

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

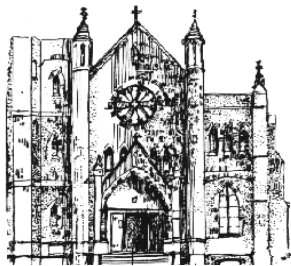
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Over One Hundred Years of Faith and Tradition



Established 1902

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Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2018

Processional: "The First Noel" – Gather #377
Gloria: Music Card #1
Responsorial Psalm: "All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord"
Gospel Acclamation: Gather #258
Offertory: "We Three Kings" – Gather #373

We observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.
Matthew 2.2



Holy Holy: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts..."
Mystery of Faith: "When we eat this bread, and Drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord until you come again."

Great Amen: Gather #168
Lamb of God: Gather #171
Communion: "What Child is This" – Gather #380
Recessional: "What Star is This" – Gather #378

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

This Sunday we celebrate the **Christmas Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord**. The feast recalls the **Kings**, also called the **Magi** or **Astrologers** following the guidance of a star to Bethlehem, where they found the **True Light of the World, the Child Jesus**, and the **Son of God**. The kings are a sign that Jesus came for ALL nations of the world as the Shepherds are the sign that **HE** came for the people of Israel.

For our Spanish Community at our Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas, and for all countries that have a Spanish culture, this is a very significant Christmas Fest. With them and our Catholic Brothers and Sisters around the world we celebrate and give thanks that Jesus born at Bethlehem came for all of us, the people of the world. **Together we follow Him, the Light of the World, and we are His Light as we live His Gospel Message.**

Please continue to spread the word of our **School's Open House on Sunday, January 28th from 10:00AM to 1:00 PM**. You are all invited to come over and see the School. Also, tell others, as many are looking for **3 year old nurse and 4 year old Pre-K**. There are flyers at all the exits with further information, please pass them around, post them where you can.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Scripture readings for this week: **IS 60: 1-6, EPH 3:2-6, MT 2: 1-12**

COLLECTION NEWS: Christmas: \$2,570 Regular: \$7,382. When away, please remember your parish envelope gift upon your return. We appreciate your ongoing support.

PARISH COUNCIL VISIONING COMMITTEE: There will be a Parish Council Visionary Committee meeting: *Monday, January 8th at 7:00PM*. Please meet in the Forman Room.

PARISH COUNCIL: There will be a Parish Council Meeting on Monday, January 15th at 7:00pm, in the Forman Room.


FINANCE COMMITTEE: Finance Committee will meet on Thursday, January 18th at 7:00pm, in the Forman Room.

FABULOUS FEBRUARY: IS BACK! 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. They make nice stocking stuffers for Christmas and can be sent in a card. 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.

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 518- 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 12:00 PM**, we will be having **Open House** for anyone interested in sending a child here next year for all our parishioners 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!



<p>Saturday 1/6/2018 4:00 The Carroll Family Jonas Nourse Anthony F. Schmitz Florence Ladouceur Josephine Maresca Margaret Lynch</p>	<p>Monday 1/8/2018 9:00 Mary DeMarco James Mangan 12:00 Catherine Schubert Elizabeth Taiman</p>	<p>Wednesday 1/10/2018 7:00 For the People 12:00 Phyllis Church Mark Fenno Frances Trubridge</p>	<p>Friday 1/12/2018 7:00 Joesph and Frances Bologna Mary Ford Monsignor James G Hart And Edward Kunkel Margaret Shatraw 12:00 Dottie Keleher Faith Stark Edson Binch</p>
<p>Sunday 1/7/2018 9:00 For the People 10:30 Joseph Woods Pearle Schade Frank Smith Sr. Thomas Vogel Bridget and Michael Doyle 12:00 Angelo Antonio Nicotino Fiorello Memmo Vincenzo Agostino</p>	<p>Tuesday 1/9/2018 7:00 Special Intention 12:00 Albert R. Kniffen Lester E. Slade Salvatore Cusato</p>	<p>Thursday 1/11/2018 7:00 William J. Reilly 12:00 Florence Ladouceur</p>	 <p>Mass Intentions</p>



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.*

RECEIPT OF GIVING: 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

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!

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.

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. Feb. 5th, at 7:00pm.** New members are always welcome! **JANUARY WINNERS!!:** 1st Prize \$250.00: *H.Oropallo* 2nd Prize \$75.00: *Stephan (CDTA)* 3rd Prize: \$25.00- *F.Nigro* .CONGRATULATIONS!!!

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 linens.**



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