us have known it all along. Don't give up searching just because you haven't found what you think you're supposed to find.

**What do you hope the future holds for Nick Gilberti?**

A greater discovery and understanding of the Catholic faith, a greater discovery and understanding of God's plan for me, and a life that will have a major positive impact on the lives of others, and the ability to look back and say that I helped at least one person find Jesus Christ.

## Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament Italian Festival

**When:** 5 to 11 p.m. Friday, July 19, and Saturday, July 20; 1 to 7 p.m. Sunday, July 21.

**What:** Food, games, flea market, pizza frita, comaraderie and entertainment.

**Buona Fortuna raffle:**

Tickets are \$20 with a \$10,000 grand prize that will be drawn at 7 p.m. Sunday, July 21. Other prizes: \$2,500, \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Additionally, prizes of \$500 and \$100 will be awarded on Friday and Saturday. Only 1,500 tickets will be sold.



Photo courtesy of the Observer-Dispatch

# Fair in 1896 helped build church

*Last year in this magazine, we published an article featuring memories of the annual Italian Festival. Come to find out, possibly the first festival took place at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The following article was published in the Utica Sunday Journal, May 24, 1896.*

### Italian Church Fair Opens Tomorrow Evening

The fair for the benefit of the new Italian church will open tomorrow evening at the old Knights of Pythias Hall on Genesee Street, near the bridge.

The Italians have banded together under the leadership of Rev. A. Castelli and are intending to complete a church, the foundation of which has already been laid. The endeavor is a worthy one, as there is no church in the city which these people can call their own. The people of St. John's congregation are helping as much as possible.

Tomorrow evening the Italian Benevolent society, in full uniform, will parade and the St. Vincent's Drum Corps will lead them. Red fire will be burned and they will finish their marching in front of the hall.

Rev. James M. Murphy will be in attendance and will introduce Charles A. Miller, who will deliver the opening address.

The hall is prettily decorated in red, white,

blue, yellow and green bunting and there are flowers in profusion. Considerable decorative ability has been expended on the booths. A different entertainment will be given every evening during the fair, which will add to the enjoyment of those who attend.

Considering that this is the first call of its kind made by the Italians to help them to better citizenship, it should be liberally patronized. The church is to be built on Catherine Street between Mohawk Street and Third Avenue.

The main part of the church is to be 200 feet long by 48 feet wide, with two projections at the rear, making the church at that part 80 feet wide. The foundation, which is almost completed, is of Higginsville blue stone, the walls of which are to be four feet above the grade and to be of rock faced ashlar work.

The water table is to be of Indiana limestone, while above the water table the church will be of brick, with Indiana limestone trimmings.

The roof will be of slate and there is one tower on Catherine Street, at the southeast corner of the front of the church to be 100 feet high with a belfry for bells. On the top will be a cross eight feet high.

The church is to have three entrances on Catherine Street, opening into a large vestibule

11 feet wide; two entrances in front leading to the basement; one side entrance into the sacristy and one in the rear of the church, in the passage back of the altar.

All the windows of the main part of the church are to have stained glass with Catholic emblems represented. The large window in the front is to have a stained glass figure representing the Virgin of Mount Carmel.

From the vestibule there are three corresponding doors opening into the church proper. The church will seat 600 people. An oak staircase in the tower leads to a gallery and choir loft, with a seating capacity of 150 people.

The basement, besides the furnaces and coal room, is to have a large room for society meetings, which is to be finished in North Carolina pine. The sanctuary of the church is to be 20 by 22 feet. There will be a sacristy on both sides of the sanctuary, 11 by 20 feet each.

The ceiling of the church is to be 90 feet from the floor, with a dome forming a cross. The finish of the inside of the church is to be of oak, cypress and North Carolina pine. The ceilings are to be of patent plaster.

All the inside is to be natural wood finish. The floors are to be of maple. The church is to be heated by furnace and will be well ventilated.

## A CONVERSATION WITH ...

# Carmela and Bob Brown

*This series features people "In the Pews" at Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament that you see every weekend and might want to know a little bit more about.*

## How did both of you get involved with the parish?

I (Carmela) was born into the parish. I am the third of five generations at Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament. Bob became involved when we were married 26 years ago.

## Bob, you became an official Catholic at the Easter Vigil. What was the impetus for you to consider converting and how did that thought process play out?

My wife and I worked together at preparing our sons for their sacraments and raising them in the Catholic Church. I took an active part in the process even though I wasn't Catholic. As the boys became adults, I drifted away from the church and recently realized how much I missed being a part of the church. One Sunday, as my wife was leaving for Mass, I asked if she thought I would be able to sit upstairs in the choir loft with her for Mass. She assured me that I would be welcome and the experience that morning was so overwhelming that I continued to attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation.

I think it was that first week back at Mass that I decided I wanted to become baptized and make my sacraments. After four or five months, my wife and I mentioned that fact to Anne Elacqua. We were immediately enrolled in the RCIA process with my wife as my sponsor. The "process" became a daily way of life for us. We attended the 8 a.m. Mass on Sunday and were dismissed to attend our RCIA session. We met with our mentor and friend Chris Bart for about an hour and a half each week and then attended the 10:30 Mass so my wife could fulfill her obligation for Mass and play with the music ministry.

## Carmela, you were your husband's sponsor. When he told you about his plans, what went through your mind?

I was thrilled. I never prompted him or pushed him to join the Catholic Church. I knew that when he was ready, it would have to come from him. I knew, however, that when he made up his own mind, he would entrench himself not only into the process but that he would pursue learning as much as he could to be the best Catholic and member of St. Mary of Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament that he could.

## Both of you in May stood up in front of the congregation and detailed your journey of faith. I got the impression your life together has been reinvigorated. Am I close?

You are more than close! We both embraced the RCIA process with equal vigor. For Bob, most of the readings and discussions were new



Photo by THOMAS LOUGHLIN JR.

Carmela and Bob Brown during the Easter Vigil service March 30.

## BOB AND CARMELA BROWN

**Carmela's age:** 60.

**Robert's age:** 62.

**Carmela's occupation:** Retired director of fine arts, Utica City School District.

**Robert's occupation:** Retired teacher, Oneida County BOCES.

**Reside:** Frankfort.

**Married:** 26 years.

**Carmela's educational background:** Bachelor of music education, SUNY at Potsdam (Crane School of Music); master's in education, University of New England; New York State Certificate in School District Administration.

**Robert's educational background:** Bachelor's degree in education, SUNY-IT.

**Family:** Sons Geno and Robert, daughter-in-law Tanya, grandson Frank.

and exciting. For me, it was a revelation that there was so much more to learn. We entrenched ourselves into preparing for Mass, but also prayed together, read daily devotions and meditations and discussed them and how they related to us.

## In what way has your life and marriage

## changed?

We continue to do these things on a daily basis, and even though life has its trials and tribulations, we are able to face things together and know that every day in the Catholic faith is a new day and a new beginning. We have been blessed by the Holy Spirit.

## You also said that after years of marriage, you finally decided to have it blessed. Did you feel through all those years something was missing and why was it important for the priest to bless your union?

I don't think we really thought that something was missing; however, because we were never married in a Catholic Church, it was an obstacle to Bob becoming Catholic. Father Jim very willingly performed a private but very meaningful ceremony and blessed us as a married couple with our children by our sides.

## Finally, what advice would you give to new married couples (and us veteran married couples) about how to keep their marriage strong or to make it better?

I think the best advice that we could give to any new or veteran married couple would be to put God first in your lives. By beginning every day with God as the center of your lives, you will soon realize that you can face each day in a blessed way. Your combined faith will keep you strong and renewed. By participating together in Mass, devotions and meditations, you will continually be blessed with God's gifts.

# Holy images grace East nave

*Third in a series. Watch for the final installment in the fall issue. Read the first two parts online at [www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com](http://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com) (search for *Our Parish Heritage*).*

In this issue, we will examine the images found on the vaulting of the nave on the east side (Mohawk Street side) of our beloved church. There we will find the painted portraits of 22 saints and popes depicted through the benevolence of faithful parishioners whose names appear below the pictorial medallions.

## FIRST CROSS VAULT

**Pope Alexander VII (1599-1667 / pope 1655):** Located on the first cross vault just in front of the altar of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the location of our tabernacle. A sickly child of Siena's prominent Chigi family, Fabio Chigi was home-schooled as a child but later demonstrated his brilliance by obtaining degrees in philosophy, law and theology. He began his papacy as Alexander VII by rejecting any semblance of nepotism and the advancement of his own family, but as the job got more difficult, he turned to relatives for help who eventually took advantage of their positions for personal gain. Highlights of his tenure were the conversion of Queen Christina of Sweden, the beautification of Rome and the Vatican (such as the famous colonnade of St. Peter's Square and the modernization of the University of Rome).



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**San Gennaro:** The patron saint of Naples. He was the bishop of Benevento in the 4th century and was known for his defense of the faithful during their persecution by the Roman Emperor Diocletian. After several attempts at torture and death at the hands of the Romans, he was beheaded in the town of Pozzuoli. His remains are kept in the cathedral of Naples, as are two phials of his crystalized blood that miraculously liquefy on his feast day, Sept. 19. He is credited with saving the people of Naples in times of plague, volcanic eruptions and war.

**Pope Pius IX (1792-1878 / pope 1846):** Formerly known as Giovanni Maria Mastai-Ferretti. Much beloved of the people for his wit, work with orphans and his ability to defuse conflict between the Italians and their Austrian invaders, he became the leader of the

church and led it through the Italian Risorgimento, a period when the papacy lost most of its temporal property on the peninsula. Because of his preference to settle political issues peacefully, he was accused by some as a traitor to his country. His reliance on French and Austrian soldiers in maintaining the peace in Rome furthered those cries. In 1854, he proclaimed the Immaculate Conception as church dogma. He also promoted the devotion of the Sacred Heart, and for this it is fitting that his image be so close to the altar at the front of the nave.

**St. Christopher:** Although the earliest images of this man date back to the 6th century, there is no concrete history of his existence, only legends. Scholars say he probably was an early Christian martyr. The legends say he was a pagan prince who rejected a king, who was afraid of the devil, and the devil, who was afraid of the cross. A hermit instructed him in Christianity. Rather than fast and pray, Christopher carried people for God's sake across a stream. One day he carried a child who became heavier and heavier until it seemed he had the weight of the world on his shoulders. It was then that the babe revealed that he was the Creator and Redeemer of the world.

## SECOND CROSS VAULT

**Pope Pius VII (1742-1823 / Pope 1800):** The son of northern Italian nobility, Barnaba Chiaramonti rose quickly in the church through family connections. His, however, was one of those cases in which the man truly was worthy. He was responsible for peaceful resolutions to foreign aggression on Italian soil. He was elected as Pope Pius VII after a three-month conclave when the warring political factions within the college refused one candidate after another and finally deferred to him. His reign was plagued by tempestuous relations with the church in France, Napoleon. He was, however, favored with good rapport with the royal houses of Austria, Naples, Prussia, Savoy and Spain. He also was a patron of the arts and letters.

**St. Louis Gonzaga (1568-1591):** At the age of 8 he was placed in the court of Francesco de' Medici of Florence and within two years moved to the court of Mantova. He received his first communion from St. Carlo Borromeo. Eventually, he became a page in the court of Prince James, son of the king of Spain. Though being groomed to be a warrior and nobleman,

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## Tee it up at golf tournament

The Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament Parish golf tournament is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 11, at Stonebridge Golf & Country Club in New Hartford.

The cost is \$75 per golfer. Registration begins at 10 a.m. with the shotgun start at 11 a.m. Proceeds will be used toward the preservation and restoration of the church and grounds.

The 18-hole scramble will feature coffee and lunch at the turn, buffet and beverages, prizes, raffles, and a hole-in-one contest for a car.

Fill in the form at the right or download it from the parish website and return it to the parish office. Teams and players must be paid in full by Aug. 4.

### Tournament Application Form

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648 Jay St., Utica, NY 13501

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4 Person Scramble

Sunday, August 11, 2013

Registration 10AM to 11AM

11AM Shotgun Start

### \$75.00 Per Player

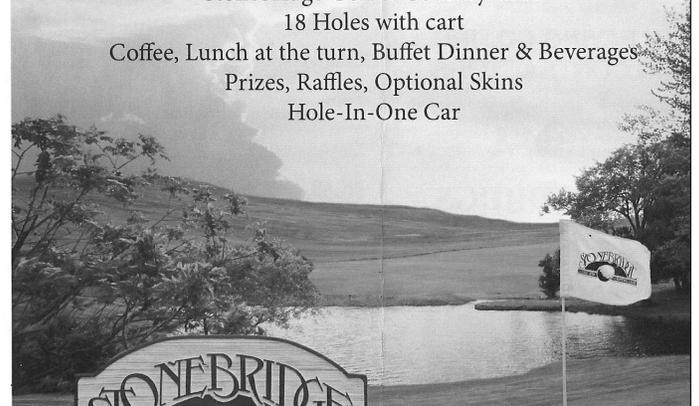
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18 Holes with cart

Coffee, Lunch at the turn, Buffet Dinner & Beverages

Prizes, Raffles, Optional Skins

Hole-In-One Car



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his heart was not in it. With great difficulty, Louis got his father's consent to renounce his hereditary claims so he could become a Jesuit. He was a brilliant student but weak in health. Despite that he ministered to the ill during a great plague that eventually took his own life. He was canonized in 1726 by Pope Benedict XIII.

**St. Cyril (376-444):** As the Patriarch of Alexandria, he was a prolific writer and a leading figure in the debates in church doctrine during his time. He led the fight to depose Nestorius as Patriarch of Constantinople, at that time, the most important city in the western world. He holds many titles as one of the Church Fathers, a Doctor of the Church, Pillar of the Faith and Seal of all Fathers.

**Pope Paul V (1550-1621 / pope 1605):** Once known as Camillo Borghese, Paul claimed to be a relative of St. Catherine of Siena and was a man of uncommon ability. He was made a cardinal in 1596 by Pope Clement VIII and became the Cardinal-Vicar of Rome. Trained in law, he held himself apart from Vatican politics, and when he became pope in 1605 was not beholden to any particular faction. In fact, one of the first things he did was to send to their homelands all prelates and cardinals who had been hanging around Rome for indefinite periods of time. He considered it their duty to stay in contact with their flocks. He was the pope who brought about the completion of St. Peter's Basilica after a century of construction. He canonized important saints such as Charles Borromeo, Frances of Rome, Ignatius Loyola and Francis Xavier. He was a staunch defender of Catholicism in a period

when there were conflicts within and from without the institution.

### THIRD CROSS VAULT

**Pope Clement VIII (1536-1605 / pope 1592):** Once known as Ippolito Aldobrandi. Following in his father's footsteps he was an able jurist and used those talents as a cardinal-priest. He became acquainted with the Hapsburgs, the royal family of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and successfully negotiated the release of Archduke Maxmillian after his unsuccessful bid for the Polish throne. His candidacy as pope was seen as a way to release the church from the clutches of the Spanish throne. As pope, he rooted out abuses and enforced discipline among the clergy. He convinced Henry of Navarre to convert from Calvinism to Catholicism to become king of France, thus putting an end to the 30 Years War in France and gaining an ally for Italian independence. He successfully negotiated peace between France, Spain and Savoy and battled corruption among the Roman aristocracy.

**San Cosma:** One half of the twin saints who are celebrated each year in our city on their feast day in September. Sts. Cosmas and Damian were twin brothers born in Arabia. They were physicians who ministered to the poor without recompense. During the persecutions of the Christians under the Roman Emperor Diocletian, they were tortured and beheaded. After their deaths on Sept. 27, 287, many miracles were credited to their intercession. They are considered to be the patrons of physicians and surgeons.

**Pope Innocent X (1574-1655 / pope 1644):** Giambattista Pamfili was a son of a noble family of Gubbio and Rome who received a degree

in law by the time he was 20 years old. He put his legal prowess to work for popes for Clement VII, Gregory XV and Urban VIII. He traveled to France and Spain and was Latin Patriarch of Antioch. His candidacy for the papacy was seen as a compromise to the French block that would not support anyone favorable to their national enemies, the Spanish. As fate would have it, Innocent conflicted with the French over their protection of the Barbarini family, which was accused of misappropriation of funds. Innocent also dealt severely with the Duke of Parma over his refusal to carry out the terms of a treaty and his refusal to recognize papal appointees. This resulted in a military action and the papal takeover of the duke's territory. By allying himself with the Venetians, he was able to appoint clerics throughout their dominion. He never recognized the country of Portugal when it seceded from Spain. He was accused of being too dependent on the council of his sister-in-law, which caused some to whisper of the type of relationship they had. Historians, however, reject those accusations as slanderous.

**San Leopoldo (1866-1942):** Little known today, he began his life as Bogdan (Adeodato) Giovanni Mandic in Castelnuovo di Cattaro in Dalmatia. He took the name Leopoldo when he took on the habit of the Capucin friars in 1884. He was ordained in 1890 in Venice. He was best known for his compassionate administration of reconciliation and his promotion of the unity of the Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church. For this reason he is considered to be an apostle for ecumenism. His long years in religious service were only interrupted by two years as a prisoner of war (1917-1919).



# FIRST COMMUNION MEMORIES



On Sunday, May 5, 22 children from St. Mary of Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament Parish received their First Holy Communion in front of family, friends and parishioners. You can view more photos from the celebration at [www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com](http://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com).

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