Remembering our loved ones

This weekend, we honor those who were buried from our parish in the past year

Susan A. Addison
Philip F. Arcuri Sr.
Loretta A. Barone
Rosemary Bevivino
Nancy A. Blasé
Salvatore S. Borruso Sr.
Lucille E. Boulanger
Philomena Broccoli
Dolores L. Calenda
Delores M. Cahill
Maria I. Cappelli
Angela M. Capraro
Edythe Centola
Joseph A. Chambrone Sr.
Peter J. Chambrone
Maria A. Chiricosta
Kathleen Ann Cichon
Robert D. Cittadino
Frances E. Clemente
Jacquelyn Colicci
Frances Dacquino
Louis J. Damelio Jr.
Elaine A. DelMonico
Ellen M. DeSantis
Margaret A. DeSantis
Robert S. Emilian
Norton A. Esposito
Dominic Falange
Nicola Femia
Anthony Ferrone
Carmen J. Filletti
Jason Michael Flynt
Angela J. Frisillo
Michael Geno
Felice E. Gigliotti
Randi L. “Gigi” Giruzzi
Rocco F. Giruzzi Jr.
Alvin Hpo
Bernadette N. Hubbard
Frank R. LaBella
Nicholas J. LaBella
Vincent B. LaBella
MaryBeth LaNeve
Gloria A. Lisi
Angela Pedone Longo
John L. Loy
William S. Manca
Eva M. Mancuso
Francis A. Marchio
Kenneth J. Mariano
Nicholas Marro
Thomas M. McCabe
Eleanor McClusky
John D. Melito
Philip A. Montesanti
Pasquale S. Moracco
Theresa M. Nicotera
Palma Rose Nole
John F. Papaleo
Deborah Ann Presite
Mary Pilenza
Daniel Priore
Rita D. Rocco
Ann B. Ruggiero
Raffaele Ruggiero
Phyllis O. Saraceno
Matthew L. Scotellaro
Keith P. Skermont
Antoinette Simone
Tammy Smith
Donna L. Speciale
Francis R. Suppa
George D. Sykes
Frank A. Tomaino
Joseph D. Torraco
Louis Turchetti
Leonard A. Vetere
Patrick Zegarelli
Joseph R. Zumbo
By THE REV. JOHN CATOIR

Holiness is not something that comes from doing good; we do good because we are holy.

Holiness is not something we acquire by avoiding evil; we avoid evil because we are holy.

Holiness is not something that follows from prayer; we pray because we are holy.

Holiness is not the result of kindness; we are kind because we are holy.

Holiness is not something that blossoms when we are courageous; we are courageous because we are holy.

Holiness is not the result of character building; we build character because we are holy.

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It’s been a difficult year, to say the least.

Among things that have been affected by the worldwide pandemic is the annual Hope Appeal. That means many programs and people in our diocese are adversely affected, too.

The Diocese of Syracuse’s appeal funds ministries, programs and services that help thousands across Central New York. You should have received a letter from Bishop Lucia asking for your support of the Hope Appeal. Please review the brochure and prayerfully consider making a gift. You may bring your completed pledge card to Mass and put it in the collection basket or drop it by the parish office, or you can mail it.

If you did not receive the HOPE Appeal mailing, or have questions about the HOPE Appeal, please call the parish office.

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Chelsea Opera to offer holiday event; registration required

A new holiday event is coming to our parish in December.
Leonarda Priore — former Utican and member of Mount Carmel Church and president of Chelsea Opera of New York City, which brought us the holiday favorite “The Jazz Nativity ... Bending Towards the Light” over the last few years — will visit Mount Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish once again.

At 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3, our parish and Chelsea Opera will offer “Spirit of the Season,” an evening of lessons and carols for the Christmas season. Many different musical genres and reflections will be offered.

Admission is free, but you MUST register in advance. A free-will offering will take place as you exit the church.

Like all things in 2020, there will be safety protocols to follow. Here are the details:

- Anyone who wishes to attend must register. We can accommodate about 165 people in church as we continue to practice social distancing. You can register on our parish website, or by calling or emailing Anne Elacqua. You can reach her at 315-941-7447 or by emailing her at aelacqua@syrdio.org.
- Masks and face coverings MUST be worn at all times, covering your mouth and nose. As we do for weekend Mass, attendees will enter through the side doors at the front of the church on Catherine Street where you will check in, have your temperature taken and be escorted to a pew.
- All singers and musicians from Chelsea Opera will be socially distanced in the sanctuary.
- At the end of the event, you will be instructed on how to exit the church.

For updated information, continue to visit www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com and our Facebook page www.facebook.com/mountcarmelblessedsacrament.

In this dismal year of pandemic, this event is a wonderful opportunity to uplift our spirits and prepare for the celebration of the birthday of Christ with music selections delivered to you from the heart.

Giving Tree for Christmas to return, but in a different fashion this year

Our annual “Giving Tree” event this year will be a little bit different — as you would have expected.

This year we are placing the tags on a display board as you enter church over the next several weekends for you to take a tag (or several). We will move the displays to the exit doors, too.

These tags will have the names of children from Thea Bowman House. We are hoping to add more tags for other area places for which we usually provide, but we want to see how it works before we overcommit.

Please bring the UNWRAPPED gifts with the ornament attached to it to church by Sunday, Dec 6, which is last day to bring them in.

As you enter church and check in, we will take your gift.

If you have any questions, contact Anne Elacqua at 315-941-7447 or aelacqua@syrdio.org.

Monetary donations requested for our Thanksgiving Basket drive

Our Thanksgiving Basket drive is taking on a different form during this COVID year.

We will not be collecting food items to make baskets. Instead, we would like to have a monetary collection in order to purchase gift cards to hand out with the turkeys we will give this year.

Over the next several weekends, if you would like to make a donation to our Thanksgiving collection, please place your money/check in an envelope and mark it THANKSGIVING. Any amount will be appreciated.

We will be collecting donations through Nov. 22.

If you have any questions contact Anne Elacqua 315-941-7447. Thank you in advance for helping us.

Video memorial honors those who died from parish during past year

In our parish each year during November, we honor all those who were buried from our church during the past year.
We ask that you visit our website at www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com or YouTube channel to view a video memorial that pays tribute to those who passed into God’s hands from Oct. 1, 2019, through Sept. 30, 2020. We remember these 79 people and their families as we pray for their souls.

Junior-senior high religious education begins; new students still welcome

Our Junior-Senior High Faith Formation program is underway. We are doing in-person and online classes — and we always welcome to add new students at any time.

Just a reminder: It is important that we have signed registration forms as they are permission slips for online classes. If you have any questions, contact Anne Elacqua at 315-941-7447 or aelacqua@syrdio.org.
LIVING
- Father James Cesta—David Struz
- Father Joseph Salerno—David Struz
- Noelle Graniti—Janice Olivella
- Noelle Graniti—Gloria and Betty Jane Rossi
- The Maldonado Family—Julia and Anthony Elacqua
- Laurie Siniscarco—Phyllis and Anthony J. Palumbo
- Children and Grandchildren—mom

DECEASED
- Alice Abitabile—David and Silvana Schirripa
- Sara Mae Angelo—will
- Maureen (Putrelo)Benzo—Rosangela Putrelo
- Salvatore Borruso—Gina Szuba
- Raffaele Cappelli—The Parish
- Pasquale, Mary and Tasha Cardinale—Ray Cardinale
- Anthony Cassia—Joe and Marilyn LaBarbera
- Barb Clarke—Joe and Madeline Briggs
- Peter Cragnolin—The Parish
- Phil and Margaret Cornacchia—daughter Donna
- Tommy DeCrescenzo Jr.—Aunt Ann and cousins
- Anthony Diana—Phyllis and Anthony J. Palumbo
- Enrico DiPerna—The Parish
- Tommaso and Maria DiSimone—will
- Deven Adam Elmer—Joanne Czerw
- Norton Esposito—Madeline Dyer
- Norton Esposito—Gerri and Al Giglio
- Ralph Fimano—Phyllis and Anthony J. Palumbo
- Carol Gianotti—Phyllis and Anthony J. Palumbo
- Mary and Vincent Gianotti
- Carmella Graziaidei Grande—Rocco and Lisa Grande and family
- Anthony Hathway—Phyllis and Anthony J. Palumbo
- Pasquale and Roma Inserra—Joe and Barbara Inserra
- Michael Jones—Rosanne and Regina
- Diane Lange—Phyllis and Anthony J. Palumbo
- Anne Longo Lebert—Bee
- Rocco Losito Jr.—Bill and Bridgette Maruszczak
- Louis Maldonado—Michael and Debbie Grassi and family
- Ida and Josephine Manze—David Struz
- Ida M. and Josephine D. Manze and family—will
- Manze and Motto Families—will
- Frank Mazza—wife Josephine
- Agnes McBride—Karen McBride
- Josephine Nicotera—daughters and grandchildren

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. If you have a prayer intention that you would like parishioners to pray for, please call Pattie Franco at 733-4210. She, along with members of our prayer line, will be glad to pray for you.

Memorials
- The altar bread for November has been donated in memory of Rocco Giruzzi Jr. by Daniel and Anne Marie Corleto
- The altar wine for November has been donated in memory of Arthur Trozzi Sr. by wife Ann and children.
- The altar candles for November have been donated in memory of Aunt Palma Piccolino by Mancuso and Ferrone families.
- The St. Marianne Cope Candle is lit in memory of Sister Frances Ann Cimino OSF and Sister John Anthony Cizza OSF by Mary Teresa Mercurio.

Baptisms
- Stan and Mary Struz—family
- George Sykes—The Parish
- Ann Talarico—The Parish
- Anne Bentro Talarico—V. Rocci
- Anthony R. and Erminia M. Trino—daughter Edye
- Carmen Tripolone—Phyllis and Anthony J. Palumbo
- Arthur Trozzi Sr.—wife and children
- Uncle Dominick—Silvana, David and family
- Joe Vaccarelli—David Vaccarelli
- John “Pete” Voce—Carol and Anthony Carzo
- John A. Voce—Maria and Leo Callari
- Maria Sorce Vullo—Rocco and Lisa Grande and family
- Bill Wicks—Mike Wicks, Mary and John Russo and children
- Richard Zasa—Phyllis and Anthony J. Palumbo
- Michelle A. Zizzi—Fred and Monica Peek

HOW TO SUBMIT BULLETIN ITEMS
Do you have an announcement or item you want published in the bulletin? If so, please submit the item via email to fperritano@syrdio.org two weeks before publication.
THIS WEEK’S MEDITATION, INTENTIONS

Personal prayer

I wait for you Lord, in the darkness of these days.
As the chill begins to set in, as the year begins its closing
I wait for you as I would wait for a bridegroom
anticipating the celebration, awaiting festivities filled with joy,
holding my lamp to lighten your way.
I prepare my soul and spirit for you, O Lord.
I fill my lamp with the oil of good deeds,
With the fuel of prayer,
With the energy of my desire
to be ready and holy.
Fill me with wisdom and hold me in love.
Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: Receive our prayer, O God.
• For Pope Francis and the church. To together, may we have wisdom and insight that we may find ways to strengthen the marginalized and the frightened, light-ing the way for Christ to shine in every life.
We ask: Receive our prayer, O God.
• For the gift of understanding. May government leaders and newly elected officials face issues with honesty; work for unity, justice and the common good.
We ask: Receive our prayer, O God.
• For all who are waiting. Those struggling through fatal illness; those facing surgery; parents of sick children; prisoners, lovers and friends who are separated; people seeking employment; the aged and the lonely. May all know the hope, strength, and comfort of God’s love.
We ask: Receive our prayer, O God.
• In thanksgiving for military veterans who have defended and protected us in the past. And for the safety of those who serve in the military.
We ask: Receive our prayer, O God.
• For those who have died — family members, friends, immigrant parents and children; victims of terrorism and war; missionaries; public servants and members of the military. May they know the eternal light of God’s peace;
We ask: Receive our prayer, O God.
• For the needs we place before God in our silence … We remember those who are alone, All who struggle through this pandemic — the sick, the addicted, the challenged and all who confront prejudice and despair.
• We ask: Receive our prayer, O God.

“Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins”
(Wilhelm von Schadow, 1838)