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THE COMMENORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

ALL SOUL'S DAY

NOVEMBER 1 & 2, 2014

Processional: The Strife is O'er – Gather #446
Gloria: Music Card #2
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord Is My Light - Gather #39
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia
Preparation of the Gifts: On Eagles Wings – Gather #611
Holy, Holy: Music Card #4

Memorial Acclamation: Save Us – Music Card #6
Great Amen: Gather #231
Lamb of God: Gather #207
Communion Music: I Am The Bread of Life – Gather #828
Recessional: How Great Thou Art – Gather #494

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: This past Monday we held the first meeting of the Steering Committee to coordinate and help plan the 100th anniversary of our parish school, which opened in September of 1916. The group established committees to plan events for the anniversary. They are: Events, Fundraising, Publicity and Alumni Update. They will all meet in the School Hall on Thursday, November 13th at 7:00 pm. After an initial overview of the planning structure, etc., the four committees will then hold their first meeting in different rooms in the school. This will be a very special time for the school and the parish. If you would like to be a member of one of the committees, please sign the tab at the bottom of the bulletin and put it in the collection basket and plan to attend the general meeting on Thursday, November 13th at 7:00 pm in the school hall. Please contact me if you have any questions and please consider being a part of this historic moment.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Scripture readings for this week: WIS 3: 1 – 9; ROM 5: 5 - 11; JN 6: 37 – 40.

COLLECTION NEWS: Regular: \$9,997. If you are away, please remember the parish with your envelope gift on your return. We appreciate and need your ongoing support. The second collection next Sunday is the monthly for the parish school.

ALL SOUL'S DAY: This Sunday is All Soul's Day, a day to remember all our faithful departed. The book in front of the Easter Candle on the sanctuary today lists all of those who were buried from our parish church this past year. Throughout the month of November we will be remembering all of these and all the people you have listed on the All Soul's envelopes. These can be placed in any collection. After this weekend the book and All Soul's envelopes will be in front of the Easter Candle next to the Baptismal font.

LECTORS: The workbooks containing the Sunday readings for the new Church Year beginning Sunday, November 30th, the First Sunday of Advent, are available in the sacristy after Mass today. When you pick up a book, please sign the sheet provided so we know you have one. Thank you for your ministry.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?: Our sessions to present the story of our faith (R.C.I.A.) have begun & are held Wed evenings at 7:00 pm in the Forman Room. Anyone interested is invited to join us. Call Sister Jude for information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated here at Blessed Sacrament on Sat, Nov 8th during the 4:00 pm Vigil Mass. Anyone having a special need for the Sacrament is invited. Please invite others who may have a need for the Sacrament. The current procedure in most hospitals is to be admitted and have surgery that day. If you would like to be anointed before you enter the hospital, we would be happy to do it before or after any Mass.

BOOK SIGNING: Sr. Joyce Ross and Sister Joan, both members of our parish family, will be here the weekend of Nov 15/16 to sign copies of their book, "Our Journey with the Real Church, Faith in the Last Frontier". It is about their work as Parish Ministers in Alaska.

BULLETINS TO THE HOMEBOUND: If you send a bulletin to one of our parishioners who is homebound or in a nursing home, please call Sister Jude at the rectory and let her know the name of the person you are sending to. Thanks.

WAKE UP THE WORLD: All are invited to attend the inaugural Eucharistic Liturgy for the Year of Consecrated Life, November 20th, 7:00 pm, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, corner of Madison and Eagle, Most Rev. Edward B. Sharfenberger, principal celebrant and homilist. Call 463-4447 for information.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND ART: Call for ornaments for community decorated trees. From Nov 1-14, drop off ornaments at the front desk at 125 Washington Avenue. All ornaments must be handmade or hand-embellished, no bigger than 5" wide, tall or deep, no more than 4 oz. Please include a completed ornament participation form (available online or at the front desk). Ornaments may be picked up from the museum before or after the holidays. Your packaging will be kept to keep the ornament safe. Call 463-4478 for more info.

I would like to be part of the school 100th anniversary planning.

Name: _____ Phone #: _____ e-mail: _____

I am interested in (please check the committee) :

() Events () Publicity () Fundraising () Alumni update

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 11/01/14 – All Saints Day 4:00 Mary Lou Coleman-Campbell James Forster, Sr./Antony G. Inco Alice A. Vincent 10:00 Feast of All Saints 7:00 <i>For the Faithful Departed</i>	Monday 11/03/14 7:00 <i>For the Faithful Departed</i> 12:00 Leda Crisafulli Amos W. Sorel	Wednesday 11/05/14 7:00 <i>For the Faithful Departed</i> 12:00 Raymond Joyce Breege Nally	Friday 11/07/14 7:00 Helen Zakens Birthday 12:00 <i>For the Faithful Departed</i>
Sunday 11/02/14 – All Souls Day 9:00 For the People 10:30 Margaret M. Breen/James Crisafulli Andrea Forster/Ernest Kavanaugh 12:00 Grace Bryan/Felix A. Crisorio, Jr. Anthony Nardiello/Mary Sleasman	Tuesday 11/04/14 7:00 Alice A. Vincent 12:00 <i>For the Faithful Departed</i> John Gonch	Thursday 11/06/14 7:00 Michael J. McLean 2 nd anniversary 12:00 Lucila Gonzalez Henry Segarra	

CONFESSIONS EVERY SATURDAY FROM 3:00 - 3:30 pm

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: Follow us on facebook-www.facebook.com/groups/bsyam or e-mail blessedsacyam@aol.com

COLONIE CENTER SCHOOL BUCKS: began Aug 1st. Any purchases made within the last 60 days can be registered in the name of our school. Receipts must be registered at the Service Desk next to CVS within 60 days of the purchase. Receipts will be collected from Aug-June. Please help our parish school win cash prizes by registering your receipts in our school name. You have helped us win in the past and we appreciate your support. Invite others to help us. 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 pick them up at the rectory, or we can mail them if you have a stamp on the return envelope. You can register receipts from all stores and restaurants in the Center, as well as the Post Office. Please help the school again and ask others to help us with this program. We are grateful for your support.

FACEBOOK PAGE: There is a BSS Alumni Facebook page. All are welcome – <http://www.facebook.com/#!/BSSAlbanyAlumni/> You can see the whole calendar of parish events, including Mass times, social events, even funeral notices.

OVER 50: Chicken Parm dinner, Mon, Dec 1st, \$15. Reservations & payments due at our Nov 3rd meeting. Monday, Nov 3rd meeting after 12:00 Mass downstairs in the Church hall. Bring your lunch. Beverages provided. Thank you to all who signed up to bring desserts. For information about the dinner, call Jeanne at 438-0206. For more information about club membership, call Anne at 869-5247.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: First Tuesday of each month after noon Mass and the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM. Please enter through the parking lot door.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Every first Friday of the month from after the 7:00 AM Mass and concludes with Benediction at 11:45 AM. A funeral could interrupt this schedule.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: is prayed the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tues of each month after the noon Mass. Instruction & prayer cards will be offered

KNIT, CROCHET OR QUILT?: Please continue to supply your blankets in order for us to continue this ministry. A reminder – blankets should be at least 30" x 30" and white. Please contact Sr. Jude or Rose Reed if you have any donation or questions.

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY: for our brothers and sisters living in our local nursing homes. The warm embrace they give is symbolic of the prayers we offer for them, especially those prayers we pray while making them. They can be any color and any style (knitted, crocheted, quilted, etc.). A good size is 30 x 30". Please contact Sr. Jude or Rose Reed for more information.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: 50/50 supports various parish, youth & school activities. If you can help, tickets are available in the Sacristy before or after Mass. Next meeting/drawing-Mon, Nov 3rd, 7:00 pm in the Church Hall. New members are always welcome.

THRIFT SHOP: is open Wed & Sat, 10:00-1:00 pm. Items that are clean and in good working condition can be dropped off when the store is open. Stop in & check us out. We are in need of household items, small appliances and lamps.

GIANTS TICKETS: We have been given 4 tickets as a fundraiser for the school to the Sunday, Dec 14th home game, kick off at 1:00 pm (Giants vs Redskins), with parking in blue lots. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the rectory, school or Sacristy after Mass. Seats are in section 103, row 14, seats 1-4, value over \$600. Winning ticket will be drawn on Dec 2nd. Please help promote ticket sales.

MARRIAGE JUBILEE CELEBRATION: Sat, Nov 8th, 2:00 pm at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Scharfenberger will celebrate the liturgy and greet couples and their guests at a reception following Mass. Please register through the parish office.

GROW IN HOLINESS: Want to transform your work, your marriage, your family and your life? Join us Nov 5th as we begin a 33-day preparation for Marian Consecration. For 6 weeks, on Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm, we will read and reflect on 4 great Marian giants: St. Louis deMontfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa and St. John Paul II. They will teach us the secrets to drawing closer to the Heart of Jesus through the Heart of Mary. Pick up a flyer at one of the exits and contact Fr. Brian Slezak prior to Sun, Nov 2nd to sign up.

DOMINICAN RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER: 11/03 – Dream Group, 7-9m, \$25; 11/04 Thanksgiving Day of Reflection, 9:45-3pm, \$30; 11/05 "Voice of the Grove Drum", 7-8:30 pm, free will offering; 11/06 "Sung Vespers in the Spirit of Taize", 7-8pm, free will offering; 11/07 "Coping with Holiday Stressors", 9am-4pm, \$55 pp; 11/7-9, Weekend Retreat for Men", \$195; 11/09 "Friends of Peace", 2-4:30 pm, 11/11, 12 Step Evening of Gratitude, 6:20-8:30pm, \$15; 11/21-23 Heart & Soul Quest Weekend, \$195; 11/30 12 Step Presentation for Men and Women-1:30-4:30pm, \$20. For information, call 393-4169.

FALL CRAFT FAIR: Colonie Central High School, Saturday, Nov 22nd, 9:00-4:00 in the Colonie Central HS gym. Enjoy a little holiday shopping among the 75+ crafters of handmade items. Admission is free. Enjoy the concession stand, prize raffles and bake sale.

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 box.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Zip: _____

- () I am new to the parish
- () Send me "The Evangelist"
- () Please send church envelopes
- () Please send me census form