

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

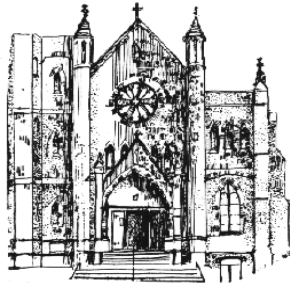
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Over One Hundred Years of Faith and Tradition



Established 1902

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Food Pantry Coordinator: Sr. Patricia Lynch
Parish Secretary: Rebecca Hanson
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7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 24, 2019

Processional: **This Day God Gives Me** – Gather #757

Gloria: **Music Card #2**

Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord is Kind**

And Merciful – Gather #100

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

Offertory: **Love One Another** – Gather #630

Holy, Holy: **Music Card #3**



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

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

Lamb of God: Gather #314

Communion Music: **Gift of Finest Wheat** – Gather #815

Recessional: **Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

– Gather #481

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

This past Friday, February 22nd, our Church celebrated the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter. Lest you think that our church is celebrating furniture, this feast is about the role of St. Peter (*You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church*) and all the leaders who followed him. Thinking about our leaders, in light of the sex abuse crisis, can be difficult. We all know that some priests, bishops and cardinals have committed both crimes and sins. Going back many years, there have been times when our leaders have fallen short... even Peter denied Christ. (*You will deny me three times before the cock crows*)

It's been a difficult time to be Catholic. Many of you have shared your worries and your legitimate anger with me over the last several months. As Fr. James Martin, S.J. recently wrote, "It's hard to realize but every Christians who belongs to any kind of a church belongs to a church of both saints and sinners, where saints do amazing things and sinners do horrible things."

We all want to see some change. I thank you for keeping Christ at the center of your faith life. I thank you for trusting your Blessed Sacrament experiences and remaining connected with your faith.

Perhaps you're aware that Pope Francis is hosting a meeting in Rome from February 21st-24th of all the leaders of the national Bishops Conferences and religious communities. Please keep them in your prayers as they seek to address this abuse directly, forthrightly and effectively. We all want to see a change in heart and in action. I will be available in the Church this Monday night at 6:30 pm and on Tuesday after the noon Mass to listen and for conversation with anyone who stops in.

Peace, Fr. Joe

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; John 13:34


COLLECTION NEWS: Our regular collection for February 10, 2019 was **\$7,471**. The second collection last week for our parish school was **\$2,451**. *Please be advised that our second collection next week is again for our parish school for the Month of March.* 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.*

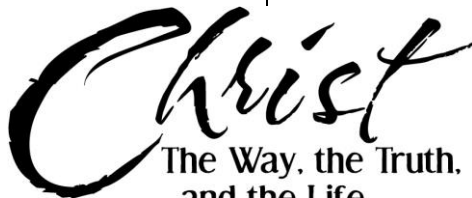
BISHOP'S APPEAL: Through mid-February our parishioners have raise \$103,050 in pledges and gifts towards our Bishop's Appeal goal of \$105,503. We're \$2,453 short of meeting our goal. Can you help us meet our goal? New gifts are always welcome (you can even give online at www.thebishopsappeal.org) if you can completed your pledge installment payments. The Appeal closes March 11th.

TOUR OF OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS: We invite you to The Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas, at 273 Central Ave, for a unique event. "The History of St. Patrick's Church" Tour, given by Frank DeNucci, on Sunday, March 3rd at 8 a.m, highlights the many treasures of our church building. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. All are welcome.

COOKIE SALE: Please support our local Girl Scouts, Troop #1071 as they are selling cookies this weekend after Masses. Please call the Rectory if you have any follow up questions. (518) 482-3375

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.

<u>Saturday 2/16/2019</u> 4:00 Mary Taaffe Helen Delehanty Kathy McGuire Janet Koert Frank and Maria Theresa Galea Segarra and Gonzalez Families	<u>Monday 2/18/2019</u> 7:00 Joseph and Frances Bologna 12:00 Courtney Rosencranz Peter Kirwin	<u>Wednesday 2/20/2019</u> 7:00 William Watson 12:00 John Lynch Intentions of the McManus Family	<u>Friday 2/22/2019</u> 7:00 (Intentions Available) 12:00 (Intentions Available)
<u>Sunday 2/17/2019</u> 9:00 For the People 10:30 Consalata Calabro Nicola Speazio Maria Louisa Escobar vda. De Hinostraza Esperanca Hinostraza De Del Portor Modesto Hinostraza 12:00 Marie Kelly Marylyn Carmody Sigmund Pochman	<u>Tuesday 2/19/2019</u> 7:00 The Health of Beverly Shogry 12:00 Lisa M. Brennan	<u>Thursday 2/21/2019</u> 7:00 (Intentions Available) 12:00 Robert Cunningham Thomas Rankin	


**The Way, the Truth,
and the Life.**
JOHN 14:6

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: Welcome back from Winter Recess, sessions resume this week! Our First Reconciliation Retreat will be from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. If you are interested in altar serving please contact Fr. Joe. If you have questions, please contact Kelly Hession at (518) 424-8812. Please continue to check your emails for faith formation news, reminders and updates

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!

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.

--- 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.

--- The Sister Maureen Joyce Center on Livingston Avenue provides at 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. Everyone starts someplace! Looking for a place to start? Please call the Parish Office at 518-482-3375.

OVER 50 CLUB: The Over 50 Club will meet next 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: Leslie Pagan-ali, Mary Schmitz, Vince and Patti DeMarc, Kathy Pjontek, Dan Lockart, Maryann Miles, Sr. Jude Kapp and Sr. Ida Gregoire!** Thank you for your ongoing support of our school!

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: _____

