

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

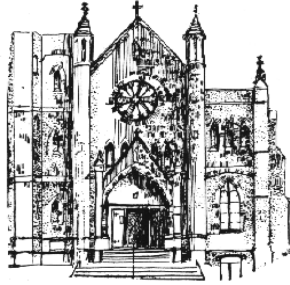
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Rev. Juanito Asprec-Parochial Vicar

Over One Hundred Years of Faith and Tradition



Established 1902

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Food Pantry Coordinator: Sr. Patricia Lynch
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1st Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2019

Processional: Lord Who Throughout These
Forty Days – Gather #392
Penitential Rite: Kyrie: Gather #196
Responsorial Psalm: Be With Me Lord
- Gather #85
Gospel Acclamation: Praise To You Lord
Jesus Christ - Gather #160A
Preparation of the Gifts: On Eagles Wings
- Gather #611



Holy, Holy: Music Card #4
Mystery of Faith: Save Us – Music Card #6
Great Amen: Gather #182
Lamb of God: Gather #312
Communion Music: Taste And See –
Gather #814
Recessional: Jerusalem My Destiny –
Gather #390

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Welcome to Lent! For so many, Lent began with ashes, marking the beginning of the season. You many have had neighbors, co-workers and classmates who noticed your ashes and asked you what Lent was about, what the ashes meant. You can respond in any one of several ways.

Lent is about remembering how much we long for God and how much God longs for us. Lent is part of a life-long sacramental pilgrimage, and we share a journey with adults who receive Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. Lent is about changing our lives, about renewing relationships with God and neighbors, about reforming ourselves and seeking reconciliation.

Lent is about familiar signs, sights, sounds and smells reigniting our memories and fueling our spiritual imaginations. Lent is about unlocking paschal mystery and new life for all. Where are you as the Lenten journey begins? I have placed some purple sheets by our entryways with word on our parish Lenten activities for your reference.

Peace, Fr. Joe

PS - Congratulations to Michaela Joyce who received a Community Service award from the Diocesan Schools Office for her work on behalf of Blessed Sacrament School. Thank you, Michaela!

LENTEN NEWS & NOTES:

LENT: FAST and ABSTINENCE: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and Abstinence. As a sign of our penance, we preserve for our Diocese. The custom of abstinence from meat on the Fridays of Lent. Abstinence binds all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Fasting binds all Catholics who are 18 years of age, but not yet 59. Fasting refers to the quantity of food eaten. Traditionally, fasting calls for only one full meal per day. By retaining these traditions for our Diocese we do not intend that they be interpreted as laws binding under pain of sin, but as customs from which we will not hold ourselves lightly excused. They are expression of our desire to be converted in our hearts, to be reconciled with each other.

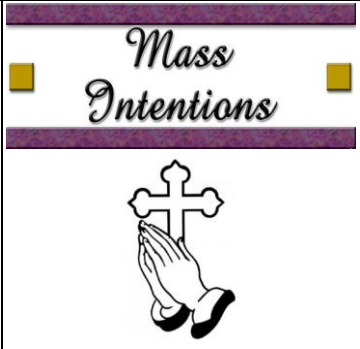
STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Will take place on the **Fridays of Lent at 12:30 PM**, right after the noon Mass. We also invite you to Stations of the Cross **in Urdu Friday evenings at 4:30 PM**. Please consider coming to Mass, and the stations, and making this a special Lenten Friday Hour of Prayer.

OPERATION RICE BOWL: As we begin our Lenten Journey, you are invited to participate in Catholic Relief Services, Operation Rice Bowl. Throughout Lent we will pray, fast, learn and give as a way to reach out in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. Please take home a Rice Bowl packet and follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Visit orb.crs.org for additional resources. Rice Bowls will be available at all the exits.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

COLLECTION NEWS: Our offertory collection for March 3, 2019 was **\$9,032**. The second collection for our parish school was **\$1,947**. Our second collection this week will be for the Black and Indian Missions. Funds from this combined collection support projects and help fund catechesis and evangelization programs throughout the United States, the Church of Latin America and the Caribbean. Your gifts will support catechesis, pastoral programs, marriage and family life projects, seminarian education and many other necessary programs. Thank you for your generous stewardship to Blessed Sacrament. **Your continued stewardship makes all things possible.**

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<u>Saturday 3/9/2019</u> 4:00 Segarra & Gonzalez Families Ruth L. Zell Jane Haney (2 nd Anniv.) Terrance McCardle	<u>Monday 3/11/2019</u> 7:00 (Intentions available) 12:00 Jack & Brian Cromie Charles Mendel	<u>Wednesday 3/13/2019</u> 7:00 Philip & Patricia Devine 12:00 Katie Lynch Farrell Casey Ryan Lynch John & Mary Lynch Robert Mittler	<u>Friday 3/15/2019</u> 7:00 (Intentions available) 12:00 Paige Hotaling Parker
<u>Sunday 3/10/2019</u> 9:00 For the People 10:30 Elizabeth Schick Betty Traynor John Monette 12:00 Peter Krasher, Sr. Joseph Szczepowski Helen A. Mackey	<u>Tuesday 3/12/2019</u> 7:00 (Intentions available) 12:00 Maureen DiNuzzo Stella Poutre Connie O'Connor Mineau Patrick Heery Deceased members of the Eugene Caine Family	<u>Thursday 3/14/2019</u> 7:00 (Intentions Available) 12:00 Robert Cunningham	

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.

SCHOOL NEWS: You are invited to a night of lively music as performed by The Capital Region Catholic School Honor Band. The concert is Sunday, March 24th at 3:00 p.m. at St. Thomas School in Delmar. Students are selected from various Catholic Schools in the Diocese and represent the “best of the best” from our area, including students from Blessed Sacrament School! All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

FAITH FORMATION FOR YOUTH: The wonderful celebration of our Mother’s is approaching. Our Faith Formation program will be putting together a Mother’s Day Basket to raffle off and we are looking for donations to make this basket extra special. Please consider helping us create a beautiful and meaningful gift to give to a wonderful and well deserved mother. Ideas for, but not limited to: books, makeup, jewelry, gift cards, perfume, candles, plants, lotions, journals, water bottle, home decor, movie passes, home decor, fabric bags, art work, recipes, magazines etc. Raffle chances will take place on May 4th and 5th and May 11th and 12th. Winners will be drawn and announced on Mother’s Day, May 12th. All proceeds of this raffle will go towards our Faith Formation and Youth Programs. 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

SCHOOL BUCKS PROGRAM: UPDATE! - Colonie Center is making a few changes to the School Bucks Program. There are now two new ways to redeem School Bucks Points! School Bucks completed forms & receipts can be turned in Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:30pm in the Management Office. Located on the First Floor at the end of the hall between Sephora & Justice. School Bucks Drop Box is now located at the desk by the escalator between Menchie’s & Five Guys. Please complete form and included receipts in envelope before dropping in box. ****when using the School Bucks drop box your receipts will not be returned**** **From now until the end of the program we are offering TRIPLE POINTS for purchases made at Colonie Center’s NEW Stores: Carter’s, H&M and BOXLUNCH**

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: March 50-50 Winners: **\$250 – B. Hulsopple; \$75 L. Dobek; \$25 – T. Bradley.** Our next meeting is Monday, April 1st, 2019 at 7 pm in the church basement. Thank for buying and selling the 50-50 Tickets. The seller gets 10%, as an incentive and we need more sellers; additional tickets are available in the Sacristy. This money supports our Youth Ministry programs, church Pic Nic, Monsignor Forman Scholarship., etc. All parish men are invited to attend our short meetings on the **FIRST** Monday of each month at 7 pm, in the church basement. Pizza is served afterward.

ROSARY GUILD: Our meeting will be Thursday, March 21 at 12:30 in the Forman Room. We’ll have Easter Cards for the shut-ins to be sent out and our corned beef luncheon. Our School Principal, Maureen Daurio, will be our guest that day. Also don’t forget our Baby Shower on Sunday, April 7th. The Christ Child Society makes layettes for new mothers in need. We need baby outfits, newborn to 9 mos., blankets, diapers etc. for both boys and girls. We hope to see you at both events.

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. 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: The United Irish Societies of the Capital District will sponsor the Annual St. Patrick’s Day Mass on Saturday, March 16th at 9:00 a.m. Bishop Scharfenberger will be our presider. A reception will follow immediately in the school hall with coffee, tea and soda bread. Pipers and harp music will be featured at Mass and at the reception. Everyone is welcome to attend! The St. Patrick’s Day parade will begin at 2 pm from the intersection of Central Avenue and Quail Street. We are looking for volunteers to help is at this Mass. If you are available to assist us next week, please fill out the bottom portion of the bulletin. You may send it to the rectory by way of the collection basket or by mail. We thank you for all you do to make this annual Mass such a beautiful event each year.

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ST. PATRICK’S DAY MASS SATURDAY MARCH 16TH

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

Name: _____ Phone: _____

