

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

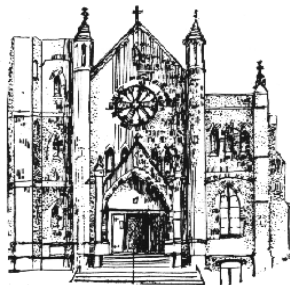
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Over One Hundred Years of Faith and Tradition



Established 1902

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Food Pantry Coordinator: Sr. Patricia Lynch
Parish Secretary: Rebecca Hanson
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 12, 2019

Procession: **Baptized In Water** – Gather #798

Glory to God: Music Card #1

Responsorial Psalm: **“We are his people, the sheep of his flock, His people, the sheep of his flock.”**

Gospel Acclamation: **Easter Alleluia** – Gather #424

Offertory: **Eye Has Not Seen** – Gather #638

Holy, Holy: **“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Of Hosts...”**



Mystery of Faith: **“When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.”**

Great Amen: Gather #168

Lamb of God: Gather #171

Communion Music: **Taste and See** – Gather #814

Recessional: **The Strife Is O'er** – Gather #446

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

After a long winter, spring has arrived. There has been some sun and some warmth. Trees are budding and flowers are blooming just in time for Mother's Day. Happy Mother's Day to our mothers and step-mothers and all the women in our lives (grandmothers, sisters, aunts, cousins, neighbors, teachers, and women in religious life and more...) who have been like a mother to us. Mothers show us something very special and sublime in the way they share love and show us how to love others in return.

This weekend we will observe Mother's Day. We will remember all mothers, living and deceased. In a mother's vocation, we can see our call to follow Christ lived out in a beautiful way. A mother's love reveals to us a glimpse of how God loves us completely, without reservation. Mothers show us how God's love is real in our lives. We have so many reasons to give thanks.

After Mass this weekend, our ushers will give a rose to all of our Mothers as a sign of our appreciation, support and prayers on Mother's day weekend.

Finally, all of the shipping problems have been resolved and parishioners have received our Bishop's Appeal mailing. I thank everyone who gave their gift or pledge last weekend. After the homily today, we will have our Bishop's Appeal Commitment Weekend and you may make your gift or pledge. The Appeal makes it possible for the diocese to offer ministries and programs for the benefit of everyone... ministries and programs that we could not possibly provide on our own. Please consider a generous gift to make all these possible. Consider a pledge as your way of doing a little more; you can pay this over the course of the year.

Last year, we had over \$106,000 pledged and given. I ask everyone in the parish to help us again this year. If you have not given in the past, please think of a gift or pledge as a way of continuing the work of Jesus. If you did not receive an envelope, please use one in the pews today. There will be time to fill your Appeal envelope before the collection. Thank you for your consideration and support!

Peace, Fr. Joe

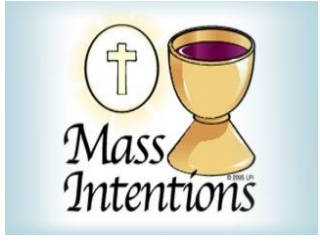
TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9, 14-17; John 10:27-30

COLLECTION NEWS: Our offertory collection from last weekend was **\$7,503** and additional Easter collection was **\$1,250**. Next weekend our second collection is for our parish school. *Your continued stewardship makes all things possible.* Many thanks for all you do!

BREAKING NEWS: Pope Francis issued a document on Thursday to dioceses around the world (Vos estis lux mundi.) You are the light of the world) establishing new laws for the universal church regarding the scourge of sexual abuse and the covering up of such abuse. This document is one of the concrete measures Pope Francis mentioned which would come from the February conference of bishops which met at Vatican City to discuss measures to be taken in response to sexual abuse. The first concrete step was taken in March to issue new standards for reporting abuse for all who worked in Vatican City. These standards are now extended to the universal church.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL: Blessed Sacrament School is seeking a part-time Spanish teacher for grades Nursery through 8. Qualified applicants should be Certified in Spanish Language Education. Candidates should submit their resume to Principal, Maureen Daurio at mdaurio@blessedsacramentschool.net



<u>Saturday 5/11/2019</u> 4:00 Dorothy Mittler & Catherine Mooney Segarra & Gonzalez families Matthew Criscione Andrew Vermette Mina Hession Monica Howlan Martha Oliver Marian Cain Mary & John Sleasman	<u>Monday 5/13/2019</u> 7:00 Health of Beverly Shogry 12:00 Robert Mittler Robert Going	<u>Wednesday 5/15/2019</u> 7:00 Jack & Richard Penny Marie Ensle Muehleck 12:00 Deceased Members of the Joyce Family Happy Birthday Fr. Joe O'Brien	<u>Friday 5/17/2019</u> 7:00 <i>Intentions available</i> 12:00 Rodger & Johanna Gavin
<u>Sunday 5/12/2019</u> 9:00 10:30 12:00 <i>All Mothers Living and Deceased</i>	<u>Tuesday 5/14/2019</u> 7:00 <i>Intentions available</i> 12:00 <i>Intentions available</i>	<u>Thursday 5/16/2019</u> 7:00 Joseph & Frances Bologna 12:00 Suzanne Meher	

6:00 p.m. Mass on Sundays, in Urdu, for our Pakistani Parishioners.

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



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: This weekend is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please keep in your prayers everyone who is considering vocation to priesthood, religious life, the diaconate, marriage and family life and to vocation of service to our church [lay ministers] and the world.

SCHOOL BUCKS PROGRAM: is coming to an end, effective June 1st! We are currently in first place but the race is VERY CLOSE!! Don't forget about our bonus points for sharing on social media! Mention your schools' School Bucks participation on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, and your school will receive 1,000 points per post, with a maximum value of 12,000 social media points. Email your social media post screenshots to cseverson@coloniemanagement.com 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*). **You have helped us win in the past and we appreciate your support!** Invite others to help us. If you would like to have a volunteer register your receipts, please put them in the collection or leave them at the rectory in an envelope with your name and address on it. You can register receipts from **all stores and restaurants in the Center, as well as the Post Office**. Please help the school again; ask others to help us. We are grateful for your support. *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.*

FAITH FORMATION FOR YOUTH: Many thanks to all the parishioners who purchased raffle chances for the Mother's Day basket! We raised over \$300 for our Faith Formation Program! Carol Houlton was the lucky prize winner who generously paid it forward to our very own Rebecca Hanson! What a beautiful display of kindness! **First Eucharist is Sunday, May 19** at noon with a **mandatory rehearsal with parents on May 18** at noon in the church. Please continue to check your emails for updates and service opportunities and feel free to contact Kelly Hession or Shannon Crisafulli if you have any questions.

FIRST EUCHARIST: Our children will celebrate First Eucharist on Sunday, May 19th at our 12 pm Mass. Please pray for our children and their parents and catechists who helped form them to be ready to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. If you would like to come to support our children and families, you are most welcome to come.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND If you are currently visiting the homebound on behalf of Blessed Sacrament parish or if you would like to join this service ministry, please meet Fr. Joe O'Brien in the Parish Office on Monday, May 13th, at 11:15 am or call or email him.

GROW A GARDEN: It's springtime and that means the Sister Maureen Joyce Soup Kitchen will be planting our garden again. We are hoping to plant May 13th. Our garden helps us prepare salads, stir fry and soups for our community lunches on Mondays and Thursdays. We are in need of 10 celery and 15 collard plants this year. If you would like to donate any plants please contact Renee Wendover at 518-577-3915. From all of us at our center, thank you and have a blessed day.

HOLY NAMES SOCIETY: Winners from our May drawing are: 1st Prize- Winner- Danyne Pruestti, Seller Joe Dobek; 2nd Prize- Winner- Tom Plante, Seller Joe Dobek; 3rd Prize- Shirley DiPietro, Seller Michael Strycharz. 50/50 tickets are available in the Sacristy after all Masses. All men of the parish are invited to attend our meetings. If you have any questions, please call the Rectory at 518-482-3375

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 envelope