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DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

NOVEMBER 8 & 9, 2014

Processional: All People That On Earth Do Dwell – Gather #747
Gloria: Music Card #2
Responsorial Psalm: Let Us Go Rejoicing - Gather #120
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia – Gather #263
Offertory: Out of Darkness – Gather #689
Holy, Holy: Music Card #3

Mystery of Faith: Music Card #5
Great Amen: Gather #231
Lamb of God: Gather #207
Communion Music: Eat This Bread – Gather #838
Recessional: Christ Is The King – Gather #481

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: On Sunday, December 7th at 12:00 noon, Bishop Edward Scharfenberger will be here for the celebration of Confirmation. After the Mass we will have a reception in the School Hall. This will be a very good opportunity to come and meet our new Bishop. All of our parish family members are invited to the reception. You are also invited to the Confirmation Mass. We have a small class this year and there should be space for anyone who would like to attend. Please plan to come to the reception to welcome our new Bishop.

It's hard to believe, but next Sunday the Christmas Giving Trees will be 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 will need the gifts returned by Sunday, December 14th to prepare them for distribution. The trees will be up the next two weekends.

This Tuesday is Veteran's Day. A day to remember and thank all our Veterans who have served our country and preserved our freedom and way of life. Our Mass on that day is at 9:00 am for all of our Veterans, living and deceased.

As I mentioned in these notes last weekend, we have set up a Steering Committee to help us plan for the celebration of our parish school's 100th anniversary, beginning in September 2016. Our next meeting is Thursday, November 13th at 7:00 pm in the school hall. If you would like to be on one of the subcommittees listed at the bottom of the bulletin please sign up, put the tab in the collection basket and join us at the meeting on the 13th.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Scripture readings for this week: EZ 47: 1 – 12; 1 COR 3: 9 – 11, 16 – 17; JN 2: 13 – 22.

COLLECTION NEWS: Regular: \$11,954. 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 this Sunday is the monthly for the parish school. 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.

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. Scharfenberger, 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 or so on any morning, Sunday through Saturday. If interested, please call Fr. John Kelly, 471-3117.

I would like to be part of the school 100th anniversary planning. There will be an organizational meeting on Thursday, November 17th at 7:00 pm in the School Hall. Please join us.

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

I am interested in (please check the committee) :
() Events () Publicity () Fundraising () Alumni update

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 11/08/14	Monday 11/10/14	Wednesday 11/12/14	Friday 11/14/14
4:00 James & Tammy Forster Francis & Maryagnes Hession Brian Mooney/Elizabeth M. Sherran Anointing of the Sick 7:00 Thomas M. Roddy	7:00 For the Faithful Departed Miriam Anderson – birthday Lena Sangiorgoi 12:00 Mary McTague Gertrude “Irene” Sidoti	7:00 For the Faithful Departed Pauline Vaillancourt 12:00 Casey Ryan Lynch Mary & John Lynch	7:00 Cassie Couchley 12:00 For the Faithful Departed
Sunday 11/09/14	Tuesday 11/11/14 Veterans Day	Thursday 11/13/14	
9:00 For the People 10:30 Nicola Audino-2 nd anniversary John Bucher – 5 th anniversary James Forster/Mary Grevell Jerome Smith, Jr. 1 st anniversary 12:00 Antonio & Domenica Bongiorno Guiseppe & Carmela Pinto Paul Keppler/June Schade	9:00 Alice A. Vincent	7:00 For the Faithful Departed 12:00 Lucila Gonzalez Henry Segarra Gertrude Lynch – 14 th anniversary	

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

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: Follow us on facebook-www.facebook.com/groups/bsyam or e-mail blesseedsacyam@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 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 winners for November – 1st prize (\$500) R. O'Brien, seller M. Batza; 2nd prize (\$50) A. Tuper, seller B. Miles; 3rd prize (\$25) Anthony & Cecilia, seller p. Giso. **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: 11/09 “Friends of Peace”, 2-4:30 pm, 11/11, 12 Step Evening, 6:20-8:30pm, \$15; 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.

HELP WANTED: Help wanted typing & copying the weekly parish bulletin. Small stipend involved. For information call Fr. Bradley.

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS: You are invited to join Catholic Charities for its 2nd annual Hope for the Holidays fundraising event in support of the Families in Need Fund. Lite fare, beer, wine and a silent auction at Glenpeter Jewelers, Nov 13, 5:30-8:00. Cost: \$20 per ticket. Call 724-1827 for more information.

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.

SANTA’S BREAKFAST: Colonie Elks Lodge #2192, Sun, Dec 21st, 8:30–noon. Adults 7:50, Children 5-11, \$4.50, children under 5 – free.

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