# Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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## Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

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#### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Processional: At That First Eucharist – Gather # 852

Glory To God: Music Card #1

Responsorial Psalm: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."

Gospel Acclamation: Easter Alleluia - Gather #424 Offertory: Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above

- Gather #784

Holy, Holy: "Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts..."

#### MAY 13, 2018

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 Music: You Are Our Living Bread

- Gather #819

Recessional: Love Divine All Love's Excelling -Gather # 622

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Sister Patricia Lynch R.S.M. has been Principal of our parish school for seventeen years. She has served as a dedicated, caring, enthusiastic and innovative Principal to our students, faculty, families, alumni and our parish family as well as the wider community. She has been an extraordinary co-minister, collaborator and support to me over these years.

This summer Sister is retiring as Principal and personally, and on behalf of the School and Parish Family, I thank her for her dedication, support and leadership that she gave to our school community and the parish.

On Sunday, June 10th at the 12 Noon Mass, we will thank her for her service here, and offer our prayers and appreciation. A reception will follow immediately in the School Hall to which all are invited. Please plan to attend the Mass and reception.

This Sunday we observe the national celebration of Mother's Day. At all of our Masses today we remember our mothers, living and deceased. In the vocation of our mothers, we can see our call to follow Christ lived out in a beautiful way. Their selfless giving of themselves in the service of their children and husbands is a vivid sign of the kind of life we are called to live. They generously put their family before themselves and willingly go above and beyond the call to help their family. May they know and feel our respect, appreciation and thanks as we remember and honor them on this day. And may Mary, the Mother of Jesus, inspire them each day and keep them under her protection and loving care. Our departed mothers are in our prayers and we continue to feel their prayers and example each day.

After Mass today the ushers will give a Mother's Day bookmark Holy Card to all of the women in our Parish Family as a sign of our appreciation, support and prayers on this Mother's Day.

The School Spring Open House is this Wednesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Please spread the word. We will be giving tours, answering questions and accepting registrations for 3-year-old nursery, 4-year-old Pre-K and grades Kindergarten to 8th grade. Beginning this September we will offer 10 or 12 month programs for 3-year-old nursery and 4-year-old Pre-K.

The Bishop's Appeal is underway. If you were not prepared to make a pledge or gift last week, there are envelopes in all the pews. Please use one and put it in the regular collection today. Thanks for your support.

On Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. at the School playground on Rawson St. we will have a ceremony to bless the new playground, and a plaque dedicating the playground in memory of Larry Keefe and his family. Larry and his family lived in the corner house; the land is now part of the playground and his vision and financial gift made this new area possible. We are most grateful. All are invited to attend the blessing and dedication.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Scripture readings for this week: ACTS 1:15-17; 1JN 4:11-16; JN 17:11-19

**COLLECTION NEWS:** Our regular collection was: \$8,444: The second collection next Sunday is the monthly collection for the Parish School. When away please remember your envelope upon your return. We appreciate and need your ongoing support. Thank you!

<u>OPEN HOUSE – PARISH SCHOOL: This Wednesday, May 16 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM</u>. You can also call anytime for information or to register. We offer full or half day 3 and 4 year old programs, all day Kindergarten, and quality Catholic education from grades K - 8. The School number is 438-5854. Blessed Sacrament School can make a difference in the education of your child. Please, give us a call and plan on coming to our Open House. Let us know how we can help you with your school choice decision. Please take a flyer at the exits and share them with others.

**MAY CROWNING**: The May Crowning of the Blessed Mother is Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Our school children will participate; all parishioners and friends are invited to attend, especially members of our rosary Guild and Legion of Mary.

Saturday 5/12/2018 4:00 Dorothy Mittler Catherine Mooney Robert Mittler Frank and Regina Hart Mr. & Mrs. William Houlton Sr. Madeline Roberts	Monday 5/14/2018 7:00 Gerry Busold Danuta Turbak 12:00 Cathrine Donohue (good health) Wanda Rzeszut	Wednesday 5/16/2018 7:00 Joseph & Frances Bologna 12:00 Merritt Stallmer The Nicotina Family Suzanne Meher Kyle Eads	Friday 5/18/2018 7:00 Jack & Brian Cromie 12:00 Gavin Durni Fr. Manuel Rojas Brian Crouch Jim Fournier
Sunday 5/13/2018 9:00 Casimir Deutch 10:30 For all of out Mothers Living and Deceased 12:00 Robert Mittler Agatina Pinto Stefan, Helena, Edward, & Joana Wittbro	Tuesday 5/15/2018 7:00 Marie Ensle Souls in Purgatory  12:00 Fiorello LoGiudice Alice Mary McMurray Leonard Deceased Members of the Joyce Family	Thursday 5/17/2018 7:00 Joan Brennen 12:00 Mary Anne Heffernan Lanoe Kearse Ann Wyzga (anniv. of 95 <sup>th</sup> birthday)	MASS Intentions

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

<u>BISHOP'S APPEAL NEWS:</u> Last weekend we began the Appeal. 200 gifts were received and \$48,852 was given or pledged. We are off to a good start; if you did not make a pledge or gift last week, please do so today. Many of you received envelopes in the mail and there are envelopes in all the pews. You can put them in the regular collection. Our goal (share of diocesan expenses) is \$105,000.

<u>FATHER BRADLEY'S RETIREMENT:</u> As most of you know, Father Bradley will be retiring at the end of June. His last weekend here will be the weekend of June 30-July 1. There will be a Mass of celebration on July 1<sup>st</sup> at the 12 noon Mass, followed by a reception in the School hall. All are invited as we thank Father for his many years of service and wish him well in his retirement. There will also be a buffet dinner on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 6 p.m. in our school hall. The cost of this dinner is \$38 per person. It will be catered by 2Shea Catering. As seating is limited to 400, reservations will not be an option. Tickets must be purchased to reserve a place. Tickets will be sold after all the Masses on May 12-13 and at the rectory thereafter as long as tickets last.

COLONIE CENTER SCHOOL BUCKS: is ending June 1st. Purchases can be registered in name of our school. Receipts must be registered at the Service *Desk (now located at the Mall Office down the corridor behind the restrooms, just past Sephora)* within 60 days of purchase. 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

**FAITH FORMATION FOR YOUTH:** Happy Mother's Day to all mothers. Thank you to all of our catechists for sharing their time and talent this past year. A very special thanks to Shannon Crisafulli and Rose Reed who were dedicated volunteers for preparing our First Communicants. Thank you to all of our Faith Formation families. Please know you will be in our prayers. Mrs. Hession will be in contact about upcoming summer activities. Please join us Thursday May 17th at St. Rose College from

4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for "Be the Church Now." This is a special, FREE event for youth and young adults, parents and catechists and all those interested in youth and their place in the Church. If you have any questions please contact Kelly Hession at 518-424-8812 or email BlessedSacramentChurchAlbany.FF@rcda.org,

**THE PARISH COUNCIL** will meet this Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Forman Room.

**FOOD PANTRY FACTS:** During the month of April we served 222 families in our food pantry. Among those served were 260 children, 38 of them under the age of four. There were over 400 adults served, 43 who are over the age of 65. This can only happen through your generosity in contributions to the poor boxes and donation of grocery items. Thank you so much support! In the coming weeks if you are thinking of making a donation, could you please consider donating Hearty Soups, cake mixes or cake frosting. Thank you!

**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY**: The Rosary the first Tuesday of each month after the Noon Mass.

**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 NAMES SOCIETY: Congratulations to our May 50/50 raffle winners! 1st Prize \$250 - Peg Joyce, sold by Ray Joyce; 2nd Prize \$50 - B. Agostino, sold by Pete Giso; 3rd Prize \$25 - Laura Bielawa, sold by Joe Dobek. The raffle supports parish, youth, and school activities. Tickets are available in Sacristy before/after Mass. Next meeting/drawing: Monday, June 4th at 7:00 PM. This will be the last meeting Father Bradley will be attending as our Pastor. All members are asked to attend to wish Father Bradley a happy and healthy retirement. A card will be available for members to sign.

NEW TO THE P	PARISH? Welcome! Please sign below an	d drop in the collection. You may also use the form to receive
	"The Evangelist". Check the appropriate bo	
Name:		( ) I am new to the parish
Address:		( ) Send me "The Evangelist"
Phone:	Email:	( ) Please send church envelopes