

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

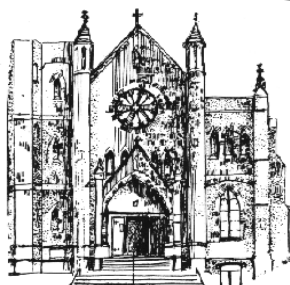
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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 10, 2019

Processional: **Holy, Holy, Holy** – Gather #474
Gloria: **Music Card #2**
Responsorial Psalm: Lord You Have the Words
- Gather #27
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia** - Gather #26
Offertory: **Lord When You Came** – Gather #696
Holy: **Music Card #3**



Mystery of Faith: We Proclaim – **Music Card #5**
Great Amen: **Amen, amen, amen**
Lamb of God: Gather #207
Communion Music: **Look Beyond**- Gather #843
Recessional: **Praise My Soul the Kingdom of Heaven**
- Gather #551

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Last weekend was a big weekend, and not just for football. Both Saturday and Sunday were noteworthy days in our liturgical calendar: February 2nd was the feast of the Presentation of the Lord and February 3rd was the memorial of St. Blaise. I spoke to you about the Presentation of the Lord (how it marks 40 days since Christmas and we celebrate the witness of Anna and Simeon who have been faithfully waiting for the coming of the Messiah) and St. Blaise (and the blessing for good health, especially of the throat and respiratory system).

Now we have more days to remember. This weekend, we will celebrate World Marriage Day and the World Day of the Sick at our Masses. Traditionally, World Marriage Day is celebrated on the week of St. Valentine's memorial. The World Day of the Sick is celebrated on February 11th, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. I think there is room enough in our weekend schedule to mark both occasions!

A blessing for engaged and married couples will be offered at our Masses in honor of World Marriage Day. To mark the World Day of the Sick, some prayer cards will be available by our church entrances and I will add some water from Lourdes to our holy water fonts. As you bless yourself this weekend with water from our fonts, please remember to pray generously for our sick in our families, our parish and around the world.

Peace, Fr. Joe

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS: Isaiah 6:1-2, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11


COLLECTION NEWS: Our regular collection for February 3, 2019 was **\$9,264** and an additional **\$347** for Fuel. The second collection for next week will be the monthly for our parish school. Offering envelopes and Evangelist subscription payments are always welcome and may be placed in the collection. *If you currently do not receive offertory envelopes and would like to, or if you are experiencing any delivery problems with your envelopes, please contact Rebecca in the rectory at 518-482-3375 and she will be happy to help you. If you would like to receive your 2018 tax statement please contact the rectory.* Thank you for your generous stewardship to Blessed Sacrament. *Your continued stewardship makes all things possible.*

BISHOP'S APPEAL: Through early February, your gifts and pledges in support of the Bishop's Appeal total \$103,305 which is just below our goal of \$105,503. There is still time to make a pledge or gift to the 2018 Bishop's Appeal through early March. Thank you for your generous support.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: Thank you to everyone who brought nonperishable food items last weekend! "Souper Bowl of Caring" is dedicated to tackling all of the issues that exist in our communities, including poverty, hunger and homelessness. For more information or questions, please contact our Parish office at 518-482-3375 or email: blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS: Low-gluten communion hosts are available at all weekend Masses to those who are intolerant. The hosts made by the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration are accepted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Please stop by the sacristy 15 minutes prior to Mass to advise of your need for a low gluten host.

SAVE THE DATE: Please join us for our annual St. Patrick's Day Mass, Saturday March 16th at 9:00 a.m. Enjoy bagpipes and music and a reception with Irish soda bread after Mass in our school gymnasium. Bishop Sharfenberger will be our presider.

<u>Saturday 2/9/2019</u> 4:00 Roger Knuth John Mooney Harold Perkins Vivian and Jim Walker William Houlton Seguerra and Gonzalez Families	<u>Monday 2/11/2019</u> 7:00 John Caporta Patricia Devino (living) 12:00 Sandi Coroi Grace Spagnolo Chrissy Aidalgo Samuel Esposito (living)	<u>Wednesday 2/13/2019</u> 7:00 (Intentions Available) 12:00 Katie Lynch Farrell Casey Ryan Lynch John and Mary Lynch	<u>Friday 2/15/2019</u> 7:00 Ellen Conolly 12:00 Health of Beverly Shogry Kathy Adair Joseph Wygel Sophie Burleski Denise Glass (living)
<u>Sunday 2/10/2019</u> 9:00 For the People 10:30 Laura and Ernest Serafino Adriano Trussel Vincenzo Sturiale Maria Louisa Escobar Vda. De Hinostraza Richard Carocchia 12:00 (Intentions Available)	<u>Tuesday 2/12/2019</u> 7:00 Antoinette Faragon William Houlton 12:00 John Lynch	<u>Thursday 2/14/2019</u> 7:00 Helen and Stephen Zakens Anthony Carmona 12:00 Ginny and Bill Thomas Joyce and Albino Aragno (living) Sara Tenney James Morrill	

4:30 p.m. Mass, Sundays, in Urdu for our Pakistani Parishioners.

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Here at Blessed Sacrament we have many ministries to assist those in need. The success of our outreach programs relies heavily on the very hands and feet of Christ- our volunteers. We are looking for individuals to assist us in our Food Pantry Mondays and Thursdays 10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. We are also looking for help in our Thrift Store, during hours of operation Wednesdays and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., as well as on Tuesdays and Fridays, for set up. If you can give the gift of your time and are interested in volunteering please call the Rectory at 518- 482-3375

The Sister Maureen Joyce Soup kitchen provides nourishment to those in need of a hot meal. The Soup Kitchen serves between 80 and 90 people on any given day and as the end of the month draws near, those numbers increase greatly. We are in need of more help at the Soup Kitchen- folks to assist in dishwashing and serving food to those who come in to eat. If you or anyone you know is interested in helping, please call the Rectory at 518-482-3375

FAITH FORMATION FOR YOUTH: We look forward to seeing you this Sunday from 9:00-10:15 followed by 10:30 Mass. We will also be offering the Children’s Liturgy of the Word during 10:30 Mass this weekend. If you are interested in altar serving and were not able to attend the training, please contact Fr. Joe. Please continue to check your emails for faith formation news, reminders and updates. No sessions next week, 2/17 due to winter recess. Sessions will resume 2/24 as well as the First Reconciliation Retreat taking place from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

FABULOUS FEBRUARY: Our annual fundraiser is in full swing! 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. Invite others to help with this fundraiser for the School by buying and helping to sell these popular tickets. Red flyers at the exits list prizes for each day and the ticket is at the bottom of the sheet. Cut it off and return it with your \$10 donation. This is our school’s major fundraiser. ***Our first list of winners will be posted in church this weekend!*** Thank you for your ongoing support.

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, 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!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: Our next meeting is Monday, March 4, 2019 at 7 pm in the church basement. Winners from our recent 50-50 are ***1st Prize- M. O’Brien; 2nd Prize – F. Nigro; 3rd Prize- M. Mertz***

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: Come pray the Rosary on the first Tuesday of each month after the Noon Mass.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Prayed the 2nd, 3rd and 4th 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.

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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

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