

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

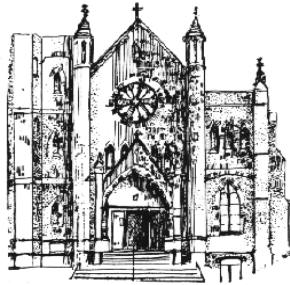
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Established 1902

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THE 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

Processional: **Amazing Grace** – Gather #612
Gloria: **Music Card #2**
Responsorial Psalm: **I Will Praise Your Name**
Forever – Gather #137
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia** – Gather #261
Offertory: **You Are Mine** – Gather #649
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: **You Are Our Living Bread**
– Gather #819
Recessional: **Now Thank We All Our God**
– Gather #565

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

It has been a tough few weeks for Catholics in the United States. The report of Pennsylvania was devastating. The first thing that we need to say is that we are sorry. There is no excuse for this abuse and for the ways some Bishops have covered it up. WE are sorry any children or young adults were harmed. We are sorry that victims were not heard for so long.

We are sorry trust was broken. We are sorry that many people remained silent.
We are sorry. We are broken hearted.

I want to thank everyone who came to our prayer service for healing on Thursday night. It was a time of prayer and good conversation. Let us continue to pray for the victims of abuse, for one another and for the Church as we call upon the Lord to lead us to truth and healing.

Some of the participants suggested that we have an opportunity for another prayer service during the day. That's an excellent idea! Fr. Juanito and I will host another prayer service for healing on Monday September 17th at 12:30 p.m. in the church.

Fr. Joe O'Brien

SCRIPTURE READINGS: *Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2: 1-5; Mark 7:31-37*

COLLECTION NEWS: Our regular collection last weekend was: **\$7,955.00**. It has been a hot summer! Imagine where we'd be without our air conditioning. ***This weekend we have the first of three fuel collections of the year.*** It helps ease our heating and air conditioning expenses. Please consider a generous gift to support our climate control expense. When away please remember your envelope upon your return. ***Your stewardship makes all things possible.***

DATES TO REMEMBER: Here are some important dates coming up in our Parish:

Confirmation Retreat – Saturday, September 8th at 8:00 a.m.

Religious Education Registration – Sunday, September 9th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Adult Confirmation and RCIA – begins Thursday, September 13th (RCIA at 6:30; Adult confirmation at 7:15 p.m.)

Marriage Jubilee Celebration – is being held Sunday, October 7th at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception; Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will be the Presider.

SCHOOL NEWS

We are still accepting enrollment for our Nursery and Pre-K programs!! If you have any questions regarding enrollment please contact Principal, Maureen Daurio at 518-438-5854

Blessed Sacrament School is seeking an Assistant in our After Care Program: This position would involve working with our students in grades 5 through 8, providing supervision, assisting in the completion of homework and mentoring. The hours of the program are from 2:50-5:25 each day, following the school calendar. Interested parties should contact Principal Maureen Daurio at 518-438-5854 or mdaurio@blessedsacramentschool.net.

SCHOOL BUCKS AT COLONIE CENTER: Are you doing back- to-school shopping? Picking up things for fall clean-up? Looking for a good book to read this fall??! Shop at Colonie Center and register your receipts for School Bucks to support Blessed Sacrament School. You can register your receipts up to 60 from the date of your original purchase. You may also bring your receipts to the rectory.

