

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

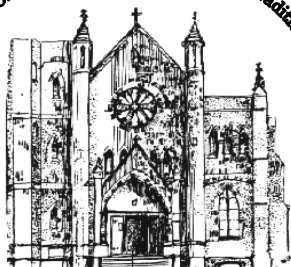
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Over One Hundred Years of Faith and Tradition



Established 1902

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

JUNE 6 AND 7, 2015

Processional: At That First Eucharist – Gather #852
Glory to God: Music Card #1
Responsorial Psalm: Our Blessing Cup – Gather #107
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia - Gather # 263
Preparation of the Gifts: I Am The Bread of Life- Gather # 828
Holy, Holy: Music Card # 3



Mystery of Faith: We Proclaim – Music Card #5
Great Amen: Gather #168
Lamb of God: Gather #171
Communion Music: Instrumental
Recessional: Alleluia Sing To Jesus (vs 1 & 3)
- Gather #853

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Personally, and on behalf of the Parish Family, I am happy to welcome one of our Seminarians, **Kyle Eavs** to our Parish for a 10 week summer learning program. Kyle has completed his college program and in September will begin Theology studies at St. Joseph Seminary in Dunwoodie, NY. Please keep him and all of our seminarians and discerners in your prayers.

Last Sunday we asked you to consider the Governor's plan called, "**The Parental Choice in Education Act.**" It will provide tax credits to low-income families who send their children to Catholic Schools and other schools; also, scholarships to students from low-middle income families to attend a school of their choice; donations to public schools for enhanced educational programming and tax credits to teachers for their out of pocket classroom expenses.

This would definitely help parents of our Parish School, and so I ask you to support the plan. You can do this by calling your assembly person to register your support. The bill is now stalled in the Assembly. There are flyers at all exits explaining the plan, and the phone numbers for John McDonald and Patricia Fahey, if your representative is different, please call them. This will be decided in the next week, maybe by the time you read these notes. Thank you for your consideration, please give flyers to others who may offer support.

Today we celebrate the **Patronal Feast** of our Parish. The gift of the Blessed Sacrament, The Holy Eucharist, is a sign of and a source of our unity as the Body of Christ. It is also food for our spiritual journey of life, and a pledge and promise of our future glory when the journey of life here is completed. On this Feast we give thanks for all the blessings God has given us and we ask God's continued blessings as we continue the work of Jesus here in our Parish. At all of our Masses today, we are commissioning our extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for a period of one year. The Commission is to be exercised at our Masses here, and for our parishioners homebound or living in nursing homes, etc. The Commission does not apply beyond our parish and for our parishioners. You can help elsewhere with the approval and request of the Pastor or Chaplain of that place. Your ministry serves our Parish Community and, in a special way, our homebound. Thank you to all who serve in this ministry.

PLEASE NOTE THE DATES OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

SCHOOL NEWS: We are **accepting registrations** for next year. Please call the school for more information or to set up an appointment. We offer quality Catholic education from 3-year old nursery to 8th grade. The 3 and 4 year old programs are offered for full or half day. Kindergarten is full day and **all have the option of after school care.** Please continue to spread the news about our school. Thanks for helping us with the lawn signs and flyers. Lawn signs can be returned to Church, we will use them again.

Lauren Meneghan who has taught in our Parish School for 41 years will retire this June. We are grateful for her service and dedication. On **Sunday, June 14th** we will recognize her service at the 12 noon Mass, reception to follow in the School Hall. All are invited. Please spread the word to former students, they are welcome to come and thank her, and wish her well.

FAMILY FESTIVAL: We are always looking ahead, and planning for our many Parish events and activities. Our **Annual Family Festival** will be held on **Saturday, October 17th**. We are currently looking for people who can help prepare and cook for the food served in the Church Hall on that day. We have people who do the acquisition and purchasing of the food, but we are in need of cooks.


We need people to pick up donations and gifts from merchants. If you can help please fill out the tab on back of the bulletin, and put it in the collection basket. We would like to get these needs lined up as soon as possible. Thank you for considering these needs.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Scripture readings for this week: **EX 24: 3-8; HEB 9: 11-15; MK 14: 12-16; 22-26.**

COLLECTION NEWS: **Regular collection \$10,263; Nepal Relief \$3,359.** If you are away, please remember your parish with your envelope gift upon your return. We appreciate and need your ongoing support. **Second collection next Sunday is for the Parish School.**

BISHOPS APPEAL UPDATE: Sixth week: **\$92,816** pledged by **401** donors. We are doing well and we need the support of everyone to continue the works of Christ across the Diocese, and to help us meet our share of Diocesan expenses which is **\$102,705.** If we have not heard from you, please consider a gift or pledge. **Your envelope can be placed in the collection today.**

FOOD PANTRY FACTS: During the month of May, we served **220** families in our food pantry; there were **38** who came for the first time this year. Among those served were over **200** children, **30** under the age of **4.** There were over **400** adults served, over **40** who are over age of **65.** This can only happen through your generosity in contributions to the poor boxes and of grocery items. Thank you so much for your support! If donating in the coming weeks could you please consider donating shampoo or deodorant? Thank you!

<p>Saturday 06/06/15 4:00 Renee Bruneau Mary Cummings Eleanor Hoey Rose and Tom Mittler Dominic Sfara 7:00 Jo Foley William C. Kelly</p>	<p>Monday 06/08/15 7:00 Michael Habura 12:00 For the People</p>	<p>Wednesday 06/10/15 7:00 Clara Donato 12:00 Margaret Gecewicz Casey Ryan Lynch Mary and John Lynch</p>	<p>Friday 06/12/15 7:00 Stephen Zakens 12:00 Mary Cummings Catherine V. Kelly Margaret Kolothros Margaret Larsen</p>
<p>Sunday 06/07/15 9:00 For the People 10:30 Carlo Crisafulli Walter Judd Anthony LaFalce Dorothy Restifo 12:00 Robert Castiglia John Sleasman Nicola Spiezio Ruth Stewart Wojtal</p>	<p>Tuesday 06/09/15 7:00 Fr. Charles Gaffigan 12:00 Thomas LaCombe</p>	<p>Thursday 06/11/15 7:00 Souls in Purgatory 12:00 A. David Bartholomew Gonzalez Family Lydia Nieves Joseph Palazzola Segarra Family Pauline M. Vaillancourt- 1st Anniv</p>	

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

25th ANNIVERSARY: Fr. Tom Konopka celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving on June 14, 2015, Church of St. Clare, Central Ave., followed by a parish reception. *Fr. Tom writes:* "I am planning on riding the Tour de Cure on June 7 to aid in diabetes research. Instead of gifts, I ask you to sponsor me in the ride as a way to celebrate 25 years of ministry. I would love to raise at least \$2500 to find a cure for a disease that has affected family and friends." To pledge, please go to the following website; <http://main.diabetes.org/goto/frtomk>.

THE GARDEN OF FEED'N: The Community Garden at the Sr. Maureen Joyce Center is in need of the following. All produce grown is used at the Center's Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry. **PLANT NEEDS:** squash (all types), tomatoes, peppers, lettuce, kale, cucumbers, beans. **OTHER NEEDS:** tomato cages and sticks and poles for beans. Any help you can give would be appreciated. You may drop off plants and other items at the rectory. Thank you!

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

FAITH FORMATION FOR YOUTH: This fall we will begin offering **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** for pre-school through Kindergarten (3 – 6 year old) children. This form of faith formation is hands on and based on the Montessori Method of learning. Sessions will be held in a specially prepared room called "the atrium" on Mondays, 3:45 – 5:45 PM beginning September 21st. Enrollment forms and more information available at the Church entrances. Please contact Andrea Reno: aapreno@gmail.com or Kelly Hession if you have any questions. - Email: kellyhessionbsc@yahoo.com; Phone: 518-225-4897

YOUTH MINISTRY: This weekend we prepared and served a meal at the **Welcome Table** at St.John's/St. Anne's Outreach Center. I want to thank our volunteers who helped. I would also like to thank The Crisafulli Family of Sweet Life Desserts for allowing us to use their bakery and donating all the baked goods and supplies. The Great Escape Altar Server trip is on for Friday, July 3rd. Please sign up in the sacristy or contact Mrs. Hession for more information or to sign up. Email: kellyhessionbsc@yahoo.com; Phone: 518-225-4897.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? At the Easter Vigil, **7** people came into our Church. If you know someone who is interested in becoming a Full Member of the Catholic Church, please contact Sr. Jude for more information. You can contact her at the Rectory, 482-3375 or by email: pastoralassociatebsc@yahoo.com

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT: First Friday of the month after 7:00 AM Mass; Benediction at 11:45 AM.

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

LEGION OF MARY: Meets every Tuesday at 6:00 PM in the Forman Room.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: First Tuesday of month after noon Mass; 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month, 6:00 PM.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: **50/50** raffle supports parish, youth, and school activities. Tickets available in the Sacristy before and after Mass. Next meeting/drawing: **Mon. July 6th, 7:00 PM**, Church Hall. New members are always welcome.

50/50 WINNERS FOR JUNE: *First Prize* - \$500 – M. Mertz, sold by J. Dobek; *Second Prize* - \$50 – Anthony Margiotta – sold by same; *Third Prize* - \$25 – Marcia H. – sold by J. Dobek.

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM: **June 18, 2015, 5:30 pm**, NY State Museum in Albany. The event will honor Sr. Anne Bryan Smollin, CSJ (posthumously) with the **Bishop Howard Hubbard Humanitarian Award** and John Daly with the **Sr. Maureen Joyce Charities Award**. Event will feature food, drinks, music, silent auction, and raffle. Tickets: \$125, proceeds to benefit Catholic Charities. **Tickets:** purchased online at www.ccrca.org or 518-453-6650. **Tickets Available Online at CCRCDA.ORG!**

FAMILY FESTIVAL

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

Please Check:

- I can help **cook** for the Family Festival I can help **pick up donations** for the Family Festival



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