

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

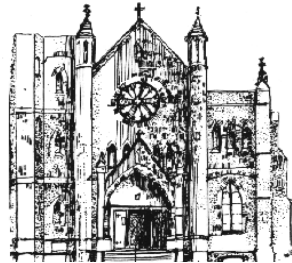
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Over One Hundred Years of Faith and Tradition



Established 1902

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2018

Processional: "Praise To You O Christ Our Savior"- Gather# 515
Gloria: Music Card #2
Responsorial Psalm: "If Today You Hear God's Voice" -Gather#89
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia – Gather #263
Offertory: "Blest Are They" - Gather #659

Holy Holy: Music Card #3
Mystery of Faith: "We Proclaim"- Music Card #5
Great Amen: "Amen, Amen, amen"
Lamb of God: Gather #207
Communion: "Take and Eat"- Gather #831
Recessional: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You"- Gather #528

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

This Sunday from 10:00am to 12:00pm, our parish school is hosting an Open House as part of the annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week. This is a chance for us to open the school for our parishioners, neighbors, the community and prospective new students to come and see what the school looks like and what it has to offer. If you have never been in the school, this would be a good occasion to come by. Students will be giving tours and teachers answering questions about their class programs.

The school provides us with a unique opportunity to pass on the gift of our faith. As an example, there is so much emphasis on bullying today and rightly so. We have been in the forefront of speaking out against it for 2,000 years, based on the example and teaching of Jesus. We make this clear to our students, in this area, and in all the areas of everyday life. I thank all of you for supporting our school, keep telling the story to others; we always have flyers at the exits describing our programs, etc. Please pass them around.

THIS SUNDAY AT THE 9:00AM MASS, OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL PARTICIPATE AS PART OF THE CELEBRATION OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Scripture readings for this week: DT 18:15-20, 1 COR 7: 32-35, MR 1: 21-28

COLLECTION NEWS: Regular: \$10,110.00. School: \$2,148.00. The Second collection this weekend will be for fuel. When away, please remember your parish envelope gift upon your return. We appreciate your ongoing support. If you would like to receive your 2017 Tax statement, please call the Rectory and Rebecca will be happy to help you. 518-482-3375

BLESSING OF THROATS: Saturday, February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop and martyr of the Church. On that day we bless throats and ask that, through the prayers and intercessions of St. Blaise, we may be kept safe from all illness of the throat. We will offer this blessing at all the weekend masses.



Fabulous February

Count Down! Tickets are \$10 for a drawing every day in February. On Valentine's Day, \$1,000 is given; on weekends, \$100 and weekdays, \$50. All winners are put back into the drum and could be pulled again. Invite others to help with this fundraiser for the School by buying and helping to sell these popular tickets. Red flyers at the exits list prizes for each day and the bottom is the ticket. Cut it off and return with your \$10 donation. This is school's major fundraiser. Thank you for your support. It begins in just a few weeks!

PRE-SCHOOL/PRE-K: Are you looking for a Pre-School 3 year old program, or a 4 year old Pre-K, or know someone that is for next September? WE HAVE THE ANSWER, our Parish School offers established programs in these areas. Call the School for information at 438-5854, email at bss@nycap.rr.com or check us out on line at www.blessedsacramentschool.net/. Please remember the gift and presence of our Parish School. On **Sunday, January 28th, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**, we will be having an Open House for anyone interested in sending a child here next year for all our parishioner who would like to see the school. Our four-year old and three-year old Pre-K offers the option of full or half day classes. The Kindergarten is a FULL DAY session. All have the option of after school care. You can register for all these programs and Grades 1-8 at the Open House on January 28th. Please spread the word!

Open House



<p>Saturday 1/27/2018 4:00: Roger Knuth Anita Criscione “Smilin” Joe DeSorbo (35th anniversary) Thomas Mmittler Tony Mirable Edmund Bradley (8th anniversary)</p>	<p>Monday 1/29/2018 7:00 Joan Brennan 12:00 Mary Bridget Fernald James Bulman Edward Mackey</p>	<p>Wednesday 1/31/2108 7:00 For the People 12:00 Lawrence and Anna Gallo Mary Ann Kessler Ann Wyzga- Fran’s Mom</p>	<p>Friday 2/2/2018 7:00 Gerry Busold Michael Matakchiero 12:00 Geroge and Estelle McKittrick Florence Ladauceur</p>
<p>Sunday 1/28/2018 9:00 For the People 10:30 Mary Ellen Bickel Paul Grabowski Louis and Richard Tenenini 12:00 Mae Caputo</p>	<p>Tuesday 1/30/2018 7:00 Joseph A Muchleck Frances Della Rocco 12:00 Margaret Kane</p> 	<p>Thursday 2/01/2018 7:00 Hilah Greci Nancy Nigro 12:00 All Souls in Purgatory Rose Dyer</p>	

National Catholic Schools Week 2018
Jan 28 - Feb 2, 2018

CONFESSIONS EVERY SATURDAY FROM 3:00 - 3:30

COLONIE CENTER SCHOOL BUCKS: is now in full swing. 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.*



FAITH FORMATION FOR YOUTH: We will have classes this weekend but are off again on the 28th due to the Blessed Sacrament School Open House. The First Reconciliation Retreat is scheduled for January 21st from 9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. First Reconciliation service will be February 10th at 12:00 noon. Please contact Kelly Hession at 518-446-0997 or email BlessedSacramentChurchAlbany.FF@rcda.org if you have any questions.

FOOD PANTRY FACTS: During the month of December we served 216 families in our food pantry. Among those served were 234 children, 42 of them under the age of four. There were 411 adults served, 36 who are over the age of 65. This can only happen through the generosity in contributions to the poor boxes and donation of grocery items. Thank you so much for your support! In the coming weeks if you are thinking of making a donation, could you please consider donating Hearty Soups, 5 or 10 pound bags of flour or sugar. Thank you!



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.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: 50/50 raffle supports parish, youth, and school activities. Tickets available in Sacristy before/after Mass. Next meeting/drawing: **Mon. Jan. 2nd - 7:00 PM.** New members are always welcome.

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.



We are ALWAYS in need of WINTER COATS household items, small appliances, lamps and linen

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