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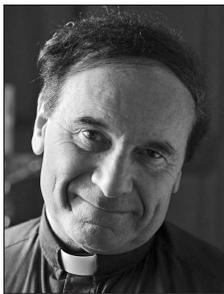
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# In your hectic life, don't insulate yourself from faith

There exist some people who have taken upon themselves a kind of way of living they call the "Benedict Option."

Inspired and fascinated by the example of the sixth-century monk Benedict of Nursia, Italy, these people seek to live protected from the hostile and rather faithless culture around them.

St. Benedict, founder of the great Benedictine Order of men and women who established the famous abbey of Monte Casino between Rome and Naples, was convinced it was impossible to live and keep alive the flame of Catholic and Christian faith in the culture of the Roman Empire.



FATHER JIM

So, living separate from and relying on each other and their own personal faith — in addition to the sacramental life of the church — those of the "Benedict Option" struggle to live in what is a post-Christian America.

Some would say that most things about our American culture seem to conspire to put down or eliminate things such as faith in God, the sanctity of family life and the sacredness of all

life, the value of communities of faith, churches and worship itself.

Some would say the only way forward is to turn inward and be removed from the modern culture.

Well, that approach isn't really possible, even recognizing that we do struggle to practice our Catholic ways surrounded by so many forces that seek to weaken us. The best way is the tried-and-true way: to value faith, family and weekend community worship so much that it takes a more significant place than other things in the complex and busy lives we lead.

Baptism, First Holy Communion, blessed marriages always invite the fuller and faithful practice of what it means to be a Catholic person or family — it can happen without the radical approach of the "Benedict Option."

For many years, parents and their children having the motto, "Where there's a will there's a way," have practiced very satisfying and fruitful lives within the household of our faith. The pull of sports, home entertainment, working, a high-tech secular culture is extremely powerful.

In addition, the temptation to give in to a kind of attitude of not making commitments to formal religion is an unfortunate attitude these days. It always comes down to making priorities and sorting out what is essential for a good, healthy and holy life. It doesn't involve removing yourself from the world around you. It does demand being committed to the treasure of Catholic faith and life.

## CELEBRATING THE SAINTS

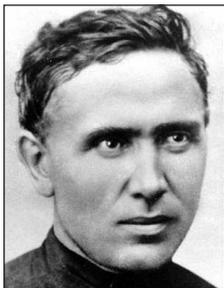
### St. Damien of Molokai

#### Feast Day May 10

The man who would become St. Damien of Molokai was born in rural Belgium on Jan. 3, 1840. His name was Jozef De Veuster, and he was the youngest of seven children.

Growing up on a farm, Jozef was prepared to take over for his family, but he did not want the responsibility. Instead, he wanted to follow his older brother and two sisters who took religious vows.

The brothers worried that Damien was too uneducated to become a priest, although he was not considered unintelligent. Damien demonstrated his ability by quickly learning Latin from his brother. He also was devoted in prayer, Damien prayed each day before an icon of St. Francis Xavier to be sent on a mission.



Eventually, his religious brothers agreed to send him and have him ordained.

Damien arrived in Hawaii in March 1864, and was ordained as a priest on the island of Hawaii two months later. For nine years, he worked on the island as a priest, leading an important, yet undistinguished life.

In 1866, Hawaii established a leper colony on the Kalaupapa Peninsula. Father Damien realized the people needed leadership, so he provided it. He asked people to come together to build houses and schools and eventually the parish church, St. Philomena. One of the people who help Father Damien was Mother Marianne Cope of Utica, now St. Marianne.

The sick were cared for and the dead buried. Order and routine made the colony livable. Father Damien personally provided much of the care the people needed.

After 16 years in the colony, Father Damien succumbed to leprosy on April 15, 1889. He was first buried nearby, and then his remains were transferred to Belgium in 1936. His right hand was returned to Hawaii in 1995 to be reburied in his original grave at Molokai.

Source: catholic.org

## PARISH WEBSITE

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## BULLETIN

A Community on a Journey of Faith April 2, 2017

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**Weekend Masses**  
Saturday: 4:30 PM  
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM  
Reconciliation: Saturday 3-4:30 PM

**Weekday Masses**  
Nov. 7:15 AM  
Friday: 8:30 AM. Mass of Communion Service.  
Rosary for the unborn and Divine Mercy Chaplet - Thursday after Mass.  
Holy Days consult bulletin.

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Cleric: 7-10 AM  
Cleric: 10-11 AM  
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**BAPTISM**  
Catechism level. Please call the parish office to arrange a baptism. We reserve the right to cancel the plan if you do not call before the date of your baptism.

**WEDDINGS**  
All men 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.

**ENGAGEMENTS**  
Couples must make arrangements six months in advance.

**NEW SUBSCRIBERS**  
Welcome to our parish family. We invite you to become an active participant in our parish community. Please be sure to register by calling the parish office.

Also listings are listed for having happened.

## ... AND MORE

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# Working together

## Parents, parish play major roles in faith formation of children

By FRAN PERRITANO

Partnership.  
Collaboration.  
Cooperation.

Choose whatever word you like and it describes what should be the relationship between the parish and parents in the religious guidance of their children in growing in the Catholic faith.

Teaching children about their faith is not just dropping them off for a one-hour Faith Formation class on a Sunday morning, picking them up and forgetting about it until the next Sunday. Just as those who teach your children for that one hour on Sunday morning have a responsibility, parents and guardians have an even greater role to play.

“The parents’ role is a very important one,” said Terri Panuccio, elementary school Faith Formation coordinator at Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament for the last seven years. “As they are told at their child’s baptism, they are the first teachers of our faith. It is up to them to lay a solid foundation for their children and show them, by their example, that God has to take priority in their lives. We are here to help and encourage them along their faith journey.”

And sometimes, that means difficult choices must be made by parents in choosing what is important.

Terri said her biggest challenges are “competing with sports like football, hockey, dance and cheerleading.”

“While sports and extracurricular activities are important for the children, that is not what gets them through life,” she said. “It is God and faith that will help them through whatever obstacles they will face in their lives. I think it would be great if parents got together with athletic directors and coaches to let them know there is a conflict so they could perhaps schedule games at a time that doesn’t conflict with religious education classes.”

Chris Vella is the father of four young sons, two of whom are in Faith Formation classes. His wife also volunteers as a catechist. Despite their hectic lives raising four children, they know what’s most important.

“First comes first,” Chris said. “You can play sports all week long — practice, games, whatever. Once a week, this comes first.”

Chris and his wife also recognize the importance of raising their children in the faith at home and in the parish by attending religious education and celebrating Mass together.

“The importance is to make sure my boys follow the same traditions we had when we were kids, when our parents were kids and follow the same religious beliefs we have been good



Faith Formation classes at Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament are taught by trained volunteers who give their time to help mold young minds.

to people, be nice, do the right thing,” he said. “And this is helpful on that path to learn the ideas about all of that. I went to Catholic school my entire life I learned this in school every day for 13 years. One hour a week ... isn’t really enough but something for these kids beyond teaching at home.”

Mike Bova has two grandsons in first grade. He also stresses the importance of parent — and grandparent — involvement in sharing their faith, working in tandem with the Faith Formation program and, of course, going to Mass with the children and grandchildren.

“They have to get a base,” he said. “Just like elementary school, you have to start in kindergarten and go on through. We look at this as their base training outside the home.”

It doesn’t stop there.

“The responsibility is to not only get them here to class but also to discuss it outside the classroom so they understand why they’re here,” Mike said. “The one thing we like to do is we go to early Mass and bring the boys with us. Their mother comes and therefore they get to church and then it follows through into religion and there’s a tie-in there.”

“Now, a lot of times the kids have conflicts. I think we do the kids an injustice if we pull up to the door, drop them off and drive away and come back in 45 minutes.”

Terri said there are 113 children in the elementary program, which has risen from recent

years. One other major problem she sees is that children are sent to Faith Formation to receive their First Communion and then disappear until it’s time for Confirmation. After that, they vanish again.

“I think we have a lost generation and one that questions everything, which I’m not saying is a bad thing, but when we were younger, we didn’t need any kind of proof,” she said. “We followed the example of our parents and had a blind faith like they did, never really questioning, just doing. I believe the tides are changing and I am now seeing a generation of parents whose faith is important to them.”

Despite the conflicts of daily life, Terri is very optimistic and maintains a positive attitude.

“Being able to share my faith and love of Christ with so many wonderful children and families has truly been a blessing,” she said. “Because the Eucharist is so important to me, I especially love that I’ve played a role in so many children receiving their First Communion. ... I really don’t think any church in our diocese has liturgies as beautiful and meaningful as we do. We are so blessed to be a part of such a loving and warm worshipping faith community.”

View more photos on page 8 and at [www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com/faith-formation-2017](http://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com/faith-formation-2017)

## A CONVERSATION WITH ... JACKIE THIBAUT

# She's living life on her terms

*To say that Jackie Thibault is a social being is an understatement. She loves to be with people so much that she basically runs two bowling leagues, works at Utica Comets games, is on the Social Committee in our parish, volunteers at the parish festival and helps take care of her grandchildren, including taking them to hockey and soccer games. She continues to do all that despite her battle with cancer.*

**You've lived in Utica your whole life — and on the same street. What do you like about the area?**

East Utica was my comfort zone. My school, church and where I shopped were all in the area or close by. Neighbors are friendly and family oriented.

**Lots of young people can't wait to leave the area. What reason would you give them to stick around?**

There is so much to do on any given weekend in the surrounding area — plays, concerts, fundraisers, sporting events, and food and beverage tastings. We have so many things and they are more personal because you most always see someone you know. More money for fancy jobs does not always mean happiness. Comfortable income, family and friends are more important.

**You are a secretary/treasurer for a 72-member co-ed bowling league and an 18-member ladies league. That seems like a lot of work.**

I have been a league secretary for over 30 years. I like being with people and don't mind the paperwork. I like to encourage all bowlers that it is not winning games but having fun and being with other people. My philosophy about bowling is "it's cheaper than therapy." Oh, and I get to be in charge.

**You've been a bowler most of your life. How did you get into the sport?**

My parents bowled at the Madison on Kossuth Avenue. I would go with them every week to watch. They always had fun and time to visit with friends and family. I started bowling in high school through the CYO program on Sunday mornings with my friend Alice Mary (Gerace) Zane. I then joined a women's league that my mother was on. Haven't stopped since.

**As a grandparent, you keep busy with youth hockey, soccer games and Learn to Skate programs. Does it seem like your reliving your early years as parents?**

Definitely, only I'm not the one doing team snacks or washing uniforms. It's fun to watch the games and it gets you outside.

**What are your thoughts about being a grandparent?**

I love it. You can teach, guide, talk, laugh and then send them home.

**You have been raised at Mount Carmel, as you say from "Day One." What is it about this parish that you love so much?**



Bill and Jackie Thibault. "My husband has truly been my rock," Jackie said.

## JACKIE (MANCUSO) THIBAUT

**Age:** 63.

**Family:** Married to Bill for 37 years, daughter Cathy, grandchildren Connor, Bella, Jessie.

**Education:** Mount Carmel and St. Francis DeSales High School.

**Occupation:** Did office work and then stay-at-home mom; now, stay-at-home grandma.

**Things you like to do:** Cook, shop with Bill, casino, travel and be with grandchildren and family.

**Favorite movie:** "Sound of Music."

**Favorite TV show:** "NCIS."

**Favorite musician:** Reba.

**Favorite quote:** "If you can't change it don't worry about it."

The closeness of everyone. We are a solid family group. Everyone is always encouraging and supportive. We have different strengths, some more into spiritual and others into community life.

**You also volunteer a lot — at the festival, at Mass and on the Social Committee. Why do you do it?**

First, for the love of my church. If we don't all do something, eventually nothing will happen. Second, I love to socialize and be with good, happy people. Volunteering to be on committees and such helps take you away from

everyday routine and problems.

**What reason would you give a newcomer to become part of our parish family?**

We are a very versatile group who has a strong faith in God, family, friends. We enjoy our Mass services and the celebration of our holidays, and don't forget the socializing.

**You recently have been undergoing treatment for cancer. When you were first told about it, what went through your mind?**

Everything. My husband, my family, my mother. I was in shock for a while.

**Once you confronted your diagnosis, how have you summoned the strength to carry on?**

My oncologist was very informative and spoke in clear English words. It was not as bad as first thought and he was very confident that treatments would work. The support from family, church family, bowlers and co-workers at the Aud has been truly unending.

**Some people would ask God, "Why me?" What was your response?**

I thought about that, but held my faith and I talk to God every night. I believe that He only gives you what will make you stronger.

**What has this setback taught you about?**

Don't procrastinate. Do what makes you happy when you want to do it. Think positive and be surprised and overwhelmed at the support you get from all those around you. My husband has truly been my rock.

# He's a natural-born leader

## Anthony sets standard for others to follow

*There is the old axiom that “there is no I in TEAM.” Anthony Ruggiero is a prime example of that. He loves sports, especially baseball, and works his hardest to make sure the TEAM comes first. He carries that on in life by volunteering and trying to make people’s lives just a little bit better.*

**You love sports, especially baseball and soccer. Where did you get this love of sports?**

At a young age I was taught how to swing a plastic bat by hitting a ball off a tee. I loved to be outside, so my parents and I used this time to have fun with this newly acquired game for me. Soccer was a sport in which it balances off with baseball. I am a goalie, and since I am an outfielder for baseball, they both are very similar: I can use my hands, practice my dives and enjoy the competitive experience in another way. And now, 14 years later, I’m still swinging the bat with a ball still on the tee. I like to remind myself of this, as my love for the game increases every day.

**Baseball is your favorite. Why?**

From a young age it always captivated me on how fair it was. The quote I picked (see bio) explains this beautifully, by the sense that there is no mercy rule, and you cannot sit on a big lead. Every pitch can decide a game. Even if you are up by 20 runs, there is still an opportunity for you to regroup and change the momentum. Another reason is the announcing. You can follow a team, talk about all the history and enjoy yourself in a beautiful game while providing commentary that complements it perfectly.

**What has playing sports taught you?**

Playing sports has taught me how to manage my time with school and activities and how to be a team guy instead of a “me” guy.

**Your mom says you’ll do anything you can for your team, making sure everyone stays in the game and being a real team player. Those are signs of leader. Do you consider yourself a leader?**

I would consider myself a leader because I might not be the best player on some teams, but people look up to me in the sense of my heart. If we are losing by 20 runs or winning by 20 runs, I never get lazy. I still try my best to be the best I can, I do not get an attitude and throw my gear, I still run on and off the field, and I still always cheer on my teammates. I will try to work harder than anyone else so I know that I did something right that day, hoping that people follow trying to beat my effort, so it improves the team as a whole.

**You also participate in many activities at school. Why do you do it and what do you get out of it?**

### ANTHONY RUGGIERO

**Age:** 16.

**School:** Whitesboro High School.

**Family:** My parents and a twin brother.

**Things you like to do:** Play baseball, soccer and just enjoy being outside.

**Favorite movie:** “The Benchwarmers”

**Favorite TV show:** “I Love Lucy.”

**Favorite book:** “Baseball Great” by Tim Greene.

**Favorite musician:** Frank Sinatra.

**Favorite quote:** “You can’t sit on a lead and run a few plays into the line and just kill the clock. You’ve got to throw the ball over the plate and give the other man his chance. That’s why baseball is the greatest game of them all.” — Earl Weaver

Personally, I like having a full schedule. If I have down time, I might not use it as effectively as I should, so being more active helps me keep my focus. Some of the clubs at school keep me interested in topics going around the world, so I can see what could affect me in the near future. Another reason is for college, since they could help my application to try and get into the best college I can.

**In addition to being an athlete, you love music. You’ve been playing percussion instruments since fourth grade and are a drummer in school and in church. What does music mean to you?**

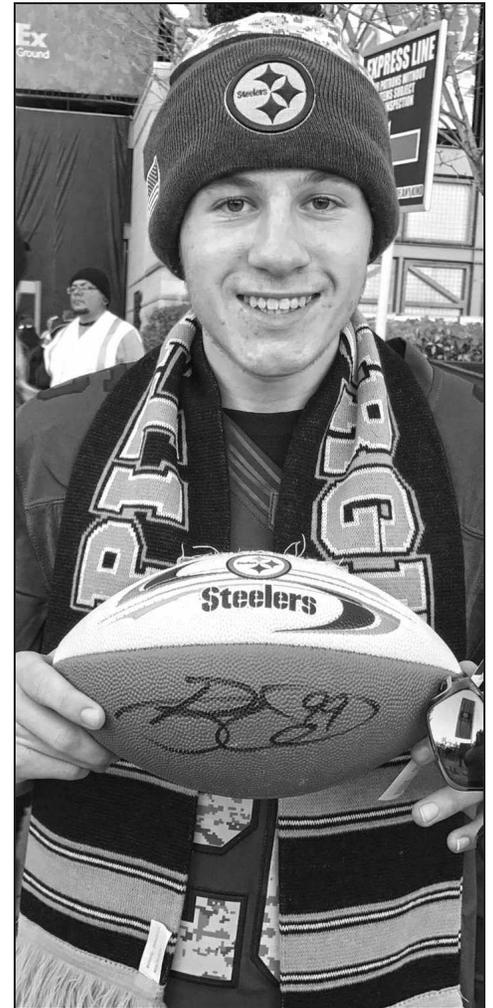
Music is a big stress reliever for me. Maybe I had a bad day, made an error in game, or just was not 100 percent. This is the time for my emotions to come out, so that the lyrics I listen to usually are based on my mood. Music really helps so that my actions are never phased on the field or in school, but when the time comes to be alone and reflect on my day, that can be let out so that it won’t affect me the next day and I can be the best I can be again.

**Why is playing drums in the parish music ministry meaningful to you?**

Playing in church is honestly more fun than playing in school band because it is a small group who is close and knows each other, and we play great music. Everyone makes you feel welcome, and we welcome people into a deeper understanding of faith by the music we play for the parishioners.

**What have you learned from volunteering?**

I have learned the gift of giving. I don’t expect anything in return, but when I get a “thank you” or “great job,” it helps me know that I am doing something right. And I like to try and make conversation for a few quick seconds. Maybe that person has not had the best of days, and someone interested in what they



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do or how they are might bring them to a better mood.

**Last summer, you traveled with other teens to South Bend, Indiana, for Notre Dame University Vision. With your sports background, how cool was it to be at the home of the Fighting Irish?**

It was an awesome experience. It was one of the best things and trips I have been on. From the sports side, I still practiced baseball by playing wall ball, but soccer captivated me there. There were so many people who loved it, and since there was a soccer ball, every day, in pouring rain or beautiful sunshine, we played for about an hour in a game. Just played to have fun, and by the last day, almost all the teens were watching our game, as it brought everyone together. With the faith, it brought

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# Educating our children is Job 1

Jean-Baptiste de La Salle considered the founder of the first Catholic schools

This issue of "More Good News" is being dedicated to the Faith Formation programs at St. Mary of Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament.

Religious instruction is an important responsibility of the church in that it fosters the perpetuation of the faith and the good works that the church does among its flock and in the world at large. One need only consider the multiple agencies sponsored by the Roman Catholic Church and their impact on the poor, disadvantaged and distressed throughout the globe.

Consider agencies such as Food for the Poor and Cross Catholic Outreach that build homes for, feed and give medical services to the poor. Catholic Relief Services has established camps that give shelter and sustenance to the thousands of refugees who escaped the war-torn areas of the Middle East, South East Asia, Africa and more.



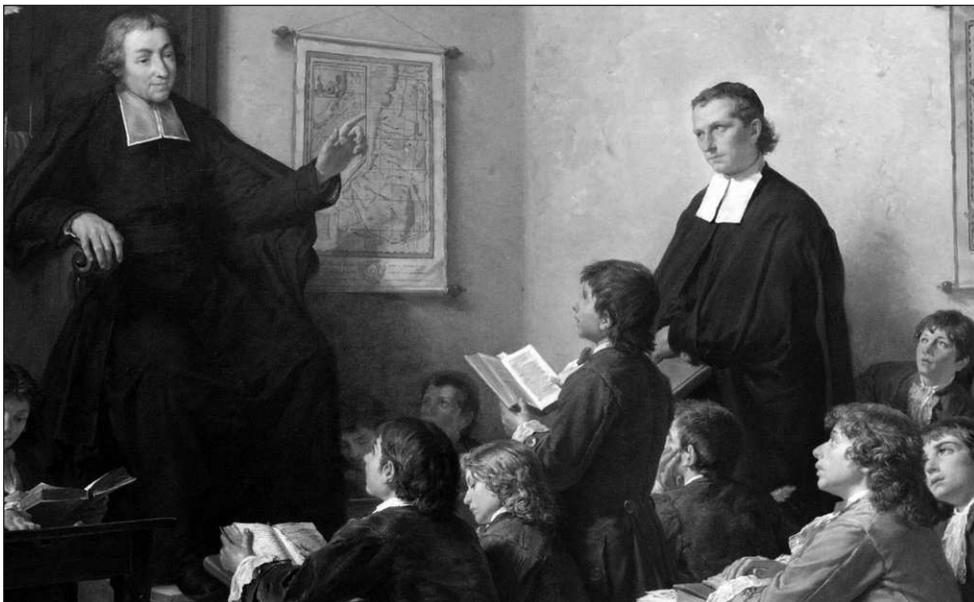
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We as Americans are privileged to live in a society where even on our worst days, the majority of us don't have to worry about our homes being shelled by missiles, unspeakable famines and conscription of children to fight in wars that they are incapable of understanding.

We do, however, have the obligation to educate our children on how blessed they are and how they have a moral duty to do what is possible to raise those up who do not enjoy the same comfortable lives, whether it in our own community or in a distant country.

That is one of the reasons why I have been involved in education for 43 years. I hold in great esteem those who have gone before me and my colleagues to help enlighten the children of our world.

One such saint was Jean-Baptiste de La Salle (1651-1719), considered the founder of the



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De La Salle became the head of his family at age 21 after losing his mother and father within a year. He was forced to leave the seminary to educate his four brothers and two sisters. He was later able to complete his studies and became a priest at age 27 and then received a doctorate in theology two years later.

His first work at education beyond the family occurred when he helped local nuns establish a school for the poor of his own town. He became acutely aware that only education could raise an individual from abject poverty. He soon realized that even some of the teachers working with the youth were little better off than the children they taught. He invited the teachers into his home just to teach them such things as table manners. He scandalized the

local gentry for mixing with such crass types.

De La Salle lost his family home in a lawsuit and was forced to rent another house into which he welcomed fellow teachers to live. This was the next step in his continued mission to train qualified teachers as role models for the youth they taught. He led by his own example as well, having sold what was left of his inheritance to give money to the starving people of the famine-stricken region of Champagne.

Despite opposition from many ecclesiastical authorities at the time over his actually living with these laymen teachers, he created a network of fine schools throughout France that instructed their students in their own language (not Latin), grouped by ability and achievement and was able to integrate religious and secular instruction.

De La Salle died in 1719, three weeks before his 68th birthday. He was canonized on May 24, 1900, by Pope Leo XIII.

## ANTHONY

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me closer to God. I was able to have more opportunities with Him, not just with others, but one on one as well.

**What does Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament mean to you?**

This parish means a lot to me. This is where my whole family goes and volunteers. My grandparents work the food tent as well, and my other set of grandparents love to come to

the feast every year. The people at the church are the nicest, our priest says a beautiful Mass and his (homily) is what gets people to start going to Mass. It's nice to see the church be filled for Mass.

**How has your faith shaped your young life?**

Faith has given me a greater understanding of everything around me. God is always with me, and in every life there are bumps and

bruises, but God is always there to pick you up, making sure you learn from your mistakes. He's like my GPS: he has a life planned out, and I am here living it to the fullest.

**If there is one thing you would want people to know about you, what would it be?**

It would be that under my competitiveness, eager for excitement and love for the game, I have a strong side of faith and trying to bring good not only in my life, but in the lives of others.

On Sunday, April 30, children received their First Holy Communion at Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament. It's a special time for family, friends and parishioners as these children welcome Jesus into their hearts and souls for the first time as the body and blood of Christ.



**LAYLA CARBONE**  
 Age: 8  
 Father: James III  
 Mother: Amy  
 Sister: Talia  
 If you could ask Jesus one thing, what would it be? To have a baby brother.



**SANTO CIMBALO**  
 Age: 8  
 Father: Santo  
 Mother: Brooke  
 Sister: Sofia  
 Brother: Sam  
 If you could ask Jesus one thing, what would it be? World peace.



**SOFIA CIMBALO**  
 Age: 7  
 Father: Santo  
 Mother: Brooke  
 Brothers: Santo and Sam  
 If you could ask Jesus one thing, what would it be? For everybody to get along.



**MIA DUMOULIN**  
 Age: 8  
 Father: Dan  
 Mother: Carla  
 Sisters: Sophia and Antonia  
 If you could ask Jesus one thing, what would it be? How do pets die?



**DAVID FANELLI**  
 Age: 7  
 Father: David  
 Mother: Maria  
 Sisters: Gianna and Giulia  
 If you could ask Jesus one thing, what would it be? Why don't you have a body?



**GABRIELLE GRAZIADEI**  
 Age: 8  
 Father: Carlo  
 Mother: Donna  
 Sister: Isabella  
 If you could ask Jesus one thing, what would it be? Do you always forgive my sins?



**FEBRUARY PETER HTOO**  
 Age: 8  
 Father: Ta Lu  
 Mother: San Aye  
 Brother: December Luke  
 If you could ask Jesus one thing, what would it be? How does some people have power?



**PATRICIA JA SANG RA**  
 Age: 8  
 Father: Brang Seng  
 Mother: Maran H. Lahtem  
 Sister: Nova  
 Brother: Dominick  
 If you could ask Jesus one thing, what would it be? How does the grass grow without water?



**LENNON KNOOP**  
 Age: 7  
 Father: Shannan  
 Mother: Tennille  
 Brothers: Sebastian and Hudson  
 If you could ask Jesus one thing, what would it be? How does it feel to be God?



**JAMES LEHMAN**  
 Age: 8  
 Father: Richard  
 Mother: Kimberly  
 Sisters: Joline and Emma  
 Brother: Daniel  
 If you could ask Jesus one thing, what would it be? How do you listen to everyone's prayers?



**KIERNAN SULLIVAN**  
 Age: 8  
 Father: Dan  
 Mother: Aubre  
 Sister: Addie  
 If you could ask Jesus one thing, what would it be? What do you look like?



**CONNOR THIBAUT**  
 Age: 8  
 Mother: Cathy  
 Sister: Bella & Jessie  
 If you could ask Jesus one thing, what would it be? To have a good family life.



**DANIEL TREVISANI**  
 Age: 7  
 Father: Daniel  
 Mother: Carrie  
 Brother: Vincent & Hayden  
 If you could ask Jesus one thing, what would it be? I wish my family lives long.



**CHRISTIAN VELLA**  
 Age: 7  
 Father: Chris  
 Mother: Marylisa  
 Brothers: Colin, Carson and Marco  
 If you could ask Jesus one thing, what would it be? How are sins forgiven?



# Learning about their faith



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