

# Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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## Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

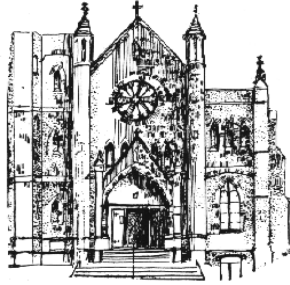
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Over One Hundred Years of Faith and Tradition



Established 1902

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### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

DECEMBER 30, 2018

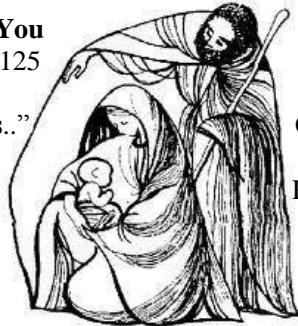
Processional: **O Little Town of Bethlehem** –Gather #363

Music Card #1

Responsorial Psalm: **Blest Are Those Who Love You**  
-Gather #125

Gospel Acclamation: Gather #258

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 Music: **It Came Upon a Midnight Clear**  
- Gather #367

Recessional: **Hark the Herold Angels Sing**  
- Gather #348

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I came across a quotation from the Catechism of the Catholic Church that seems to fit our weekend and our community: *"Christ chose to be born and grow up in the bosom of the Holy Family of Joseph and Mary. The Church is nothing more than the family of God."*

Pope Francis has spoken on the importance of family on many occasions. Here's just two for your consideration on this weekend. On families where members love each other: *"God always knocks at the door of hearts. God likes to do this. It comes from his heart. But do you know what God likes best? To knock on the doors of families and find families that are united, to find families that love each other, to find families that bring up their children and educate them and help them keep going forward and create a society of goodness, truth and beauty."*

Our families are where faith is learned and grows: *"Love is shown by little things, by attention to small daily signs which make us feel at home. Faith grows when it is loved and shaped by love. That is why our families, our homes, are true domestic churches. They are the right place for faith to become life, and life to grow in faith."*

Peace, Fr. Joe

**RECEPTION FOR SR. JUDE:** Please remember that we will have a reception for Sr. Jude to wish her farewell on Sunday December 30<sup>th</sup> after the noon Mass. Her reception will be in the vestibule of the church.

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:** 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 ; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 ; Luke 2:41-52

**COLLECTION NEWS:** Our regular collection for December 23rd was **\$9,130.50**. Our Christmas collection was **\$23,580**. If you were away for Christmas, welcome home! Your Christmas offering can be placed in the collection today or next weekend. Offering envelopes, Evangelist subscription payments and Christmas flower donations are always welcome and may be placed in the collection. As you plan your charitable giving at year's end, please consider a gift to our Church and School. Your thoughtful gift helps us to continue all of our ministries that continue the work of Jesus in our parish community. Thank you for your generous stewardship of Blessed Sacrament.

**Your stewardship makes all things possible. Thank you for all you do for Blessed Sacrament!**





**NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE:** Vigil Mass, Monday December 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 p.m. and New Year's Day 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

**SCHOOL NEWS:** The Blessed Sacrament School community would like to thank our parish for its tremendous support of our mission throughout the year!! Our students, families, faculty, and staff. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Come experience a Learning Environment Centered in Faith and Focused on the Future!**

**Nursery & Pre-K** Our Parish school offers a quality program for our youngest learners. Both programs offer full-time and part-time options. Call the school today for more information and to set up a tour, **518-438-5854** or email at [info@blessedsacramentschool.net](mailto:info@blessedsacramentschool.net) Learn more about us at [www.blessedsacramentschool.net](http://www.blessedsacramentschool.net). We are currently accepting enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year.

On Sunday, January 27, from 10 AM to 12 PM we will be holding an **Open House** for anyone interested in enrolling a student for September 2019, and for all parishioners that would like to see the school. We do offer a **Full-Day** Kindergarten program, as well as an **After School Program**. Families may register students for Nursery through Grade 8 at this event. Please spread the word of this Open House to families who have school age children. As always, we thank you for your ongoing support

<u><b>Saturday 12/29/2018</b></u> 4:00 Mary Nally Dorothy Mittler Catherine Mooney Charles Getta (22 <sup>nd</sup> ann.) Segarra and Gonzalez Families Loretta Gatto	<u><b>Monday 12/31/2018</b></u> 4:00 For the People	<u><b>Wednesday 1/2/2019</b></u> 7:00 The Health of Paul Mantica  12:00 Franze Nicotina	<u><b>Friday 1/4/2019</b></u> 7:00 Patricia Devine (mass for the living)  12:00 (Intentions Available)
<u><b>Sunday 12/30/2018</b></u> 9:00 For the People  10:30 Silue Kanigui  12:00 Agatina Pinto	<u><b>Tuesday 1/1/2019</b></u> 9:00  11:00 	<u><b>Thursday 1/3/2019</b></u> 7:00 Eleanor Hoey  12:00 Mary Alice Weber Richard O'Callaghan	

Our 2019 calendar is open if you would like to remember deceased family, friends, neighbors and co-workers on weekends, weekdays, holidays or holy day Masses.

**CONFESSIONS EVERY SATURDAY FROM 3:00 - 3:30 PM.**



**FAITH FORMATION FOR YOUTH:** Our program will resume January 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. followed by Mass at 10:30. If you are interested in altar serving and were not able to attend the training on 12/27, see or contact Fr. Joe. Please continue to check your emails for reminders and updates. If you have any questions please contact Kelly Hession at 518-424-8812

**COLLEGE STUDENT & YOUNG ADULT DROP IN:** Calling all college students and young adults- Fr. Joe invites you to Professor Java's at 217 Wolf Rd Colonie for coffee and conversation on Wednesday January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM. Bring a friend.

**HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS:** Do you care for a homebound person? Would they like to receive a visit and communion at home? Please contact our parish office at 518-482-3375.

**FABULOUS FEBRUARY:** Is back! Please look for the red sheets at all the exits. Take some home to family and friends, they make great gifts!

**HOSPITAL VISITS:** Is a family member in the hospital? Would they like a pastoral visit? Hospitals are unable to share patient information because of privacy regulations. Tell us about your loved ones by calling our parish office at 518-482-3375.

**SCHOOL BUCKS AT COLONIE CENTER:** Please keep School Bucks in mind when shopping at Colonie Center. You can help our school. Original receipts must be registered at the Service Desk (*located down the hallway by Sephora at the Management Office*) within 60 days of purchase. **Please do not submit copies of receipts!** While dropping off your receipts don't forget to fill out a form to complete your registration. Receipts will be collected until June 1<sup>st</sup> 2019. We appreciate your support! If you would like to have one of our volunteers 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 our school and ask others to help us. Thank you for your support.

**FOOD PANTRY FACTS:** During the month of December we served 202 families in our food pantry. Among those served were 206 children, 39 of them under the age of four. There were 375 adults served, 39 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 for your support! In the coming weeks if you are thinking of making a donation, could you please consider donating a bag of flour or a bottle of oil, hearty soups. We also are in need of plastic bags. Thank you!

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY:** Our next meeting is Monday, January 7, 2019.

**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:** Come pray the Rosary on 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 each month after noon Mass. Instruction/prayer cards will be available.

**LEGION OF MARY:** Meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Forman Room.

**THRIFT SHOP:** The Shop is usually on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 am-1 pm **but this week it will be closed on Wednesday and will reopen on Saturday** from 10 am - 1 pm. **This week, we will not be accepting donations until Thursday.**

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