

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

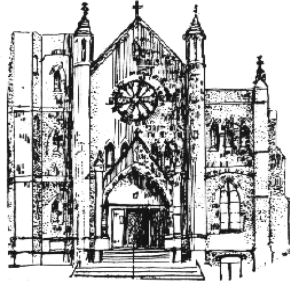
273 Central Avenue Albany, New York 12206 - Phone 465-3685

Rev. Joseph O'Brien, Pastor

Rev. Francis O'Connor - Shrine Church Chaplain

Rev. Juanito Asprec-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
In Residence (Retired) Rev. George St. John
In Residence Rev. Francis O'Connor
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Deacon: Gerald Ladouceur
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Mrs. Shannon Crisafulli
School Principal: Ms. Maureen Daurio
School Secretary: Mrs. Nancy Kelly
Shrine Church Pastoral
Associate: Sr. Grace R. Diaz, S.N.J.M.

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Blessed Sacrament School: 518-438-5854

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 28, 2019

Procession: **Baptized In Water** – Gather #798
Glory To God – Music Card #2
Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord is Kind and Merciful** – Gather #100
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia** – Gather #261
Offertory: **Keep In Mind** - Gather #674



Holy, Holy: Music Card #4
Mystery of Faith: Save Us – Music Card #6
Great Amen: Amen, amen, amen
Lamb of God: Gather # 314
Communion Music: **Look Beyond** - Gather #851
Recessional: **Praise My Soul The King of Heaven** - Gather #551

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: Late last Sunday, while taking a walk, Fr. Frank O'Connor was struck by a car on Washington Ave near Albany High School and suffered a concussion. He was taken to the Albany Medical Center and was released on Wednesday. He has been recuperating at the Sisters of Mercy Provincial House on New Scotland Ave. He hopes to come back soon to the Blessed Sacrament Rectory and resume his ministry at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Americas.

Last weekend's heat index was well over 100! I hope you were safe! Our attendance was down last weekend and the weather was a big factor. (Our church is air conditioned... but you had to travel through the heat.) Our offertory was low and I'm sure the record temperatures were a factor. If you were away last weekend, would you please remember us in this week's offertory? We're here for you come rain or shine!

Thank you for coming last Saturday to say goodbye to Fr. Juanito Asprec and wish him well in his new assignment at St. Clement's Church in Saratoga Springs. We will miss him! He will also be at our Parish Picnic this Sunday.

Blessed Sacrament is looking for some more eucharistic ministers to the homebound. If you would like to learn more about this ministry, please contact me or come to a meeting on Monday, July 29th either at 2 pm or at 7 pm in the Parish Office. Please come to the meeting that is most convenient for you.

Peace, Fr. Joe

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS: Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13

COLLECTION NEWS: Our offertory collection from last weekend was **\$5,685**. Our second collection this weekend is the annual Peter's Pence collection to support the charitable work of the Church around the world, usually in support of natural disasters. *Your continued stewardship makes all things possible.* Many thanks for all you do!

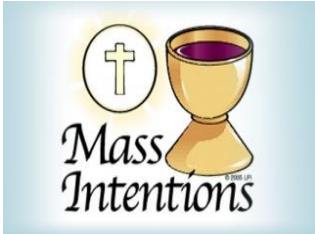
BISHOP'S APPEAL NEWS: At the end of our eleventh week the Appeal has **331** gifts and **\$82,275** was given or pledged. If you did not make a pledge or gift last week, please do so today. Many of you received envelopes in the mail and there are Bishop's Appeal envelopes at all the exits. You can put them in the regular collection. Our goal (our parish's share of their diocesan expenses) is \$103,200. Did you know you may also make a gift or pledge online at <https://thebishopsappeal.org>



PARISH PICNIC: Please join us for our Parish picnic today, Sunday, July 28th, at 1 pm at the West Albany Pocket Park. Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided. See old friends and make new ones. Bring the whole family. There is a new playground for the kids and lots of fun games to play. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. You may also want to bring a lawn chair for comfort.

ALTAR SERVERS: If your son or daughter is interested in becoming an altar server, please contact Fr Joe after any Mass or call 518-482-3375.

FALL FESTIVAL: The Fall Festival Committee is looking for a few people to make follow up calls to local vendors. If you are able to help out, please contact the Rectory at 518-482-3375.

Saturday 7/27/2019 4:00 Casey Ryan Lynch David Browne III Sawld Family Mary Marsh Michael Louis Fortino	Monday 7/29/2019 7:00 Health of Beverly Shogary 12:00 John E Stevens	Wednesday 7/31/2019 7:00 Dorothy Connolly 12:00 Peter Rosenberger	Friday 8/2/2019 7:00 Patricia Devine <i>(living)</i> 12:00 Mary M Foley
Sunday 7/28/2019 9:00 For the People 10:30 Mike LaNeve Larry Berben 12:00 George R Wiley Patty Jo Cohen Sophie Marcinek	Tuesday 7/30/2019 7:00 Paul Wos 12:00 Dorothy Parente	Thursday 8/1/2019 7:00 Peter Russo 12:00 <i>Intentions Available</i>	

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

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

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Please Spread the Good News About Blessed Sacrament School!!! We are currently accepting registration for Nursery through Grade 8. Come explore all we have to offer at our Open House on Thursday, August 15 from 6:00-7:30. Call the School Office at 518-438-5854 for more information.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL: A new school year is just around the corner! Would you like to learn more about Blessed Sacrament School and our wonderful programs for children from age 3 through 8th grade? Please call our principal, Maureen Daurio, at 518-438-5854, or email her at mdaurio@blessedsacramentschool.net to ask questions or get a school tour.

Blessed Sacrament School is seeking a Pre-K Aid, Lunch Program Director, Certified Math and Certified Spanish teacher. Please send resume to Principal, Maureen Daurio at mdaurio@blessedsacramentschool.net



It’s not too early to be thinking about back to school supplies as many stores will start advertising specials. School supplies requested are pens, pencils, crayons, tissue, paper towels and disinfecting wipes.

SCHOOL BUCKS: Save your Colonie Center Summer receipts! We will be able to get credit for purchases made throughout the summer.

Thank you for all the good things you do to help support our Blessed Sacrament School which has been an important ministry of the Blessed Sacrament Parish for more than a century.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS: We are working hard this summer preparing for the upcoming Faith Formation year. If you are new to the parish, would like to register your son or daughter or hear more about our program, please email Mrs.Kelly Hession and Mrs. Shannon Crisafulli at faithformationbsc@gmail.com. You may also leave a message at the rectory at 518-482-3375.

Would like to be more involved and become a catechist or volunteer. Please reach out to Father Joe, Mrs Hession or Mrs Crisafulli to explore the many options are program offers. “God doesn’t call the qualified, God qualifies the called.”

OUR FOOD PANTRY: Please continue your support of this ministry. We would greatly appreciate donations of personal hygiene items. Would you like to volunteer your time and talent at our food pantry? Please call the rectory for more information.

THRIFT SHOP is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Please bring your donations during shop hours only. Would you like to become a volunteer at the Thrift Shop? Please call the Rectory if interested.

OVER 50 CLUB: Next meeting will be Monday, September 9th. For more information call Anne Snyder @ 518-869-5247.

HOLY NAMES SOCIETY: Next drawing, August 5th. 50/50 tickets are available in the Sacristy after all Masses. All men of the parish are invited to attend our meetings. The next meeting is Monday, August 5th at 7 pm in the church hall.

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.

FALL FESTIVAL: Our annual Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, September 28th. The Festival committee needs your help. Volunteers can help us obtain gifts for our Around the Town booth. This would involve follow-up phone calls and picking up gifts at the vendors. If you can help, please sign the tab below and drop it in the basket or call the rectory at (518) 482-3375. Also, it’s not too soon to be thinking about crafts for our craft booth. Small handmade items can be dropped at the rectory at any time.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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