

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

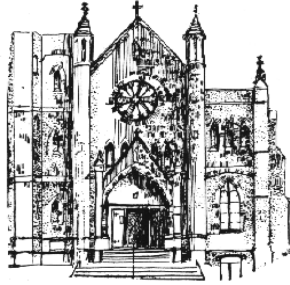
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Over One Hundred Years of Faith and Tradition



Established 1902

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Food Pantry Coordinator: Sr. Patricia Lynch
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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 3, 2019

Processional: All Creatures of Our
God and King— Gather #533

Gloria: Music Card #2

Responsorial Psalm: "Forever I will sing the
Goodness of the Lord"

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia - Gather #261

Offertory: Out of Darkens - Gather #689

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: Eat This Bread – Gather #838

Recessional: Sing a New Song Unto the Lord
- Gather #521

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

A few parishioners have asked me why Ash Wednesday falls so late this year. With Ash Wednesday on March 6th and Easter on April 21st, these feasts are later than usual. The explanation goes back to the year 325...the Council of Nicaea established that Easter would be held on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox.

Ash Wednesday is near. Let this be an invitation to you and your family to embrace Lent as a season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Simplify your life in a Lenten way for these upcoming 40 days. Consciously choose to make time for prayer and reflection. dedicate yourself to prayer, fasting and care for the poor. Slow things down so you may walk with Jesus, sharing a Lenten journey leading you to Holy Week and Easter.

May Lent's desert dryness sharpen our spiritual senses, calling us to remove everything that stands between us and our love of God and neighbor. May we thirst for closeness with Jesus with a renewed appreciation for the waters of Baptism.

Peace, Fr. Joe

LENTEN NEWS & NOTES:

ASH WEDNESDAY: Ash Wednesday Masses and distribution of ashes will be at 7:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. In a Lenten Spirit of concern for the poor, the collection that day will be for our food pantry here at Blessed Sacrament.


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. 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: Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

COLLECTION NEWS: Our offertory collection for February 24, 2019 was **\$8,784**. The second collection this week is for our parish school. Our second collection for next week will be for the Black and Indian Missions. 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*

<p>Saturday 3/2/2019 4:00 Joseph and Frances Bologna</p>	<p>Monday 3/4/2019 7:00 Anthony Carmona</p> <p>12:00 James Gardener Robert Cook Jr.</p>	<p>Wednesday 3/6/2019 7:00 Johanna Gavin (Intentions available for the 10:00 a.m., 12 noon and 5:00 p.m. Masses)</p> <p>Distribution of Ashes 7:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon & 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Friday 3/8/2019 7:00 Deceased members of Brennan, Nielon, Zakens and Krzyzaneck families</p> <p>12:00 Anne Gallo</p>
<p>Sunday 3/3/2019 9:00 For the People</p> <p>10:30 Stuart Snyder Herman Wise (40th ann.) Fredic Wildman John Monette Mary Anastasi Courtney Rosencranz</p> <p>12:00 Louise Lawton James Morrill Sara Tenney</p>	<p>Tuesday 3/5/2019 7:00 James B. Ryan (3rd ann.) John Hoey</p> <p>12:00 Jonathan Klob Louise Minneau</p>	<p>Thursday 3/7/2019 7:00 (Intentions Available) 12:00 (Intentions Available)</p>	

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.

BISHOP'S APPEAL: To date our parishioners have raise \$103,707 in pledges and gifts towards our Bishop's Appeal goal of \$105,503. We're \$1,796 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). Can you complete your pledge installment payments? The Appeal closes March 11th.

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.

FAITH FORMATION FOR YOUTH: We invite you to join us as we prepare for the season of Lent and receive ashes on Ash Wednesday, Please continue to pray for the children of the school and parish as they are making their first reconciliation, Saturday March 2nd at 12:00 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Kelly Hession at (518) 424-8812. Please 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: *A complete list of our winners will be posted at each of our entrances.* Congratulations to all of this year's winners! We thank you for your ongoing support of our school!

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: Our next meeting is Monday, March 4, 2019 at 7 pm in the church basement. ALL men parishioner are invited to a "short" meeting with pizza and the 50-50 drawing afterwards.

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 – SATURDAY MARCH 16TH

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

Name: _____

Phone: _____

