

# Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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## Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

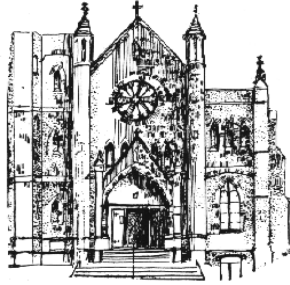
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Over One Hundred Years of Faith and Tradition



Established 1902

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

April 7, 2019

Processional: **Lift High The Cross**  
- Gather #791  
Penitential Rite: Kyrie: Gather #196  
Responsorial Psalm: **With The Lord**  
- Gather #127  
Gospel Acclamation: **Praise To You Lord**  
**Jesus Christ** - Gather #160A  
Offertory: **Jerusalem My Destiny**  
- Gather #390



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 Am The Bread of**  
**Life** - Gather #828  
Recessional: **Lord Who Throughout These**  
**Forty Days** - Gather #392

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

One of the pivotal points in today's Gospel: Martha and Mary say to Jesus, "Lord if you had only been here my brother would not have died." They are disappointed with Jesus. Why did Jesus delay in going to Bethany? Jesus was Lazarus' friend. Why wasn't he there sooner? Listen to the flow of today's Gospel as Martha and Mary find themselves with Jesus again.

As Lent has progressed, we're sharing in the moments of sacramental longing with the Samaritan woman at the well and the man born blind. We're reaching that point when the anticipation rises; it seems that Holy Week and Lent are just around the corner. How is your Lent progressing? There is still time to celebrate a good Lent.

A few Lenten activities to consider: weekday Masses (7 am and 12 noon); Stations of the Cross on Fridays after the 12 noon Mass (English) and 6 pm (Urdu); Everyday Holiness on Tuesdays after the 12 noon Mass and at 7:15 pm in the St. Joseph's Chapel; Chrism Mass at the Cathedral on Thursday, April 11th at 7 pm; and Reconciliation on Saturday at 3 pm and on Monday, April 15th from 6:30 to 8 pm in the St. Joseph's Chapel. Come to our Holy Week celebrations.

Peace, Fr. Joe

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:3-7, 17-20, 20-27

**COLLECTION NEWS:** Our offertory collection for March 31, 2019 was **\$7,518**. The second collection for **Catholic Relief Services** was \$1,560. Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping Jesus in disguise. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections), and click on the "How to Give link on the left. The second collection this week is for our Parish School. Thank you for your generous stewardship to Blessed Sacrament. *Your continued stewardship makes all things possible.*

### LENTEN NEWS & NOTES:

**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:** 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](http://orb.crs.org) for additional resources. Rice Bowls will be available at all the exits. We will begin collection of Rice Bowls during Holy Week.

**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.

#### Holy Thursday: April 18, 2019

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 5:30 PM Church will then be open for prayer and closing with night prayer at 10:00 PM

#### Good Friday: April 19, 2019

Morning Prayer - 9:00 AM Living Stations of the Cross - 2:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 5:30 PM

#### Holy Saturday: April 20, 2019

Morning Prayer - 9:00 AM Blessing of Food - 11:00 AM Easter Vigil - 7:30 PM

#### Easter Sunday: April 21, 2019

Masses at 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 12:00 Noon



Holy Week  
Schedule

<p><b><u>Saturday 4/6/2019</u></b>  4:00 Nancy Campbell  Segarra &amp; Gonzalez  Families  Al Russo  James J. Colonno  Mary Macri Marino  Hazel Prelow (favor  Granted)</p>	<p><b><u>Monday 4/8/2019</u></b>  7:00 W. Ralph Sommers</p> <p>12:00 Anne Delores Carey  Rose Marie Soulier  Ronald Krecidlo  John Ganberoni  Mary Reagan</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday 4/10/2019</u></b>  7:00 Carolyn Corcoran</p> <p>12:00 Katie Lynch Farrell  Casey Ryan Lynch  John &amp; Mary Lynch  Eileen Porter</p>	<p><b><u>Friday 4/12/2019</u></b>  7:00 Audrey Barber  John McGinty</p> <p>12:00 Wilfred Godin  Nancy Sano  Gunther &amp; Mary Margaret  Schmalz</p>
<p><b><u>Sunday 4/7/2019</u></b>  9:00 For the People</p> <p>10:30 Barbara Ferri  Frederick Wilson</p> <p>12:00 Living &amp; Deceased  Members of the Rosary Guild  Rickey Graham  Corinne Baugh  Grace Payne</p>	<p><b><u>Tuesday 4/9/2019</u></b>  7:00 Jack &amp; Richard Penney</p> <p>12:00 Lillian M. Coleman  Martha Vlaff (for  Health and intentions)</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday 4/11/2019</u></b>  7:00 Loretta and  Howard Miller</p> <p>12:00 Richard O'Callaghan  Jack &amp; Brian Cromie</p>	

**LENT**  
Pray + Fast + Give

*4:30 p.m. Mass, Sundays, in Urdu for our Pakistani Parishioners.*

**CONFESSIONS EVERY SATURDAY FROM 3:00 - 3:30 PM.**

**CHICKEN PARM DINNER:** The annual Chicken Parm Dinner for the benefit of the School, presented by 2 Shea Catering, is next weekend! Please join us Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Tickets are available in the Sacristy, at the Rectory or at the School. It is a very popular and enjoyable evening. Invite family members and friends to join you.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Winners will be drawn and announced on Mother's Day, May 12<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Youth ministry will be delivering Easter lilies April 13<sup>th</sup> to Nursing Homes. Please contact Kelly if you are interested in helping. We will meet at 10 a.m. at the Rectory.

The last Faith Formation class will be April 14<sup>th</sup>. We invite you to join us for Faith Formation Family Breakfast along with crafts.

**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 these stores: American Eagle, Bose, Cinnabon, Christopher & Banks, Glennpeter Jewelers, and Super Taco**

**ROSARY GUILD:** Our annual Mass and Baby Shower will be held Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>. We will attend Mass as a group and then go to the School Hall for our Baby Shower and Luncheon. The Christ Child Society makes layettes for new mothers in need. We can use baby outfits size newborn to 9 months, blankets, sweater sets, diapers, etc. All women of the Parish are invited and welcome to attend. We hope to see you there!

**HOLY NAMES SOCIETY:** April's 50/50 Drawing winners (and ticket sellers): 1st \$250 - Marilyn Giso (M. Giso); 2nd \$75 - T. Lockhart (Joe Dobek) and 3rd \$25 - Stan Skop (Butch Recchia). Next drawing at monthly meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Tickets are available in the Sacristy after all Masses. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:** Come pray the Rosary on the first Tuesday of each month after the Noon Mass.

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:** Prayed the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



**EASTER NURSING HOME VISITS:** If you would like to help visit our parishioners living in Nursing Homes, please sign the tab below and put it in the collection or call the Rectory this weekend. The residents enjoy and appreciate the visits. We will be visiting on **Saturday April 13 or Sunday April 14.**

I can visit Nursing Homes for Easter. Please pickup palms and an Easter card at the Rectory, Saturday between 10:00 a.m. and Noon.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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