

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

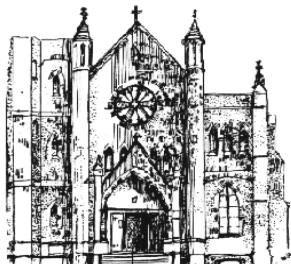
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Over One Hundred Years of Faith and Tradition



Established 1902

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Third Sunday of Lent

March 4, 2018

Processional: "Amazing Grace" Gather #612
Penitential Rite: "Kyrie" Gather #196
Responsorial Psalm: "If Today You Heard God's Voice" Gather #89
Gospel Acclamation: "Praise To You Lord Jesus Christ" Gather #160A
Offertory: "I Heard The Voice if Jesus Say" Gather #646

Holy Holy: Music Card #4
Mystery of Faith: "Save Us" Music Card #6
Great Amen: Gather #182
Lamb of God: Gather #312
Communion: "Look Beyond" - Gather 843
Recessional: "Forty Days and Forty Nights" -
Gather #384

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Please keep in mind some important upcoming events. **On Monday, March 19th at 7:00PM**, we will have our Lenten Reconciliation Service (Confession). This is a very important part of our Lenten activities. Please plan to attend and to receive this sacrament of Jesus forgiveness, healing and strength. We will have additional priests available for the sacrament.

On Saturday, March 17th, we will host the Annual St. Patrick's Mass, that begins a day of celebrating the Feast of the Patron Saint of Ireland. Mass will be at 9:00AM with Bishop Scharfenberger as the mass celebrant and music provided by the Pipes and Drum Band, Harpist, Elizabeth Huntley, and our music director Ed Savoy. Spread the word and please plan to attend. If you can help as an usher or server at the reception, sign the tab at the bottom of the bulletin and put it in the collection.

The Parish Council will meet on Monday, March 12th in the Forman Room at 7:00PM

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Scripture Readings for this week: EX 20:1-17, ROM 5:1-8, JN 4: 5-42

COLLECTION NEWS: Regular: \$8,594.66 Second Collection for School \$2,595. The second collection next Sunday is the annual national collection for Catholic Relief Services. Please consider a sacrificial Lenten gift to help those in need. The envelope for the school collection is dated incorrectly. It will not be next Sunday, but will be the second collection on Sunday March 18th.

LENTEN NEWS & NOTES

FAST AND ABSTINENCE: Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14th) and Good Friday (March 30th) are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. According to Church Law, all Catholics age 18 until age 59, are obligated to fast. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding for Catholics ages 14 and up. These practices that are not to be excused lightly. They are expressions of our desire to be converted in our hearts, to be reconciled with each other and to love our neighbor. It is helpful to remember that the ability to decide how much or little one will eat is in itself a gift.

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 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. They can be returned to us on Palm Sunday.

Saturday 3/3/2018 4:00 John Hoey Joseph Leonard Patrick Keane Gonzalez & Segarra Families Kathy Maguire V Horan (9 th anniv.)	Monday 3/5/2018 7:00 James B. Ryan 2 nd anniv. 12:00 Florence Ladouceur Robert & Frances Skinkle	Wednesday 3/7/2018 7:00 For the People 12:00 Susan Alread	Friday 3/9/2018 7:00 For the People 12:00 For the People
Sunday 3/4/2018 9:00 For the People 10:30 Helga Macutek Florence Ladouceur John R. Monette 12:00 Helena, Steffan Edward & Joanna Wiltbradt	<u>Tuesday 3/6/2018</u> 7:00 Jack & Brian Cromie 12:00 For the People	<u>Thursday 3/8/2018</u> 7:00 Deceased members of Bennan, Neilon, Krzyzanek & Zakens Families 12:00 For the People	

CONFESSIONS EVERY SATURDAY FROM 3:00 - 3:30

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.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 in the Management Office, located near the Rest Rooms, 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: Please contact Kelly Hession at 518-446-0997 or email BlessedSacramentChurchAlbany.FF@rcda.org, if you have any questions. 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.

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!

OVER 50. Our meeting is Monday March 5th in the church hall. **Bring your lunch and a dessert to share.**

THE ROSARY GUILD: Our annual St. Patrick’s Meeting and luncheon will be held on **THURSDAY, MARCH 15**, after the noon mass, in the Forman Room. Our speaker will be Joann O’Hare of Our Lady of Fatima. As usual, please bring sanitary products for the Food Pantry. Also, our *Baby Shower and Luncheon* will be **SUNDAY, APRIL 15th** after the noon mass. We need newborn outfits, sweater sets, diapers etc, especially for boys. All women of the Parish are invited to all our activities.

THE ROSARY: is said on the **FIRST TUESDAY** of every month after the noon mass.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Prayed the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesday 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.

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

BULLETIN PRINTED COURTESY OF THE MCVEIGH FUNERAL HOME

() I CAN HELP AT THE ST. PATRICK’S DAY MASS ON MARCH 17TH. () USHER
 NAME _____

() HELPER

PHONE: _____