Our First Communion Class of 2021 is comprised of 44 youngsters who will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time this weekend and on May 15 and 16. The ceremonies will take place over six Masses to allow family and friends to attend in a safe manner. Here are the children receiving First Communion this weekend:

- Layla Grace Allen
- Carmella Marie Arcuri
- Vincent Edward Arena II
- Mung Dan Aung
- Angelina Grace Callari
- Samie Gaetano-Gates Cimbalo
- Petrucci Hpo
- Cecilia Vita Kane
- Mason Markian Kaszycki
- Evalena Rose Leone
- Vincenza Rosalie Leone
- Marciano Leonard Maldonado
- Joseph Daniel Nash
- Greyson Everly Ramirez
- Matthew Leonard Reale
- Michael Romeo Ruiz
- Olivia Rose Sacco
- Adrianna Marie Scalise
- Haleigh Grace Smith
- Vincent Michael Trevisani
- Constantino Walter Visalli
- Thaw Thaw Paw Wah
- Eugenio John Whiteley
It’s up to you to share joy of Christ’s risen life

Have you ever told something exciting to a young child and watched their reaction to it? They can’t wait to tell somebody else, even a stranger happening to walk by.

The Eastertime gospels send us a message to be like little kids and share the joy of the Lord’s risen life with others, to spread the word about faith and enjoying life within the sacramental church and God’s people.

It’s not that our faith is found wanting or lacking for anything, it’s just that so often the “news” has not yet leaked out. Too many, even in the Easter season, still walk among the dead, like the Magdalene, or wait and crouch in fear behind closed doors.

Remember, if the basis of Christian-ity were anything else than a God who came from a tomb, we’d have nothing to shout about.

Peace be with you.

And the otherwise ...

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake.

“Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.”

One of them turned to the other and said, “You be Jesus!”

**NEXT WEEKEND’S SCHEDULES**

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**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**

April 24-25: $3,842

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.
Please consider donating $125 in celebration of your parish’s 125th anniversary year

Over the last 125 years, our parish has been cherished as a jewel in East Utica. It is a jewel with needs to be addressed as it continues moving into the years ahead.

As with any Catholic parish, there are programs, upkeep of buildings and many other expenses that all need attention. As a part of this 125th anniversary, we ask that you might consider a supporting donation of $125. Of course, an anniversary donation of any amount would be appreciated, and if a greater one is within your reach, God bless!

Please pray over and consider this opportunity to celebrate a wonderful and blessed parish church and community with a long history and a bright future.

You may donate by placing your contribution in an envelope marked “Anniversary donation.” Please return it either in the collection basket or by mailing it to the parish office at 648 Jay St., Utica, NY 13501-1398.

Call 315-735-1482 with any questions. We thank you in advance for anything you can give.

Diocese presents programs for married couples, divorced

The Third Option, a program to build better marriages, has several virtual events scheduled for May and June:

• “Understanding Expectations Can Transform Your Marriage:” 7:15 to 9 p.m. Sunday, May 16. Contact Stephanie Stewart for information or to join the meeting at sstewart@syrdio.org or 315-472-6728.

• “Redefining Power Struggles in Marriage: Getting on the Same Team:” 7:15 to 9 p.m. Sunday, May 23. Learn about how when I win, my marriage loses. Contact Stephanie Stewart for information or to join the meeting at sstewart@syrdio.org or 315-472-6728.

• “Coping with Control Issues in Marriage: It Doesn’t Have To Be That Way:” 7:15 to 9 p.m. Sunday, June 6. Contact Stephanie Stewart for information or to join the meeting at sstewart@syrdio.org or 315-472-6728.

• “Branch Out & Grow: For Separated and Divorced” has scheduled several programs. Meetings are one-hour and start at 7p.m. For information or to participate, contact Deacon Dean Brainard at dbbrainard@syrdio.org or 315-472-6754, ext.4. Join us from the comfort of your home for

How to submit bulletin items

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LIVING
- First Communion children—Mrs. Panuccio
- Victoria—Nonny
- Children and grandchildren—mom
- Children and grandchildren—Non and Pop
- In thanksgiving to St. Anthony for favors received—Marilyn
- In gratitude to the Holy Mother of Jesus—Phyllis and Anthony J. Palumbo

DECEASED
- Pasquale, Mary and Tasha Cardinale—Ray Cardinale
- Jack Cardone—Carol and daughters
- Anthony “Tony” Chiffy—Phyllis and Anthony J. Palumbo
- Ann Cucinotta—daughter Mary
- Ursula DelMonte—Tony and Pattie Dispirito
- Ursula DelMonte—Carol Franco and family
- Ursula DelMonte—Jim and Bernadette Peters
- Ursula M. (Leogrande) DelMonte—Fiorinda Grandinetta Wilson
- Tom DeSimone—Flo and Amanda
- Victoria Duesler—Bill True
- Richard D. Enders—Phyllis and Anthony J. Palumbo
- Norton Esposito—Bee
- Providence Fontaine—children and grandchildren
- Mr. and Mrs. John L. Giruzzi Sr.—Carmella Giruzzi
- Mr. John L. Giruzzi Jr.—Carmella Giruzzi
- Susan Giruzzi—Carmella Giruzzi
- Carmella Graziaidei Grande—Rocco and Lisa Grande and family
- Robert “Jap” Grande—Tony Meola
- Robert Grande—the parish
- Joseph Ianno—mom, dad and family
- Pasquale and Roma Inserra—Joe and Barbara Inserra
- Raymond LaBarbara—Anna Scalise
- Fred LaBella—Maria and Leo
- Mary Beth LaNeve—Gordon and Chuck
- Alice Latella—Carol Franco and family
- Carmen S. Lombardo “Uncle”—niece Rosemary, nephew Pat and family
- Ida and Josephine Manze—David Struz
- Ida M. and Josephine D. Manze and family—will
- Manze and Motto Families—will
- Anthony Marino—Jim Piccola
- Frank Mazza—wife Josephine
- Anthony Masercola Sr.—Jean and family
- Angie Mizgala—Mary and John Russo and children
- Eddie Morgan—Joe and Madeline Briggs
- Edward Morgan—Mario and Carmelann Scallo
- Milton B. Morrissey—son Pat, daughter-in-law Rosemary and children
- Yolanda Pedone—Hon and children
- Marco and Palma Piccolino—children and grandchildren
- Rocco Rinzonna Jr.—Nancy Calautti
- Catherine Sabia—children and grandchildren
- Carol Stewart Simchik—Joe and Barbara Inserra
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Memorials
- The altar candles for May are lit in memory of George Carzo by Alice Bendenino and Eleanor and Bob Leone.
- The altar bread for May is donated in memory of James and Mary Antonelli Mancuso by Dolores, Rick and Maryellen.
- The altar wine for May is donated in memory of George Carzo by wife Cindy and children.
- The gospel light is lit in memory of Mary Caruso by brother Ricky.
- The St. Joseph Candle is lit in memory of Joseph Clerrico by wife and daughters.

Baptisms
- Jameson Theodore Adams, Lucas Michael Ferreira and Zachary George Schulman.

Funerals
- Shibley Caouette and Marie N. Pandolfo.
- Jean Stewart Stow—Joe and Barbara Inserra
- Stan and Mary Struz—family
- Frank Suppa III—Vicki
- Joseph Suppa—Phyllis and Anthony J. Palumbo
- Joseph Suppa—Judy, Carmen and Sara
- Marion Suppa—Vicki
- Anthony R. and Erminia M. Trino—daughter Edye
- Joseph Vaccarelli—David Vaccarelli
- Gaetano “Guy” Vivenzo—Phyllis and Anthony J. Palumbo
- Guy Vivenzo—Jim Piccola
- Maria Sorce Vullo—Rocco and Lisa Grande
- Michael C. Wicks—Brad and Joann Campbell
- Carol Zasa—Tony and Marilyn Cimino
- Carol Jane (Burns) Zasa—Eleanor and Robert Leone
Easter Prayer

Lord of the Vine,  
breathe life into me and hold me firm.  
May the fruit I bear sow justice and peace, my blossoms burst forth  
with kindness and mercy, my desire remains solidly connected to you that I may nurture faith, provide hope and be a source of welcoming love. Prune me, O Lord, that my yield may be rich and ripe, my life overflow with goodness and my legacy be full of delight. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

• For the Church all over the world. May our faith be deepened and our hope be strengthened. May our love for others abound with energy and enthusiasm, and may we be channels of peace, justice and truth;  
We ask: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

• For our world. Guide all who are experiencing loss, transition or change. Strengthen all who have been discouraged or victimized by this pandemic, and all who grieve the loss of a loved one.  
We ask: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

• For anyone who feels cut off from God or community. May they discover new connections and relationships that can inspire faith, hospitality and consolation.
We ask: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

• For the troubled areas of our world. We pray especially for the people of Myanmar and for the families and friends of our Burmese community. May human dignity be restored to all people by governments that encourage peace, democracy and security.
We ask: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

• For the children from our parish who will receive First Communion this weekend. May they be signs of Christ’s presence in our faith community;
We ask: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

• For the sick, the dying and the grieving. For all who are addicted or facing difficulty, and for the personal prayers we hold in silence ...
We ask: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.