

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

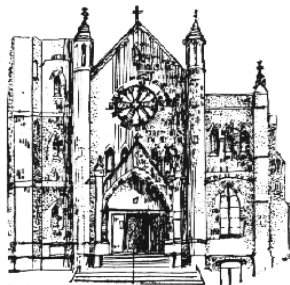
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Rev. Joseph O'Brien, Pastor

Rev. Francis O'Connor - Shrine Church Chaplain

Rev. Juanito Aspreco-Parochial Vicar

Over One Hundred Years of Faith and Tradition



Established 1902

Organist: Ed Savoy
Food Pantry Coordinator: Sr. Patricia Lynch
Parish Secretary: Barbara Collen
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 19, 2019

Procession: **Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**— Gather #422
Glory to God: Music Card #1
Responsorial Psalm: **I Will Praise Your Name Forever** — Gather #137
Gospel Acclamation: **Easter Alleluia** — Gather #424
Offertory: **Love One Another** — Gather #630
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: **Gift of Finest Wheat** — Gather #815
Recessional: **Sing With All The Saints in Glory** — Gather #442

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Blessed Sacrament celebrates one of the happiest weekends of the year... our children receive their First Eucharist! After preparing faithfully throughout the year with parents and catechists, our children receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time at our noon Mass this Sunday! Congratulations and Many Blessings!

Imagine what it's like to share with Jesus in this way for the first time... and to know that you are personally invited to the table to share in Jesus' Body and Blood for the rest of your life! Come often and build your relationship with Jesus; make it stronger and stronger every time you share in his Body and Blood!

The Easter Season is a great time for sacraments! Think about the adults who were received into the Church with Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil, and the young families who have brought their children to the waters of Baptism, and couples who have entered into Marriage, and the who are sharing in their First Eucharist this weekend!

Easter is about new life (I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. John 15:11). It is a great time to share in the grace God gives so freely through the sacraments. In our part of the world, it seems like everything is awakening and blooming. New life rises right out of the ground. Jesus, rising from the dead, leads us to new life. The sacraments give us a grace filled encounter with Jesus and the Holy Spirit, leading us closer to life with the Father.

This is such great news! Watch to see how filled with joy the children are in receiving Jesus in the Eucharist today. May we be so filled with joy every time we renew that sacramental encounter with Father, Son and Spirit.

Peace, Fr. Joe

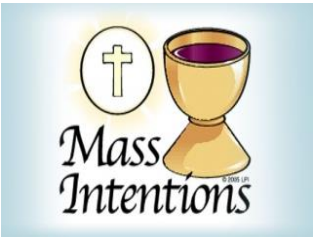
PS Many thanks to one of our parish families who made an anonymous donation of four new collection baskets for Blessed Sacrament. Please read on in our bulletin... I want to share something with you.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS: Acts 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35(54)

COLLECTION NEWS: Our offertory collection from last weekend was **\$7,667**. Our second collection this weekend is for our Parish School. Next weekend our second collection is for the Church in Center and Eastern Europe. *Your continued stewardship makes all things possible.* Many thanks for all you do!

BISHOP'S APPEAL NEWS: At the end of our second week the Appeal has **144** gifts and **\$40,701** was given or pledged. We are off to a good start; if you did not make a pledge or gift last week, please do so today. Many of you received envelopes in the mail and there are envelopes at all the exits. You can put them in the regular collection. Our goal (share of diocesan expenses) is \$103,200.

BREAKING NEWS: Last week Pope Francis issued an instruction to church leaders and the world that he was mandating changes in the church's response to incidents of sexual abuse. From this time forward claims against cardinals, archbishops and bishops will be reviewed by a panel of other of other cardinals, archbishops, bishops and lay experts from another diocese. Initial reviews of sexual abuse against an ordained person will be reviewed within 30 days. Bishops and priests are now mandated reporters for incidents of sexual abuse. In the United States, a person who wishes to report an incident of sexual abuse is asked to contact civil authorities and the local diocese.

<u>Saturday 5/18/2019</u> 4:00 Mary Jane Kennedy Fr. Manuel Rojas John Marshall Paul Sheehan Charles Calderone Anne Teiper Brian Crouch	<u>Monday 5/20/2019</u> 7:00 Roger & Johanna Gaurir 12:00 Kathleen Hourigan (53 rd Anniv.)	<u>Wednesday 5/22/2019</u> 7:00 Fr. Francis Grogan 12:00 <i>Intentions available</i>	<u>Friday 5/24/2019</u> 7:00 <i>Intentions available</i> 12:00 Fred Hellmuth
<u>Sunday 5/19/2019</u> 9:00 For the People 10:30 3 rd Order of St. Francis Richard Murray 12:00 James Morrill Sara Tenney Giovanni Maiorana (4 th Anniv.)	<u>Tuesday 5/21/2019</u> 7:00 Theresa Molta 12:00 Olivia Nicolau Sr. Maureen Joyce	<u>Thursday 5/23/2019</u> 7:00 Jeanine Zarrella 12:00 Jack & Brian Cromie	

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

CONFESSIONS EVERY SATURDAY FROM 3:00 - 3:30 P.M.

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



You are invited to attend our Spring Concert, which will be held in our school gym on Monday, May 20th at 6:30 pm.

SCHOOL BUCKS PROGRAM: is coming to an end on May 31st! 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 Blessed Sacrament School's participation in the School Bucks program on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, and our 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 cseversion@coloniemanagement.com The School Bucks Drop Box is now located at the desk by the escalator between Menchie's and 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 need 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: Blessings and prayers for the First Communicants as they receive the Body and Blood of Christ at this Sunday's 12 noon mass! Prince-William Abraham, Annabelle Ackah-Miezah, Andrew Auger, Brooklyn Blanco, Jhazz Elfridge, Kaisyla Hamlin, Madelyn Hession, Kifson Ifenuk, Campbell Lane, Timothy Lane, Josiah Lozano, Nolan Moore, Derick Oses, Maya Pizzigati, JeanPaul Poker, Owen Roberts, Jaeson Shep, and Hudson Stewart
Thanks to all those who helped make the Mass so prayerful, especially our Catechists. Rose Reed and Pam O'Brien, Kelly Hession, Shannon crisfulli and to the families who will continue to teach and lead by example.

FIRST EUCHARIST: Our children will celebrate First Eucharist on Sunday, May 19th at our 12 p.m. 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 interested in visiting the homebound on behalf of Blessed Sacrament parish, please contact Fr. Joe O'Brien by calling or emailing him.

OVER 50 CLUB: The Over 50 Club will meet Monday, June 3rd at 12:30 p.m. downstairs in the Church Hall. We will be having our end of the year bring a dish gathering. Our next meeting will be September 9th. For more information call Anne Snyder @ 518-869-5247.

HOLY NAMES SOCIETY: Our next monthly meeting is June 3rd. 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, 4th Tuesday each month after the noon Mass. Prayer cards will be available.
LEGION OF MARY: Meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Forman Room.
THRIFT SHOP is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.. Please bring your donations during shop hours 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