

# Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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## Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

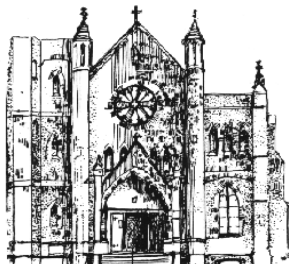
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Over One Hundred Years of Faith and Tradition



Established 1902

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## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2018

Processional: "At That First Eucharist"-Gather #852

Gloria: Music Card #2

Responsorial Psalm: "The City of the Poor" -Gather#48

Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia" - Gather #

Offertory: "You Are Mine"-Gather #649

Holy Holy: Music Card #3

Mystery of Faith: "Save Us"- Music Card #5

Great Amen: Gather #231

Lamb of God: Gather #314

Communion: "Taste and See"- Gather #814

Recessional: "Praise My Soul The King of Heaven"- Gather #551

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

The Evangelist, our Diocese newspaper, is an excellent way to keep up on issues of our faith, events in the Diocese, and the Universal Church. It is published and mailed weekly, and the annual fee is \$18.00. We have 3 envelopes during the year, the first is in this month's set. I encourage you to have the Evangelist and help us defray the cost by using the envelopes. If you are not receiving the paper and would like to, please sign the tab at the end of the bulletin.

This month of February transitions us from the Ordinary Time of the Church year into the season of Lent. The season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. The days of Lent will invite us to strengthen our faith by greater attention to prayer, fasting, and good works. As we look ahead to these days of Lent, it can be a good time to be thinking about what we can do to strengthen our faith during this holy season. Let us pray that they will be days of spiritual growth for all of us.

Please continue to spread the word of our Parish School, it offers quality Catholic Education at all levels from 3 year old nursery school to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Please contact the school for information, or to register a child.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Scripture readings for this week: **JB 7:1-7, 1COR 9:16-23, MK 1:29-39**

**COLLECTION NEWS:** Regular: \$8,527. Fuel: \$ 3,560. 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. *When away, please remember your parish envelope gift upon your return.* We appreciate your ongoing support.

**BLESSING OF THROATS:** Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**IS HERE!!** 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](mailto:bss@nycap.rr.com) or check us out on line at [www.blessedsacramentschool.net/](http://www.blessedsacramentschool.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!



<p><b><u>Saturday 2/3/2018</u></b>  4:00: Barbara Mangino  Kay and Joe Burns  Rose Guiry and  Sr. Mary Coons  Edward Drach  Mickey Butler  Nunzio Romani</p>	<p><b><u>Monday 2/5/2018</u></b>  7:00 Helen McGinty    12:00 Helen Mackey  (6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday 2/7/2108</u></b>  7:00 For the People    12:00 Mary Thornton  Daniel and  Elizabeth Horan  Mary D. Pearson  Margaret Mink (Buhler)</p>	<p><b><u>Friday 2/9/2018</u></b>  7:00 Special Intentions    12:00 Vivian Walker  Sandi Cordi  Salvator Cusato</p>
<p><b><u>Sunday 2/4/2018</u></b>  9:00 For the People    10:30 Sandra McCullough    12:00 Jeanne McNulty</p>	<p><b><u>Tuesday 2/6/2018</u></b>  7:00 Mary Minst  Bernadine Fioravanti    12:00 Special Intentions</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday 2/8/2018</u></b>  7:00 William J. Reilly    12:00 Mindy Murray  Sam Grimaldi</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 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:** The First Reconciliation Service will be February 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. Please contact Kelly Hession at 518-446-0997 or email [BlessedSacramentChurchAlbany.FF@rcda.org](mailto:BlessedSacramentChurchAlbany.FF@rcda.org), if you have any questions.

**ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE:** English classes for adults are held each Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10:00AM to 12:00PM, in the Forman Room. Please pass this information to anyone looking to learn English. In interested, com on any Wednesday or Friday!

**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.

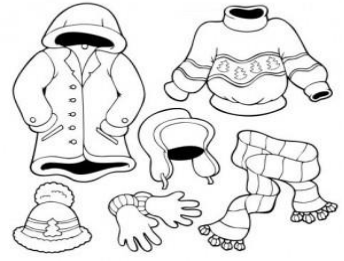
**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:** Unfortunately due to lack of interest and participation, we are cancelling the recitation of the rosary.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY:** 50/50 raffle supports parish, youth, and school activities. Tickets available in Sacristy before/after Mass. Next meeting/drawing: **Monday, February 5th- 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.

**FURNITURE NEEDED:** **The Capital Region Furniture Bank**, a partner of Catholic Charities, is in serious need of used bedroom furniture including dressers, lamps, beds, and bed frames; and other items such as microwaves and end tables. They provide this furniture free of charge to families and individuals coming out of homelessness and into their own apartments. **The Furniture Bank** will pick up the items from your home, and you can know that your donation will help families in need! **Call 518-612-BANK to leave a message** with your information and the items you have to donate and a volunteer will call you back. Thank you for your generosity!

**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