

# Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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## Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

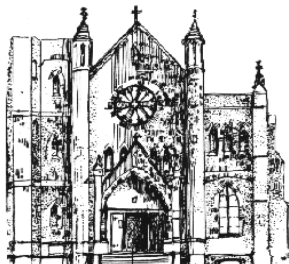
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Over One Hundred Years of Faith and Tradition



Established 1902

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## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2018

Processional: "All Creatures of Our God and King" Gather#533  
Gloria: Music Card #2  
Responsorial Psalm: "With The Lord" -Gather#127  
Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia" - Gather # 261  
Offertory: "Eye Has Not Seen"-Gather #638



Holy Holy: Music Card #3  
Mystery of Faith: Music Card #3  
Great Amen: Gather #231  
Lamb of God: Gather #314  
Communion: "Gift of Finest Wheat"- Gather #815  
Recessional: "Christ Is The King"- Gather #481

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of our Lenten Observance. The Masses on that day are 7:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00 NOON, and 5:00PM. The ashes placed on our forehead are a sign of our willingness to enter into the retreat days of Lent in preparation for the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil) and the renewal of our Baptismal promises on Easter Sunday. Our Lenten works of fasting, prayer, a growing awareness of others and their needs, all help us become more aware of the presence of Christ in our lives. Please enter into this Season of Spiritual Renewal and pray for the openness to grow spiritually, individually, and as a Parish Family. Please look over the bulletin of Lenten devotions and activities. I would ask you to consider the daily masses at 7:00AM and 12:00 NOON, as part of your Lenten observance- possibly coming once or daily; also gifts to the poor through our poor boxes, scripture reading, Stations of the Cross, and increase in good works, such as visiting older folks at home or in a nursing home, helping with Parish programs or family member's needs.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Scripture readings for this week: LV 13:1-2, 1COR 10:31-12:1, MK 1:40-45

**COLLECTION NEWS:** Regular: \$10,630.00. When away, please remember your parish envelope gift upon your return. We appreciate your ongoing support. Please note that there are 2 errors in the dates of the collection envelopes mailed to your home. The first is Sunday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> it includes 3 envelopes for that day. We will NOT have 3 collections. The second collection will be for the Black and Indian Missions. The third envelope is for the School collection, it will be the second collection for Sunday, Feb.25<sup>th</sup>. The same error occurs on March 11<sup>th</sup>, there are 3 envelopes again. The second collection on that day will be for Catholic Relief Services. The other envelope for the school will be the second collection on Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. We are sorry for the confusion. Please keep this as a note of reference.



### LENTEN NEWS & NOTES

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Ash Wednesday masses and distribution of ashes will be at 7:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, and 5:00pm. In a Lenten Spirit of concern for the poor, the collection that day will be for our food pantry here at Blessed Sacrament.

**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 abstinence 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 expression 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 Friday's 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:** As we begin 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 our 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](http://orb.crs.org) for additional resources. Rice Bowls are at all the exits. They can be returned to us on Palm Sunday.

<p><b>Saturday 2/10/2018</b>  4:00: Ernest and Laura Serafino  John Mooney  Herold Perkins  Antonino Mirabile  Keith Stark  James Mangan</p>	<p><b>Monday 2/12/2018</b>  7:00 Antoinette Fargon    12:00 John Lynch  Thomas Carroll</p> 	<p><b>Wednesday 2/14/2108</b>  7:00 Helen and Stephen Zakens    12:00 Joyce and Albine Aragno</p>	<p><b>Friday 2/16/2018</b>  7:00 For the People    12:00 Laura Fitzpatrick</p>
<p><b>Sunday 2/11/2018</b>  9:00 For the People    10:30 John Caporta  Kenneth Hand  Christine Aidala  Jane Haney    12:00 Salvatore Cusato</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 2/13/2018</b>  7:00 Mary DeMarco    12:00 Ginny and Bill Thomas  Robert Mittler  Robert Foley</p>	<p><b>Thursday 2/15/2018</b>  7:00 Special Intentions    12:00 Eugene Guscletti  Joseph Wygel</p>	 <p>Mass Intentions</p>

**Distribution of Ashes**  
7:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.  
12:00 noon and 5:00 p.m.

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

*Fabulous February* : Winners will be posted at all the exits. 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 438-5854, email at [bss@nycap.rr.com](mailto:bss@nycap.rr.com) or check us out on line at [www.blessedsacramentachool.net/](http://www.blessedsacramentachool.net/). Please remember the gift and presence of our Parish 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. Please spread the word!

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** Congratulations to all those who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this weekend! Our continued prayers are with you and your families. Our youth will be volunteering at the Ronald McDonald house on Saturday 2/17. Please contact Kelly Hession at 518-424-8812 or email [BlessedSacramentChurchAlbany.FF@rcda.org](mailto:BlessedSacramentChurchAlbany.FF@rcda.org), if you have any questions for more information. Please continue to donate your bottles and cans to our youth ministry program. The money received continues to be a great support and helps with our fundraising efforts to attend many diocesan events. ***No Faith Formation Class on 2/18: Enjoy a wonderful winter break with family and friends.***

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:** Prayed the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY:** 50/50 raffle supports parish, youth, and school activities. Tickets available in Sacristy before/after Mass. Next meeting/drawing: **Monday, March 5th- 7:00 PM**. New members are always welcome. February’s winners were: G. LoParco: \$250.00, B.Maguire: \$75.00, and R. Lesch: \$25.00.

**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:** We *will be* reciting the Rosary the first Tuesday of each month after the Noon Mass.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) I am new to the parish  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Send me “The Evangelist”  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Please send church envelopes