

# Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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## Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

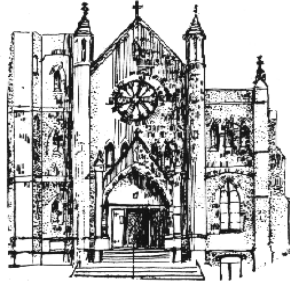
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Over One Hundred Years of Faith and Tradition



Established 1902

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## FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Processional: **The First Noel** – Gather #377  
Gloria: Music card #1  
Responsorial Psalm: “**All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord**”  
Gospel Acclamation: Gather #258  
Preparation of the Gifts: **We Three Kings**  
- Gather #373  
Holy, Holy: Music card #3



JANUARY 6, 2019

Memorial Acclamation: **We Proclaim**  
- Music card #5  
Great Amen: Gather #168  
Lamb of God: Gather #171  
Communion Music: **What Child Is This**  
- Gather #380  
Recessional: **What Star Is This**  
- Gather #378

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

**Happy Epiphany!** One of the long-standing Epiphany traditions in our church is to ask for God's care and protection for our homes and all who live with us. Using blessed chalk which will be available at the end of Mass today, you may write over the entrance of your home: **20 + C + M + B + 19.**

The numbers refer to our new year, 2019. The letters C + M + B signify two things. The first is Christus Mansionem Benedictat, or *May Christ bless this house*. The second is a remembrance of the names of the Three Kings: *Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar*. The Kings are a sign that Jesus came for all peoples and all nations, just as the shepherds who were present at the Nativity are a sign that Jesus came for the People of Israel. **May you enjoy God's fullest and richest blessings in this New Year!**

On December 23rd, Blessed Sacrament began a **Sunday afternoon Mass celebrated in Urdu at 4:30 pm. We welcome our Pakistani sisters and brothers to Blessed Sacrament to celebrate Word and Sacrament!** About 75 Pakistanis have joined in for Mass these last two weekends; they have come here having faced religious persecution in their homeland. Please welcome our sisters and brothers and keep them in your prayers.

Please continue to spread the word and mark your calendars for our **Blessed Sacrament School Open House on Sunday, January 27th from 10 am to 12 noon.** You are all invited to come over and see our School. Please tell others, as many are seeking nursery for 3 year olds and Pre-K for four year olds.

And let me offer a **big thank you** to everyone who sent us Christmas cards, gifts and baked items over the holidays and holydays. **Your generosity is unsurpassed!** Let me offer a gift in the form of a reminder... **the Christmas Season officially ends with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord next weekend.**

Peace, Fr. Joe

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS: Isaiah 60:1-6 ; 1 Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

**COLLECTION NEWS:** Our regular collection for December 30<sup>th</sup> was **\$7,096.** Additional collections for Christmas was **\$2,378** and the Solemnity of Mary was **\$3,774.** 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!**

**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

<p><b><u>Saturday 1/5/2019</u></b>  4:00 The Horan, Martin,  Ringwood families  The Carroll family  Carl Blazejewski  Lawrence Berben</p>	<p><b><u>Monday 1/7/2019</u></b>  7:00 The Health of  Beverly Shogry</p> <p>12:00 Emil Kalled  Rev. James LeFevre  Deceased members of  William Connelly family</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday 1/9/2019</u></b>  7:00 (Intentions available)</p> <p>12:00 Consalata Calabro  Katie Lynch Farrell  Casey Ryan Lynch  John &amp; Mary Lynch</p>	<p><b><u>Friday 1/11/2019</u></b>  7:00 Mary Ford</p> <p>12:00 (Intentions Available)</p>
<p><b><u>Sunday 1/6/2019</u></b>  9:00 For the People</p> <p>10:30 Tammy &amp; James  Forster</p> <p>12:00 Marcia McCullough</p>	<p><b><u>Tuesday 1/8/2019</u></b>  7:00 James Mangan</p> <p>12:00 Jack &amp; Richard  Penney  Michael  K.McLoughlin</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday 1/10/2019</u></b>  7:00 The Health of  Beverly Shogry</p> <p>12:00 Domenica Crissafulli</p>	

*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.**

**A MESSAGE FROM SR JUDE:** I cannot thank you enough for all that you have done for me during my time at Blessed Sacrament. A special thank you to all those who took the time to stop by and say hello on 12/30 following the noon Mass. It was great to see you and share our memories. I am grateful for your cards, gifts, prayers and most especially your presence in my life. May God's choicest blessings be upon us in the new year and always.

**FAITH FORMATION FOR YOUTH:** Happy New Year! Our program resumes January 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 10:15 am followed by Mass at 10:30. We also have sessions on 1/13. There will be no sessions on 1/20 or 1/27 due to the Martin Luther K holiday and 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

**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

**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.

**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 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.

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