

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

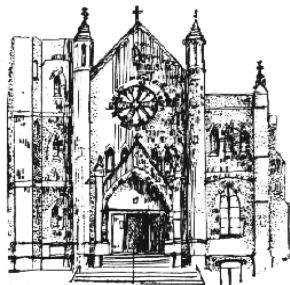
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Over One Hundred Years of Faith and Tradition



Established 1902

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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 17, 2019

Processional: **Crown Him With Many Crowns** – Gather #485

Gloria: **Music Card #2**

Responsorial Psalm: **“Taste, O taste and see that the Lord is good. That the Lord is good”**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia** - Gather #261

Offertory: **Blest Are They** – Gather #659

Holy: **Music Card #3**



Mystery of Faith: **We Proclaim – Music Card #5**

Great Amen: **Amen, amen, amen**

Lamb of God: Gather #314

Communion Music: **I Received the Living God** - Gather #851

Recessional: **Christ Is The King**- Gather #481

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Wouldn't you know, we get a snowstorm just before our local schools celebrate 'Mid-Winter Recess.'

Right on cue! And to think that after last Sunday's 12 noon Mass, I heard (then saw) some geese flying north. Signs of things to come. There are so many signs; which signs should I take to heart?

Throughout the world, our Church celebrated World Day of the Sick on February 11th, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. I had received some water from Lourdes years ago from a parishioner who had traveled there to find healing. Travelers to Lourdes have told me that the sick who have come for healing are at the center of *nearly everything*. They share in the prayer, pastoral care and compassion of the people who live there and minister to them. They are full and active participants in the liturgy celebrated by the community... for the Eucharist *is at the center of everything*.

When our parish community gathers to celebrate the Eucharist at the Saturday Vigil and on Sunday we bring ourselves and our needs to the Lord. We are graced, renewed and nourished for the journey. Even in the midst of our brokenness and need, we are reminded that God's grace and love can be experienced in so many ways. (Sometimes we may even remember how much we are loved by God.)

Faith, seen as both life-giving and life-sustaining, leads us to consider that witnessing to illness shows one more way that our lives are redeemed through the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. (Lent is just a few weeks away... please keep this thought in mind.)

As you walk and pray with the sick and the broken, may we see a different expression of God's love that opens our heart to the depth and breadth of God's love. May we go out and love the world in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Peace, Fr. Joe


PS - On Saturday, March 16th Blessed Sacrament will host the Annual St. Patrick's Day Mass at 9 am to begin a day of celebrating the Feast of the Patron Saint of Ireland. Bishop Scharfenberger will be our presider and homilist. Music will include a pipe and drum band, harps and, of course, our organist, Ed Savoy. A reception will follow in the gym (yes, there will be soda bread). Spread the word and please plan to attend. If you can help as an usher or help serve at the reception, please sign the tab at the bottom of the other side of the bulletin and put it in the collection. Many thanks!

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS: Jeremiah 17:5-8 1 Corinthians 15:12, 6-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26

COLLECTION NEWS: Our regular collection for February 10, 2019 was **\$8,291.50**. The second collection for this 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. Additionally 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.

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.

Saturday 2/16/2019 4:00 Rosario Esperanza Ballerine (living) Mary Jane Kennedy Loretta and Howard Mittler Bonnie Jean Henry (her intentions) Heather Shepherd James Alund	Monday 2/18/2019 9:00 Health of Beverly Shogry *Offices Will Be Closed* 	Wednesday 2/20/2019 7:00 Marilyn Brown 12:00 Kitty Cuttleton	Friday 2/22/2019 7:00 Jorge Fernandez 12:00 Vincenzo Archina Angela Nicotina (6 th anniversary)
Sunday 2/17/2019 9:00 For the People 10:30 3 rd Order of St Francis Edwin Niedhammer Bill and Jean Pfeiffer 12:00 Felicia Mastek	Tuesday 2/19/2019 7:00 12:00 Mary E. Barth Tom Rowe	Thursday 2/21/2019 7:00 Jack and Richard Penny 12:00 Esperanza Hinostraza De Del Portar	

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.

FAITH FORMATION FOR YOUTH: Please continue to check your emails for faith formation news, reminders and updates. No sessions this 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. Have a safe and restful Winter Recess! If you are interested in altar serving please contact Fr. Joe. If you have questions, please contact Kelly Hession at (518) 424-8812

COOKIE SALE: Please support our local Girl Scouts, Troop #1071, by purchasing cookies from them after all Masses next weekend. Please call the Rectory if you have any follow up questions. (518) 482-3375

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES: Are you being called? At Blessed Sacrament, we have many ministry opportunities to serve at our liturgy, in our community, and with those in need. Our ministries and service relies on you to be the hands and feet of Christ. Why not pray about how you can help? Good people of all ages are welcome! Everyone starts someplace! Looking for a place to start? Please call the Parish Office at 518-482-3375 if you are interested in helping

- **FOOD PANTRY:** Our Food Pantry needs people who can come on Monday or Thursday mornings to distribute food or on Tuesday mornings to help sort food deliveries. Please see Sr. Patricia Lynch for more information.

- **THRIFT SHOP:** Our Thrift Shop needs people who can come on Wednesday and Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm when the store is open. People are also needed on Tuesdays and Fridays to help set up. Please see Rosemary Mineau for more information.

- **SR. MAUREEN JOYCE CENTER:** The Sister Maureen Joyce Center on Livingston Avenue provides a hot lunch for people in need... often 80 to 90 people come for lunch. These numbers increase near the end of the month.

Would you like to serve food or help in the kitchen? There is also a clothing program serving children and adults in the community through Sr. Maureen's Center. Talk with Fr. Joe O'Brien or Fred Garivelli (in the kitchen) for more information.

- **COLLECTION MINISTRY:** The Offertory Counters are in need of some more folks. They meet in the Parish Office on Sunday mornings (or on the days after Christmas and Easter). They work in teams and have a great time together. Please see Mike Batza for more information.

OVER 50 CLUB: The Over 50 Club will meet on Monday March 4th at 12:30 down stairs in the church hall. Bring your lunch and a dessert to share. Beverages will be provided. All are welcome! For more Information call Anne Snyder at (518) 869-5247

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. 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. **Winners from week 2 are: Dan & Mandy Kennedy, Kathy Bombard, Caroline Tenney, Constance Brown, Dan Lydon and John DeRouville!** 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. 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.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS – SATURDAY MARCH 16TH

[] I can help at the St. Patrick's Day Mass as [] Usher [] General Helper

Name: _____ Phone: _____



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