

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

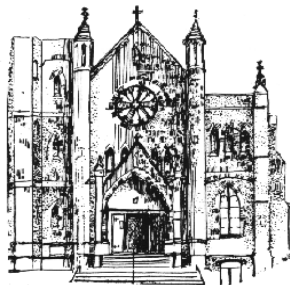
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Over One Hundred Years of Faith and Tradition



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2nd Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2019

Processional: **Forty Days and Forty Nights** – Gather #384
Penitential Rite: Kyrie: Gather #196
Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord is My Light**
Gather #39
Gospel Acclamation: **Praise To You Lord Jesus Christ** - Gather #160A
Preparation of the Gifts: **I Will Lift Up My Eyes** - Gather #500



Second
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Holy, Holy: **Music Card #4**
Mystery of Faith: **Save Us – Music Card #6**
Great Amen: Gather #182
Lamb of God: Gather #312
Communion Music: **I Received the Living God** - Gather #851
Recessional: **The Glory of These Forty Days** - Gather #388

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

We're entering the Second Week of Lent and perhaps you're starting to live out your Lenten plan for this year. So often, you look in to your life to discern what you need and Lent becomes a solitary journey. A journey with you and Jesus.

Have you ever celebrated Lent with others? Do you spend time in prayer with family or friends? Do you share a Lenten meal together? Do you undertake some service for the poor with others? Lent is a time for communal celebration. We are a community gathered for Word and Sacrament, prayer and praise, love and service.

Think about today's Gospel. Jesus invited Peter, James and John to join him for some prayer on a mountaintop. And what an experience that turned out to be! This Lent, you can come to a deeper understanding of who you are as a follower of Jesus. And it's made all the greater when we do this as community.

Last Sunday, Don Duthamel, Monique Gonzalez, Shimeek Johnson, Kirk Remlie and Donna Twitty entered the next stage in their journeys to complete the Sacraments of Initiation by participating Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion with RCIA candidates and catechumens from every corner of our 14 county, 125 parish diocese. Our candidates and catechumens all seek to share in the sacramental life that so many of you enjoy. May we accompany them in prayer and invite them to share more fully in the life of our Blessed Sacrament community!

Peace, Fr. Joe

LENTEN NEWS & NOTES:

LENT: FAST and ABSTINENCE: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and Abstinence. The custom of abstinence from meat occurs on the Fridays during 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 all **Fridays during Lent at 12:30 PM**, right after the noon Mass. Please consider coming to Mass, 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.

LENTEN SERIES: Holiness in Today's World by popular demand, will meet every Tuesday in Lent after the 12 noon Mass and at 7:15 pm in the church in the St Joseph Chapel.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28B-36

COLLECTION NEWS: Our offertory collection for March 10, 2019 was **\$7,812.50**. The second collection for the Black and Native American missions was **\$1,313**. With your generous contributions we were able to meet our goal for the Diocesan Bishops Appeal! Thank you for your generous stewardship to Blessed Sacrament. *Your continued stewardship makes all things possible.*

<p>Saturday 3/16/2019 9:00 <u>St. Patrick's Day Mass</u> Courtney Rosencranz Baby Edward Carey</p> <p>4:00 Joseph Malek Michael K. McLoughlin Mary Jane Kennedy Robert Andersen Fr. Manuel Rojas Margaret Shatraw</p>	<p>Monday 3/18/2019 7:00 Walter Zimmer</p> <p>12:00 Betty Lent</p>	<p>Wednesday 3/20/2019 7:00 Health of Beverly Shogry</p> <p>12:00 Mary Jane Kennedy & Family Edward V. Mackey</p>	<p>Friday 3/22/2019 7:00 James B. Ryan (birthday)</p> <p>12:00 William & Mary Van Bergen Alfred & Helen Remo Caroline Schmidbauer</p>
<p>Sunday 3/17/2019 9:00 For the People</p> <p>10:30 3rd Order of St. Francis Giuseppa Ritmo Loretta & Howard Miller Robert Strassel, Sr.</p> <p>12:00 The Fernald Family. Marjan Szczetkowski Patricia Pleat (91st Birthday)</p>	<p>Tuesday 3/19/2019 7:00(Intentions available)</p> <p>12:00 Nellie Bigelow Hutchinson</p>	<p>Thursday 3/21/2019 7:00 Margaret Donovan</p> <p>12:00 Betty Canepi</p>	

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

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: Please join us on March 20th at Colonie Center, Barnes and Noble for a Book Fair for our school. If you cannot make the book fair you can still support our school by shopping online! Visit **BN.COM/bookfairs** to support us online from **3/20/19 to 3/25/19** by entering Bookfair ID **12396826** at checkout. Please see bulletin boards for more details. The Capital Region Catholic School Honor Band Concert will be held on Sunday, March 24th at 3:00 p.m. at St. Thomas School in Delmar. These students represent the "best of the best" from our area schools, including students from Blessed Sacrament. All are invited to attend!

FAITH FORMATION FOR YOUTH: The wonderful celebration of our Mothers 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 too: Books, makeup, jewelry, gift cards, perfume, candles, plants, lotions, journals, water bottle, home decor, movie passes, 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 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 the itemized form. Place the form and receipts in the envelope and drop it in the 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**

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE classes are held on Friday mornings from 10 am - 12 noon in the Foreman Room. The sessions are open to all, please stop and see Linda Feldmann on Fridya mornings for details.

ROSARY GUILD: Our meeting will be Thursday, March 21st at 12:30 in the Forman Room. We will 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 speaker that day. Please bring sanitary products for the Food Pantry. 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.

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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