

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

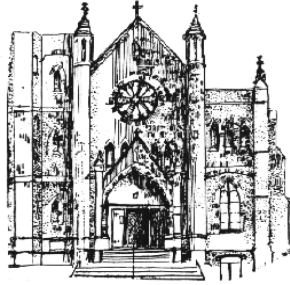
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Established 1902

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Palm Sunday

APRIL 14, 2019

Hosanna!

Opening Antiphon: "Hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest."

Procession: All Glory Laud And Honor
- Gather #402

Responsorial Psalm: "My God, my God, why have
you abandoned me? Why have you forsaken me?"

Gospel Acclamation: Praise To You Lord Jesus
Christ - Gather #160A

Offertory: Were You There - Gather #416

Holy, Holy: Music Card #4



Memorial Acclamation: Save Us -
Music Card #6

Great Amen: Gather #182

Lamb of God: Gather #312

Communion Music: Instrumental

Recessional: O Sacred Head
Surrounded

- Gather #415

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

It is Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, marking Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Throngs of people greet him with great joy - many believe he is their Messiah-King. Although many see this as the triumphal event, this is not his moment of glory. The disciples did not understand that Jesus' glory could only be achieved through his suffering and death. *Death on the cross leads to the glory of new life.*

Forty days of Lent conclude on Thursday afternoon. The Triduum (Latin for 'three days') begins on Holy Thursday evening and continues into the Easter Vigil at sunset on Saturday. The turning point of our relationship with God is changed forever in Saturday's darkness. Christ Our Light is here! Easter proclaims that Jesus is Risen! The joy of the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday celebrations are a festival of great joy, peace and thanksgiving. By his life, death and resurrection we are redeemed!

Holy Week and Easter are our most sacred times of the year. These are important times to celebrate as a community. Please accept my invitation to celebrate Holy Week with your sisters and brothers in Christ here at Blessed Sacrament. (See our schedule below.) Share in our Holy Week celebrations. Let us walk with Jesus and pray with him during these most sacred days before Easter.

Peace, Fr. Joe

PS - Blessed Sacrament School is sponsoring their annual Chicken Parm dinner today/Saturday from 5-7 pm in the school gym. Eat in or take out. An amazing chicken dinner for \$10 and it helps our school. Tickets are available at the gym.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS: Luke 19:28-40 (Palm) Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22: 14-23:5b (Passion)

COLLECTION NEWS: Our offertory collection for April 7, 2019 was **\$7,812**. The second collection this week is for our Parish School. Next weekend the second collection will be for the Holy Land. Thank you for your generous stewardship to Blessed Sacrament. *Your continued stewardship makes all things possible.*

OPERATION RICE BOWL: We will begin collection of Rice Bowls during Holy Week. For information regarding the collection of Rice Bowls, please contact the rectory at 518-482-3375.

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><u>Saturday 4/13/2019</u> 4:00 Robert Mittler Oliver Fusarro Virginia Roberts Ralph Rapello Edward Ryman Francis J. and Ruth M. Zell</p>	<p><u>Monday 4/15/2019</u> 7:00 Dolores Hanley</p> <p>12:00 Louise & Frank Cunningham Eduardo delPortal</p>	<p><u>Wednesday 4/17/2019</u> 7:00 Sam Faragon</p> <p>12:00 Katie Lynch Farrell Anne Stallmer Ella Morrissey</p>	<p><u>Friday 4/19/2019</u> 9:00 Morning Prayer 2:00 Living Stations 5:30 Celebration of the Lord's Passion</p>  <p>GOOD FRIDAY</p>
<p><u>Sunday 4/14/2019</u> 9:00 For the People</p> <p>10:30 Margaret Wise (10th anniv.) Patricia Noel David Bartholomew</p> <p>12:00 Mariana Montano Carmella Spadaro Angela Nicotina Naomi Harris</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 4/16/2019</u> 7:00 W. Ralph Sommers Maureen O'Connell</p> <p>12:00 Helen C. Ingersoll (19th anniv.)</p>	<p><u>Thursday 4/18/2019</u> 5:30 Mass of the Lord's Supper (Adoration until 10 p.m.) Msgr. James G. Hart Sharon Rockenstire Keith Mackey</p> 	<p><u>Saturday 03/26/16</u> 9:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Blessing of Food 7:30 Easter Vigil John Kelly Joseph Cuner The Mackey Family Anthony Carmona</p> 

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

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Services will be held Sunday, April 28th at 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, Lodge and Pine Streets, Albany. There will be a Holy Hour, rosary, divine Mercy Chaplet, confession and Mass. Father Jeffrey L'Arche, M.S. and father Michael Flannery will be the celebrants. A good will offering will be collected. For information call 518-462-4108.

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Blesses Sacrament School will be having an **Open House** for prospective families on **Thursday, May 9 from 6 to 7 pm.** Please share this information with your friends and neighbors!

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 13th 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: As of this weekend our Faith Formation sessions have come to a close. We thank all our families and volunteers for their weekly dedication to our program. We look forward to numerous gatherings and service opportunities this spring and summer and encourage you to check your emails for continued updates.

First Eucharist is Sunday, May 19th at noon with a **mandatory rehearsal** with parents on **May 18th at noon** in the church. Many thanks to Marianne Mertz, Linda Loparco and Emily Hession for preparing the First Eucharist banners. Many hours were spent preparing and sewing this wonderful keepsake for those receiving this most sacred Sacrament. As always, if you have any questions, please contact Kelly Hession or Shannon Crisafulli.

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**

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 Friday mornings for details.

ROSARY GUILD: Thank you to all of those who contributed and participated in our Baby Shower last weekend. Your support for this event is much appreciated!

HOLY NAMES SOCIETY: Our next monthly meeting is on May 6th at 7 pm. 50/50 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 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 Foreman 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 envelope