

# Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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## Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

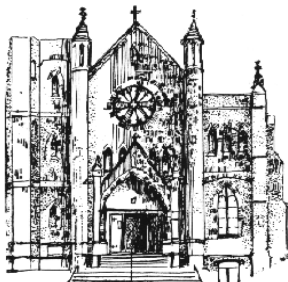
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Over One Hundred Years of Faith and Tradition



Established 1902

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## THE 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 4, 2018

Processional: **This Day God Gives Me** –  
- Gather #757

Gloria: Music Card #2

Responsorial Psalm: **“Forever I Will Sing the  
Goodness of the Lord”**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia** – Gather #261

Offertory: **Love One Another** – Gather #630

Holy, Holy: Music Card #3



Mystery of Faith: **We Proclaim** – Music Card #5

Great Amen: Amen, amen, amen

Lamb of God: Gather #207

Communion: **I Received the Living God** –  
Gather #851

Recessional: **Love Divine All Loves -  
Excelling** –Gather #622

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

It was so sad to hear the news last Saturday of a gunman, shouting anti-Semitic slurs, opening fire at a synagogue in Pittsburgh killing eleven people and injuring another six. We pray for our Jewish sisters and brothers in their grief and loss. Much too often, we read about incidents like this and it seems they always end with stories of death, tragic stories of lives cut short with grieving families and shattered communities. Incidents at schools, movie theaters, concerts, shopping centers, and yes, churches and synagogues.

There is so much hate in the air these days. Gun violence is a plague. People do not feel safe.

Faith communities can stand for what is good, may we work and pray to drive out evil. We must work to change hearts and minds, bringing good to displace evil. Many are heartsick over all this violence and want change. Many feel so powerless to bring about change. What can you do? Pray. Listen to others. Be patient and understanding. Be an example to others. Make your voice heard. Write or call your elected representatives and leaders, tell them what's in your heart and share your ideas.

Being a peacemaker can take time. St John Paul II liked being a peacemaker to building a stone fence. Patiently balancing stones, one at a time, molding and using mortar. Sometimes having to start over or rebuild part of what you've done. But stone fences can last many years. It's worth the effort.

-Fr. Joe O'Brien

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS: Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34

**COLLECTION NEWS:** Our regular collection was \$9,215. An emergency collection will be taken up this weekend for humanitarian aid and the needs of Churches devastated by the storms in the Southeast United States this fall. This emergency collection is in response to 2018 domestic storms. Please make your check payable to the parish – in the memo portion write: **2018 Disasters Emergency Collection**. Our parish will send one check to Catholic Charities and 100% of the donations will go to the 2018 Disasters Collection. Next week is our monthly collection for our parish school. Just a friendly reminder that any additional offering envelopes or Evangelist you may have can be placed in any collection. Please remember your envelope upon your return. We appreciate and need your ongoing support. *Your stewardship makes all things possible. Thank you for all you do for Blessed Sacrament!*

**CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:** Returning this month! This Montessori-based method of faith formation uses little hands-on models of things from Mass and scripture to grow a young child's relationship with God. We will be meeting on Wednesdays from 4-5:30 p.m. beginning November 7. Registration forms are available at the church entrances. For information contact Andrea Reno [AndreaRenoCGS@gmail.com](mailto:AndreaRenoCGS@gmail.com) 518-250-6797 or see our website <http://blessedsacramentalbany.org/cgs/>

**FAITH FORMATION FOR YOUTH:** We will meet on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. followed by 10:30 a.m. Mass. The weekend of November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> we will be making and selling banana bread. All proceeds go to food pantry and the youth ministry program. The Sacrament of Confirmation is December 2<sup>nd</sup> followed by a reception, all are invited and encouraged to attend. If you have any questions please contact Kelly Hession at 518-482-3375 or by email at [kellyhessionbsc@yahoo.com](mailto:kellyhessionbsc@yahoo.com).

**BULLETINS TO NURSING HOME AND HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS:** If you are currently sending a bulletin to any of our Nursing Home or Homebound parishioners please contact Sr. Jude and her know who you are sending them to. You can contact her either by calling the Rectory at 518-482-3375 or by emailing [BSCPastoralAssociate@gmail.com](mailto:BSCPastoralAssociate@gmail.com). Thanks for your helping keep our lists up to date.

