

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

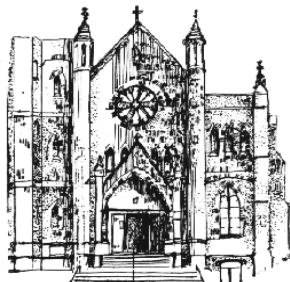
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Established 1902

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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 13, 2019

Processional: **Baptized In Water** – Gather #798

Gloria: Music card #1

Responsorial Psalm: **“The Lord will bless his people,
will bless his people with peace.”**

Gospel Acclamation: Gather #263

Offertory: **Praise To You O Christ Our Savior** –
Gather #515

Holy, Holy: **“Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts...”**



Memorial Acclamation: **“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: **Gift of Finest Wheat**
- Gather #815

Recessional: **Joy To The World** – Gather 343

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

This feast of the Baptism of the Lord is both an end and a beginning. It is the end of the Christmas season since Ordinary Time begins on Monday. It is also a beginning because it commemorates Jesus' Baptism which inaugurates his public ministry. It marks the beginning of his journey to Jerusalem.

While we often connect Jesus' journey to Jerusalem with the events of Holy Week, let's not overlook that is the moment Jesus hears that he is the beloved Son, and his Father is well pleased in him, all before Jesus has begun his public ministry. This exalted identity revealed in Baptism is the starting point for all that he will undertake - his self-giving ministry, death and resurrection.

For us, the Baptism of the Lord is a transition. On one hand we recall and renew our Baptism into Christ, the beginning of our sharing in the life of God and the beginning of what baptism implies - witnessing to Christ in our world. On the other hand, it is the end of Christmas festivities and the commemoration of Christ's incarnation. We now focus on his mission on earth and our mission in Jesus Christ. Let's make this journey together, as families, as a parish, as a Church, as God's People.

Some good news to share: Sr. Patricia Lynch has accepted an invitation to be our new Food Pantry Coordinator. Sr. Patricia has a long association with Blessed Sacrament Parish and School. She knows many of our volunteers and families in the community. We welcome Deacon Ray Sullivan as our RCIA and Adult Confirmation Coordinator. Deacon Ray has served our community for the last several years and has a deep interest in initiation and adult formation. We are very pleased to welcome both Sr. Patricia and Deacon Ray in these important roles in our Parish.

Peace, Fr. Joe

P.S. This weekend, I have two things for you to take home! Please take a lawn sign home to promote our Blessed Sacrament School Open House two weeks from now. Please tell your friends about our wonderful school and the opportunities we have for children and their families. Join us on Sunday, January 27th from 10 am to 12 noon.

Also, as this is the end of the Christmas Season, please feel free to take a poinsettia home! Your generous stewardship made it possible for us to enjoy these beautiful flowers for Christmas - why not take one home?

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

COLLECTION NEWS: Our regular collection for January 6, 2019 was **\$10,205.50**. Additional collection for Christmas was **\$956**. If you were away for the holidays, welcome home! Offering envelopes, Evangelist subscription payments and Christmas flower donations are always welcome and may be placed in the collection. Thank you for your generous stewardship of Blessed Sacrament. **Your stewardship makes all things possible. Thank you for all you do for Blessed Sacrament!** Starting Monday, February 4, you may request your 2018 tax statement. Please call the rectory at 518-482-3375 and Rebecca will be happy to help you.

SCHOOL NEWS: 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 Learn more about us at www.blessedsacramentschool.net.

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>Saturday 1/12/2019</u> 4:00 Robert Mittler Segarra & Gonzalez families Ludovico "Louie" Iannucci Carmella Crisafulli Loretta Gatto Sam Aquino Margaret K. Shatraw (birthday wishes)	<u>Monday 1/14/2019</u> 7:00 (Intentions available) 12:00 Michael Volpe The Intentions of the Ricci family	<u>Wednesday 1/16/2019</u> 7:00 (Intentions available) 12:00 Angela Finn	<u>Friday 1/18/2019</u> 7:00 (Intentions available) 12:00 Mary Busila
<u>Sunday 1/13/2019</u> 9:00 For the People 10:30 Pete & Deborah Williams 12:00 Melba Antoinetti	<u>Tuesday 1/15/2019</u> 7:00 Joseph & Frances Bologna Helen Neilon (73 rd Anniversary) 12:00 Margaret Evan	<u>Thursday 1/17/2019</u> 7:00 (Intentions available) 12:00 Kevin Foley	

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 continues this weekend, 1/13 from 9:00-10:15 followed by 10:30 Mass. We will also be offering Children's Liturgy of the Word bi-weekly during the 10:30am Mass. Please look for Fathers announcement. Many thanks to Jill Gecewicz for volunteering to help us with this program.

There will be NO sessions on 1/20 or 1/27 due to the Martin Luther King holiday and the parish school's open house. If you are interested in altar serving and we not able to attend the training, please 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](tel:518-424-8812)

FABULOUS FEBRUARY: IS BACK! Tickets are \$10 for a drawing every day in February. On **Valentine's Day, \$1,000** is given; on **weekends, \$100** and **weekdays, \$50**. All winners are put back into the drum and could be pulled again. They make nice stocking stuffers for Christmas and can be sent in a card. Invite others to help with this fundraiser for the School by buying and helping to sell these popular tickets. The red flyers at the exits list prizes for each day and the bottom is the ticket. Cut it off and return it with your \$10 donation. This is the school's major fundraiser. Thank you for your support.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE – MAY 1-11, 2019: For those who signed up/expressed interest, **last day for REGISTRATION** (flight, hotel, shuttle reservation, Istanbul-Visa assistance) is on **January 30, 2019**. Please contact ASAP **Fr. Juanito Asprec:** 609-772-1602. **Adriatic Tours:** 1-310-548-1446 – contact Liz D. (accounting division). Please secure your **Holy Land Pilgrimage Flyers and fill-up the Registration Form.**

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.

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: 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.1st 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.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: Our 50-50 drawing winners were \$250.00 – G. Shortlist (J. Dobek), \$75 – R. Joyce, \$25 – K. DeNovio (J. Dobek). Our next meeting is Monday, February 4, 2019 at 7 pm in the church basement. There will be a 50-50 drawing. All men of the Parish are welcome to attend.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: Come pray the Rosary on the first Tuesday of each month after the Noon Mass.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Prayed the 2nd, 3rd and 4th 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 open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 am-1 pm. Please bring your donations during hours of operation only. Volunteers are welcome, please call the Rectory if you are interested in volunteering.

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

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