

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

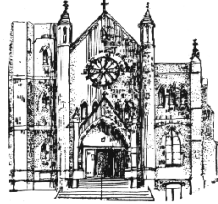
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Over One Hundred Years of Faith and Tradition



Est: 1902

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Pastoral Associate: Sr. Judith Kapp, RSM
Parish Secretary: Fred Talarico
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In Residence: Rev. Francis A. O'Connor

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 15 & 16, 2014

Processional: O God Our Help in Ages Past – Gather #614
Glory to God: Music Card #2
Responsorial Psalm: Blest Are Those Who Love You - Gather #125
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia – Gather #263
Offertory: For The Beauty of the Earth – Gather #572
Holy, Holy: Music Card #3

Mystery of Faith: Music Card #5
Great Amen: Gather #168
Lamb of God: Gather #171
Communion Music: Look Beyond – Gather #843
Recessional: Love Divine All Love's Excelling - Gather #622

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: Cathy Fredette has been involved in our grade school Faith Formation Program for 28 years. During these years she has worked with students, volunteers and our staff to help pass on the story of our faith to our children. She is leaving this position to have a little more time for her family. Personally, and on behalf of all of you, I thank her for her dedication. Christina Wiley is taking her place to work with Rose Reed and our volunteers in the Kindergarten to grade 6 Sunday morning program. We welcome her to our program. She is already a parishioner here.

The Christmas Giving Trees are up at all the entrances. Each ornament lists a specific gift for a needy child right in this immediate area, including members of our parish family. Please purchase a gift, more if you are able, wrap the gift and tape the ornament securely on it. This indicates to us the person and family it will go to. Return the gift to the boxes that will be at the entrances of the Church. Please give this prayerful consideration and do what you can to help. We need the gifts returned by Sun, Dec 14th to prepare them for distribution.

On Saturday, December 13th, we are planning to visit all the members of our parish family now living in nursing homes and assisted living homes. We will bring a plant, Christmas card and Church calendar. They are spread out over many different facilities and we need your help with this special Christmas visit. It means so much to the people and it is a sign of our concern for them and helps keep them connected to the parish. If you cannot go that day, you could go Sunday if that is easier for you. If you can help, please sign the tab below and put it in the collection basket.

Please remember that we are welcoming Bishop Edward Scharfenberger for the celebration of Confirmation on Sunday, December 7th at the 12:00 noon Mass. A reception will follow in the School Hall, to which all of you are invited, to meet and welcome our new Bishop. Please plan to attend. You are welcome to attend the noon Mass or come to the Hall from about 1:15 on.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Scripture readings for this week: PRV 31: 10 – 13, 19 – 20, 30 – 31; 1 Thes 5: 1 – 6; MT 25: 14 – 30.

COLLECTION NEWS: Regular: \$9,607. School: \$2,396. 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 Annual for the Campaign for Human Development. The gifts placed in the poor boxes each Sunday are used to support our parish food pantry. Thank you for your support.

ADVENT: Advent begins Sunday, November 30th. Again this year we are continuing the popular tradition of having families or individuals carry the Advent wreath candle in the opening procession at each Mass. Sign-up sheets are in the Sacristy.

PARISH COUNCIL: will meet on Monday, November 24th at 7:00 pm in the Forman Room.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE: Our Advent Reconciliation Service will be Monday, December 1st at 7:00 pm. Please plan to attend in preparation for Christmas.

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.

FABULOUS FEBRUARY: is back. Tickets are \$10 for a drawing every day in February. Valentine's Day \$1,000 is given; on weekends \$100 and weekdays \$50. All winners' tickets are put back into the drum and could be pulled again. They make nice stocking stuffers for Christmas or 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 part 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.

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.

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.


VOLUNTEERS: The Spiritual Care Department at Albany Memorial Hospital is looking for volunteers to help visit patients and distribute Holy Communion for an hour on any morning, Sunday through Saturday. If interested, please call Fr. John Kelly, 471-3117

I can help with the Nursing Home Visits on Saturday, December 13th.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

MASS SCHEDULE

<p>Saturday 11/15/14 4:00 Loretta & Howard Miller Ed Rogozinski – 16th anniversary Dianna Streeter Jack Taaffe – 29th anniversary 7:00 Al Brown, Charley Kelly Breege Nally</p>	<p>Monday 11/17/14 7:00 For the Faithful Departed 12:00 William Joyce For the Intentions of Richard Cowan</p>	<p>Wednesday 11/19/14 7:00 For the Faithful Departed 12:00 William Balfe Nettie Riley</p>	<p>Friday 11/21/14 7:00 For the Faithful Departed 12:00 Lucila Gonzalez Henry Segarra</p>
<p>Sunday 11/16/14 9:00 For the People 10:30 Sean Peter McCarthy Third Order of St. Francis Keith Stark/Alice A. Vincent 12:00 Francesco Mafalda Benincasa James Feeney/Fiorello LoGuidice Rose Losito</p>	<p>Tuesday 11/18/14 7:00 For the Faithful Departed 12:00 Jane & Pete Cunningham</p>	<p>Thursday 11/20/14 7:00 For the Faithful Departed 12:00 Joe Krasher St. Anne Institute</p>	

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.

ROSARY GUILD: Christmas Party will be Tues, Dec 2 at Shaker Ridge Country Club, 6:00 pm. Dinner choices are: Parmesan Encrusted Chicken, Sirloin of Beef or Salmon. Cost: \$20. Payment must be made with reservations. Deadline is Mon, Nov 24th. Call Jo Keegan at 489-3016. **Meeting** is Thurs, Nov 20th in the Forman Room after Mass. Please bring sanitary products for the Food Pantry. We will be taking reservations with payment for the Christmas Party. Pizza will be served for lunch.

FOOD PANTRY FACTS: During October we served 286 families, 35 who came for the first time this year. Among those served were nearly 350 children, 70 under age four, 500 adults, 50 over the age of 65. This only happens through your generosity to the poor boxes and donations of grocery items. Please consider donating tooth brushes, toothpaste or deodorant. Thank you for your support!

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 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, Dec 1st, 6:30 pm in the Church Hall. New members are always welcome. We will have a special Christmas ham dinner.

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. There are posters to advertise the tickets at all the exits; please post one if you are able.

DOMINICAN RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER: 11/21-23 Heart & Soul Quest Weekend, \$195; 11/30 12 Step Presentation for Men & Women-1:30-4:30pm, \$20. For info, call 393-4169.

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH-YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE: Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration in world-wide celebration of religious life, Mon, Dec 1st, 7:00 pm, St. Joseph's Provincial House, 384 Watervliet-Shaker Rd. Contact Sr. Jeanne Marie Gocha, 783-3605.

CONCERT: Nov 17th, 7:00 pm, Hubbard Interfaith Sanctuary on the College of St. Rose Campus, 959 Madison Ave, Albany. \$3 admission or a non-perishable food item. All proceeds will go to the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless.

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