

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024



St. Mary of Mount Carmel Blessed Sacrament Parish

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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. at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Parish
- **Sunday:** 8 and 11 a.m. at Mount Carmel; 9:30 a.m. at St. Anthony.

Weekday

- **Monday and Tuesday:** 8:30 a.m. at St. Anthony & St. Agnes.
- **Thursday and Friday:** 8:30 a.m. in our parish.
- **Please note:** No morning Mass if Utica schools are closed due to inclement weather.

Holy Days

- Consult the bulletin and website.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- **Saturday:** 3:45 p.m. at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Parish and by appointment by calling Mount Carmel parish office.

MARRIAGE

- Couples must make arrangements six months in advance.

BAPTISM

- Call the parish office to arrange. Parents must attend a preparation class prior to the baptism of their 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 about this process.

NEW PARISHIONERS

- Welcome to our parish family. We invite you to become an active participant in our community. Call the parish office.

PARISH STAFF

- **Pastor:** Rev. Jim Cesta
- **In Residence:** Rev. Luis Olguin
- **Trustees:** Rocco Arcuri Sr. and Bill Thibault
- **Parish Office Manager:** Terri Piazza-Panuccio
- **Faith Formation K-6:** Terri Piazza-Panuccio
- **Faith Formation 7-10:** Anne Carlone-Elacqua
- **Music Director:** Peter Elacqua
- **Website Manager, Bulletin Editor:** Fran Perritano
- **Buildings and grounds:** Lenny Jones



FATHER JIM'S WISE & OTHERWISE

Don't underestimate value of parish community

Sometimes, we underestimate the gift and treasure that is a parish community.

The next time you shy from saying hello or enjoy the presence of fellow parishioners, think of this: Corval Russ spent a year and two months in the Butte County Jail for assaulting his landlord, his first and only run-in with the law in all his 92 years.

In jail he was called "Pops" and given first dibs on the TV and first in the food line. At an advanced age and stooped over, blind in one eye and with prostate cancer, he finally found some community after years of loneliness. He had found commu-

nity among prisoners.

Before being jailed, Corval had lived in a town called Paradise about 100 miles from Reno, Nevada, but he told everyone his paradise was the fellowship of the Butte County jail life.

He was released after serving his time, although he begged the judge to keep him in the lockup. A few days later his body was found in the Feather River, beneath a bridge where a taxicab had dropped him off, near the motel where he had stayed after his release from the jail that had become his home — his community.



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE



Eucharistic ministers

SUNDAY, AUG. 4

8 a.m. Mass

Bob Ferdula, Edythe Trino, Mike Zasa,
John Reale Sr., Michelle Commisso

11 a.m. Mass

Maria Valentini, Marsha LaBella, Mariella
S'Doia, La Aung, Lenny Jones

Lectors

SUNDAY, AUG. 4

8 a.m. Mass

Mary Rose Leone and Terri Panuccio (POF)

11 a.m. Mass

Carol Trinco and Salvie Perritano (POF)

Altar servers

SUNDAY, AUG. 4

8 a.m. Mass

Team D: Josie and Evy Leone, Carson Vella,
David George, Dominic Smoulcey

11 a.m. Mass

Team B: Francesca and Cecelia Kane,
Dominic Sacco



Parish website

For parish news and information, visit www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com. Scan the QR code to get the mobile version of the website and save it to your home screen Here's some of what you'll find:

- Wedding Planning Guide.
- Funeral Service Planning Guide.
- Weekly prayers, reflections, photos, videos and more to enrich your faith.
- Bulletin
- Mass schedules
- "More Good News" magazine



Join our email list

Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament Parish has compiled a database of email addresses that is used to contact parishioners with the latest news and information. We ask all parishioners to submit their email address to Fran Perritano at fperritano@syrdio.org using the subject line **PARISH EMAIL**.



July 21: \$5,798

**Donate at Mass, by mail,
online, cellphone**

- Make your donation by mailing it to: Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament Parish, 648 Jay St., Utica, NY 13502.
- **Please note:** If you attend a Mass at St. Anthony, you can place your envelope in the collect there and it will be sent to Mount Carmel.
- You also can contribute online on our website. Look for the **DONATE** button in the right column or scan the QR code.
- Or, scan the QR code below on your smartphone and tap **DONATE**.



PARISH NEWS

Parish golf tournament tees off Aug. 25 at Twin Ponds

The parish's annual golf tournament tees off Sunday, Aug. 25, at Twin Ponds Golf and Country Club in New York Mills.

The four-person scramble begins at 11 a.m. with registration at 10 a.m. The cost is \$125 per person. Registration forms will be available in church, the parish office and on the parish website (look for a link in this story on the website).

The day includes 18 holes of golf with a cart; coffee, beverages and lunch on the course; prime rib dinner with beverages, including one-hour top-shelf open bar; optional skins and a 50/50 raffle; hole-in-one for a car; hole in one for an ATV; and a casino hole.



The winners of the Buona Fortuna raffle are ...

Here are the Buona Fortuna winners chosen on the last day of the parish's Italian Festival:

• **Grand prize:** \$10,000 — Nick and Terri Panuccio.

• **Second prize:** \$2,500 — Shawna Gelfuso.

• **Third prize:** \$1,000 — Nick and Terri Panuccio.

"A special thank you to all the super sellers,"



Chairwoman Leigh D'Agostino said. "Your hard work gave us a record year in sales."

Also, Joanne Suppa won the drawing for a statute of the Blessed Mother

We are in need of more altar servers; please help

Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament has a wonderful tradition of dedicated youngsters and young people who serve weekend Mass and special services.

With the new Mass schedule, we need servers for the 8 and 11 a.m. Sunday Masses. We only have one team of servers for the 8 a.m. Mass and three for the 11 a.m. Mass.

If your child is at least in third grade and has received First Communion, we urge you to consider signing up him or her to become an altar server. Once we get new servers, a training session will take place.

If we get enough volunteers, your child might have to serve only once a month, though they can serve more often if they like. A two-month schedule is sent via email in advance so you can plan your weekend when your child serves.

If you and your child can answer this call, send your child's name and your email address to Fran Perritano at fperritano@sydio.org.

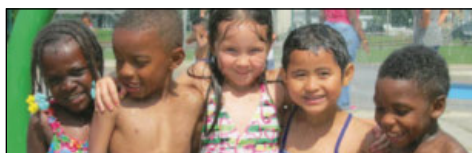


Thea Bowman's children need items for summertime

Thea Bowman House is looking for help for their children this summer. We're hoping you can help.

The organization is asking for the following:

- Children's bathing suits sizes 3-16.
- Shorts or pants 2T-8 (new or used).
- T-shirts 2T-12.
- Diapers for toddlers, sizes 4 and 5.
- Baby wipes.
- Diaper Genie refills.



Please leave your items in the Scalabrini Niche at the Jay Street entrance. Deadline is Aug 7. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

LIVESTREAM

Livestream Mass suspended; we need someone to stream it

The livestream Mass that we have been airing for several years has been put on pause for a while.

The person who has been dedicated to streaming the Mass is unable to continue.

We are looking for a few individuals who can attend the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass and operate the equipment. Training will be available,

If you're tech savvy and wish to help out, contact Anne Elacqua at 315-941-7447.

If we can't find someone, we might have to end this valuable service for those who are homebound or physically can't attend Mass.

Weekly envelopes can be placed in St. Anthony's collection

If you happen to attend Mass at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Parish, you can place your weekly donation envelope in the collection there. Those donations will be brought to Mount Carmel each weekend.

ALSO OF INTEREST

Sacred Heart-St. Mary festivities coming Aug. 2-4 in NY Mills

Sacred Heart-St. Mary Our Lady of Czechochowa Catholic Church, 201 Main St., New York Mills, is hosting its annual Polish-American Parish Festival and Flea Market and Basket Raffle next month.

Here are the details:

• **Flea Market and Basket Raffle:** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Aug. 2 and 3; noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4.

• **Outdoor Grill and Bake Sale:** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3.

• **Festival:** Noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4. Festivities include Polish kitchen, outdoor grill, beverages, bake sale, raffle and continuous music. Entertainment by Galicja and Tony's Polka Band.

Festivities will take place rain or shine. There is no admission fee and plenty of parking

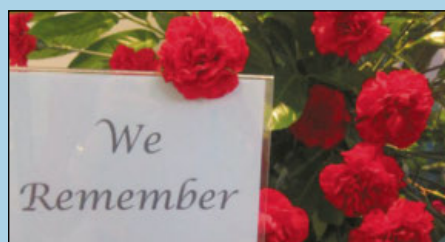
THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

LIVING

- Children — mom
- For a special intention

DECEASED

- Bob Ciancaglini — Fay and family
- Winston J. Bish — wife Corinne
- Carrie M. Briggs-Powers — Philip and Gloria Anea
- William Brodany — Frank Ferraro
- Alfred J. Dellaera — daughter Corinne
- Margaret Dichiera — Tessie
- Alice Eisinger — Karen McBride
- John "Jack" Farrell — Marie Wojnas
- Joe Inserra — Barbara Inserra and family
- Lucille Lowden — Carmela Commisso
- Ida and Josephine Manze — David Struz
- Ida M. and Josephine D. Manze and family — will
- Manze and Motto Families — will
- Anthony D. Meola III — Lois Hoyle
- Josephine Nicotera — daughter Madeline and children
- Antonio Nistico — Carmela Commisso
- Josephine R. Popeo — son Jerry and family
- Joseph Rocco — Joe and Marilyn LaBarbera
- Philip "Phibby" Scampone — wife Carol and family
- Jane "Sis" Skermont — niece Virginia and Regina
- Stan and Mary Struz — family
- Anthony and Erminia Trino — daughter Edye



Prayer Remembrance policy

Prayer Remembrances must be submitted two weeks in advance of the desired publication date. Those received this week-end 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. A minimum donation of \$5 per intention is requested. To ensure that all your intentions are listed as requested, please do not write multiple intentions on one envelope as often-times names are inadvertently omitted.

Prayer line

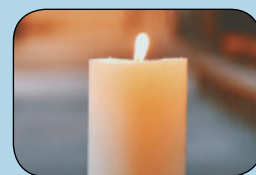
If you have an intention that you would like parishioners to pray for, call Rosemarie Chiffy at 315-735-6832. She and members of prayer line will pray for you.



Funeral

- Tosca Meola

- Ellen and William Thomas — V. Rocci
- David Inserra Vaccarelli — Barbara Inserra and family



Memorials

- The gospel light is lit in memory of **Concetta and Mary Caruso** by Ricky.
- The St. Joseph candle is lit in memory of **Aunt Kay and Aunt Mary** by Ricky Caruso.

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 weekly), gospel light, St. Joseph, St. Marianne Cope and St. Giovanni Battista Scalabrini candles are each \$10 per week.



Baptism

- Emme Rose Priore

Thank you ...

- Prizes for the wheel game at the festival, were donated in loving memory of **Tony Nistico** by wife and family.

Scripture reflections, explanations available weekly on our parish website

Do the weekend scriptures sometimes baffle you? Is it hard to determine what they're trying to teach us?

If that's the case, our "Liturgy in Focus" carousel on the parish website (www.mount-carmelblessedsacrament.com) is an excellent source of information.

Every week beginning on Saturday afternoons, material is posted that gives insights on that weekend's scriptures through prayers, reflections and video presentations.

"Liturgy in Focus" is broken into five categories that slowly rotate at the top of the homepage:

- "Call to Worship:" This area provides



you with a brief explanation of the scriptures, prayers to ponder and music videos that tie in with those scriptures.

- "The Word of God This Week:" You can read the weekend scriptures and listen to the responsorial psalm.

- "Breaking Open God's Word:" Video

presentations and explanations of those scriptures you just read.

- "For Children & Teens:" Video presentations produced especially for children and teenagers that are engaging and instructive.

- "Preparing for Next Week:" The scripture readings for the following weekend with an explanatory reflection so that you are ready for that weekend's Mass.

You can access the website on your computer, tablet and smartphone. The material remains there all week, so you can check it out at your leisure.

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS: MARTHA, MARY, LAZARUS

Martha, Mary and their brother Lazarus were evidently close friends of Jesus. He came to their home simply as a welcomed guest. The sisters felt free to call on Jesus at their brother's death, even though a return to Judea at that time seemed to spell almost certain death.

Martha's great glory is her simple and strong statement of faith in Jesus after her brother's death. Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world'" (John 11:25-27).

No doubt Martha was an active sort of person. On one occasion, she prepares the meal for Jesus and possibly his fellow guests and forthrightly states the obvious: All hands should pitch in to help with the dinner. The Lord recognizes that Martha is "worried about many things," also noting that Mary, who has spent the preparation time at Jesus' feet listening to his words "has chosen the better part." John 12:1-8 describes Mary's anointing of Jesus' feet at Bethany, an act



which he praised highly.

Immediately after we are told that the chief priests plotted to kill Lazarus "because many of the Jews were turning away and believing in Jesus because of him." Lazarus was the one of whom the Jews said, "See how much he loved him." In their sight Jesus raised his friend Lazarus from the dead.

Legends abound about the life of Lazarus after the death and resurrection of Jesus. He is supposed to have left a written account of what he saw in the next world before he was called back to life. Some say he followed Peter into Syria. Another story is that despite being put into a leaking boat by the Jews at Jaffa, he, his sisters, and others landed safely in Cyprus. There he died peacefully after serving as bishop for 30 years.

Thanksgiving prayer

Jesus, you fed the crowds with bread.

*Thank you for food that nourishes,
for companions to share my joys and trials,
for my constant hunger to discern your will.*

*You taught the multitudes
about God's Kingdom.*

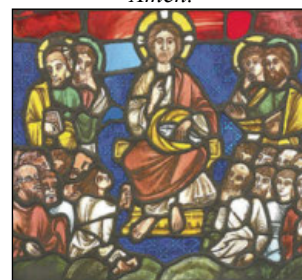
*Thank you for faith that sustains me,
for opportunities to grow in understanding,
for challenges to develop my faith.*

*You showed us how a tiny sharing
can feed so many.*

*Thank you for the miracles
you let me perform,*

*for believing in the power of my gifts,
for offering me moments to listen,
guide and help.*

*Keep my mind open and my heart thankful.
Amen.*



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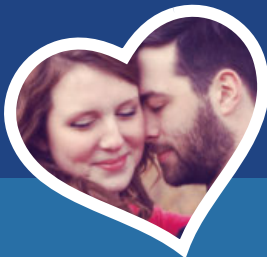
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