

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

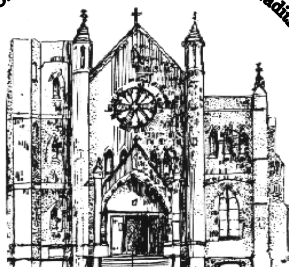
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Over One Hundred Years of Faith and Tradition



Established 1902

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Pastoral Associate: Sr. Judith Kapp, RSM
Parish Secretary: Rebecca Hanson
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Fourth Sunday of Lent



March 26, 2017

Processional: **Praise To You O Christ Our Savior** - Gather #515
Penitential Rite: Kyrie - Gather #196
Responsorial Psalm: **Shepard Me, O God** - Gather #31
Great Amen: Gather #182
Preparation of Gifts: **I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say** Gather #646
Gospel Acclamation: **Praise To You Lord Jesus Christ** - Gather #160A
Recessional: **The Glory of These Forty Days** Gather #388

Holy, Holy: Music Card #4
Mystery of Faith: **Save Us** - Music Card #6

Lamb of God: Gather #312
Communion: **Take and Eat** Gather #831

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

On Wednesday April 5th at 7:00 p.m. we will have a special Mass to thank God for all of our liturgical ministries and to ask God's blessings upon all who serve in these ministries as ushers, greeters, communion ministers, choir and music group members, musicians and lectors. All persons who are currently in these ministries are asked to please attend. Anyone who would like to be a liturgical minister is also invited, and so is anyone else who would like to join us.

During the Mass we will review the importance of each ministry and the procedures for exercising each ministry. It is a chance to thank each of you for your gracious service to our Parish Family during this Holy Season of Lent. All of you contribute to the sacredness and dignity of our Eucharistic celebrations.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Our Girl Scouts will be selling Girl Scout Cookies at all the masses this weekend, please stop and support the girls. The annual Garage Sale will be May 5th and 6th. Further details will follow, please begin looking for items. Sunday, May 21st at 1:30 p.m., there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for Father Bradley's 50th anniversary of Ordination. All are welcome and invited to attend. The Blessing of the 100th Anniversary Plaque for the School Tuition Endowment Fund will be on Sunday, June 11th at the 12:00 noon Mass, a reception will follow in the School Hall.

LENTEN NEWS & NOTES:

PENANCE SERVICE: Our Lenten Reconciliation Service (Confession) will be Monday April 3rd at 7:00 p.m., visiting priests will join us. We also have confession every Saturday from 3:00 pm. - 3:30 p.m.

LENT: FAST and ABSTINENCE: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast and Abstinence. As a sign of our penance, we preserve for the Diocese of Albany the custom of abstaining from meat on the Fridays of Lent. Abstinence binds all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Fasting binds all Catholics who are 18 years of age, but not yet 59. Fasting refers to the quantity of food eaten. Traditionally, fasting calls for only one full meal per day. By retaining these traditions for our Diocese we do not intend that they be interpreted as laws binding under pain of sin, but as customs from which we will not hold ourselves lightly excused. They are expressions of our desire to be converted in our hearts, to be reconciled with each other and to love our neighbor.

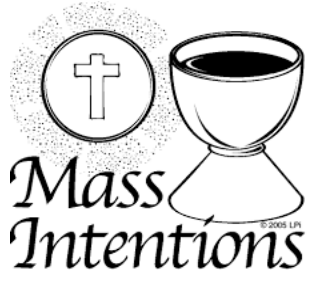
STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Conducted on the **Fridays of Lent at 12:30 PM**, right after the noon Mass. Consider coming to Mass, and the stations, and making this a special Friday Holy Hour.

OPERATION RICE BOWL: On our Lenten Journey, you are invited to participate in Catholic Relief Services, Operation Rice Bowl. Throughout Lent we will pray, fast, learn and give as a way to reach out in solidarity with our brothers/sisters around the world. Please take home a Rice Bowl packet and follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Visit orb.crs.org for additional resources. Rice Bowls are at all the exits

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Scripture readings for this week: **1 SM 16:1-13; EPH 5:8-14; JN 9:1-41**

COLLECTION NEWS: Regular \$11,011.50. The second collection for this week is our annual, National, collection for Catholic Relief services and addresses many needs around the world. Please give a generous gift as a special Lenten work of charity. We appreciate and need your ongoing support. Additionally, Easter Flower envelopes may be placed in any collection.

SCHOOL NEWS: The Parish School is accepting registrations for next year for pre-school, 3 year old, 4 year old Pre K, both have the option of full and half day and afterschool care. Kindergarten is a full day program. We are also registering for grades 1 to 8. Please call the school for information, or to schedule an appointment, 438-5854.

<p>Saturday 3/25/17 4:00 – Lourdes Nieves and Family Gonzalez and Segarra Families William Devine and Family Richard Zabinski Frank Zell Mary Mally Pierre Hartman Thomas Dolf Catherine Hutton Dorothy Mulray Catherine DiPace Bernard DiPace Katie Rose 7:00 For The People</p>	<p>Monday 3/27/17 7:00 – For the People 12:00 –Christine Crisorio All Souls in Purgatory Helena Wittbrodt Stefan Wittbrodt Joanna Wittbrodt Edward Wittbrodt Rourke and Netzer Families</p>	<p>Wednesday 3/29/17 7:00 – Special Intentions 12:00 – Mary D. Pearson</p>	<p>Friday 3/31/17 7:00 –For the People 12:00 – Margaret Wareboro All Souls in Purgatory Maureen Kennedy Tiernan</p>
<p>Sunday 3/26/17 9:00 – For the People 10:30 – Mary Ellen Bickel Catherine Micari Phyllis Egan Elizabeth Garhartt Sandy Ovitt Enide Siental 12:00 – Joseph Szczepkowski Emilia and Frank Palazzo Maria Vigerzi Amalia LoGuidice</p>	<p>Tuesday 3/28/17 7:00 – Special Intention 12:00 – Katie Lynch Farrell All Souls in Purgatory</p>	<p>Thursday 3/30/17 7:00 – For the People 12:00 – Sharon Rockenstire Lawrence Berben</p>	

CONFESSIONS EVERY SATURDAY FROM 3:00 - 3:30 PM

FAITH FORMATION FOR YOUTH: Please continue to keep all of our youth in your daily prayers. K-6th grade will meet on Sunday, March 26th from 9-10:15am and our 7-11th graders will meet on Monday, March 27th from 6:30-8:15pm. Commitment Sunday for our 10th graders will be on Sunday, April 2nd at the 10:30am Mass. We will be planning our pilgrimage to the National Catholic Youth Conference in November. We have a number of youth who are interested in attending. Please contact Kelly Hession at 518-424-8812 or email at BlessedSacramentChurchAlbany.FF@rcda.org if you are interested or would like to help in anyway.

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Level 1 is currently being offered for 3-6 year old children in the Atrium located in the church basement. For information contact Andrea Reno at AndreaRenoCGS@gmail.com or Kelly Hession Phone: 518-424-8812 or Email: BlessedSacramentChurchAlbany.FF@rcda.org

COLONIE CENTER SCHOOL BUCKS: Purchases can be registered in name of our school. Receipts must be registered at the Service Desk (now located near the 1st floor entrance near Barnes and Noble, under the movie theater, in front of Five Guys) within 60 days of purchase. Receipts collected from Aug – June. Please help our school win cash prizes by registering your receipts in our school’s name. You have helped us win in the past and we appreciate your support. Invite others to help us. If you would like to have a volunteer register your receipts, please put them in the collection or leave them at the rectory in an envelope with your name and address on it. You can register receipts from **all stores and restaurants in the Center, as well as the Post Office**. Please help the school again; ask others to help us. We are grateful for your support. *Thanks for your help.*

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: “Bereavement Support Group” at Blessed Sacrament continues to meet. If you would like to explore these sessions, please contact Sr. Jude Kapp, RSM, Pastoral Associate, at the Rectory at 482-3375.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE: English classes for adults held each Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM in Forman Room. Please pass this information to anyone looking to learn English. If interested come on any Wednesday or Friday.

ROSARY GUILD: Our annual Mass, Baby Shower and Luncheon will be held on Sunday April 2nd. We will attend noon Mass as a group and then go to the School Hall for the Shower and Luncheon. Items needed are: newborn to 3 month baby outfits, blankets, handmade sweater sets, diapers and baby products. (Especially for boys). All gifts are donated to the Christ child Society for mothers in need. All women of the Parish are invited to attend. We hope to see you.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: 50/50 Raffle supports parish, youth and school activities. Tickets available in the Sacristy before/ after Mass. Next meeting/ drawing will be Monday April 3rd at 7:00 p.m., new members are always welcome.

OVER 50 CLUB: The Over 50 Club will meet on Monday April 3rd at 12:30 downstairs in the church hall. Bring your lunch and a dessert to share. All are welcome. For more information call Anne Snyder at 869-5247.

CROP Walk: Sunday, May 7th will be the annual CROP Walk in Albany. The organizational meeting is Sunday, March 26th at the First Lutheran Church, 646 State Street at 4:30 p.m. Each year 25% of the money raised stays here in Albany. Our Food Pantry does benefit from it. If you would like more information, please call 462-5450 or 439-9771.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Prayed the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tues of each month after noon Mass. Instruction/prayer cards will be offered.

LEGION OF MARY: Meets every Tuesday at 6:00 PM in the Forman Room.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: First Tuesday of month after noon Mass; 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month, 6:00 PM.

THRIFT SHOP: is open **Wed and Sat, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**. Items that are *clean* and in *good working condition* can be dropped off when the store is open. Stop in and check us out

NEW TO THE PARISH? Welcome! Please sign below and drop in the collection. You may also use the form to receive envelopes and/or “The Evangelist”. Check the appropriate boxes.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

- I am new to the parish
- Send me “The Evangelist”
- Please send church envelopes