

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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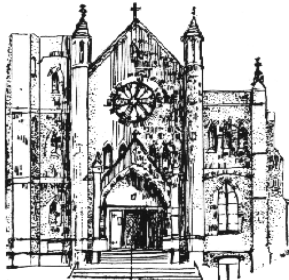
Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

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

Rev. Joseph O'Brien, Pastor

Rev. Francis O'Connor - Shrine Church Chaplain

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
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Mrs. Shannon Crisafulli
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Blessed Sacrament School: 518-438-5854

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 18, 2019

Procession: **Lift High The Cross** – Gather 791
Glory To God – Music Card #2
Responsorial Psalm: **To You O Lord** – Gather 36
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia** – Gather #263
Offertory: **On Eagles Wings** - Gather #611
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: **I Am The Bread of Life**
Gather #821
Recessional: **Holy God We Praise Thy Name**
Gather #524

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: You may be doing some end of Summer/Back to School shopping. It's also time for School Supplies! Would you help our school children as they get ready for the New Year? There is more information in today's bulletin listing the kinds of things our children need. Thank you for your help! (Please keep your Colonie Center receipts for the School Bucks program!) Please bring items to the box in the vestibule or come to our parish office.

Let me express words of thanks to our two seminarians, Louis Namugera and Nsikak Obot. They have been very active serving in our food pantry, thrift shop and at the Sister Maureen Joyce Center. They will be returning to our diocesan house of discernment to continue their studies at St. Bernard's. We will have a reception for them after our 4 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, August 24th or you can wish them well after our Masses on Sunday, August 25th.

Peace, Fr. Joe

PS There has been much in the news in recent days concerning the opening of the Child Victims Act in New York. I have listened to a number of you in recent days. I am inviting our parishioners to come to a prayer service this Thursday in our church at 12:30 pm and 6:30 pm. We will have time for prayer, listening and conversation. Come and pray, come and be heard with your parish family.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-9; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

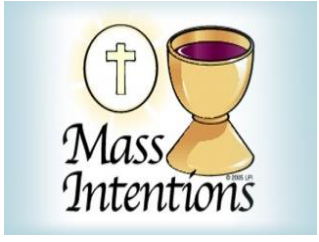
COLLECTION NEWS: Our offertory collection from last weekend was \$7,552. Our second collection this week is for our school. Our second collection next weekend is **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. *Your continued stewardship makes all things possible.* Many thanks for all you do!

BISHOP'S APPEAL NEWS: At the end of our 14th week the Appeal has 341 gifts and \$83,515 was given or pledged. If you did not make a pledge or gift last week, please do so today. 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>

FALL FESTIVAL: The Fall Festival is Saturday, September 28th. Please note that the Festival is a few weeks early this year. Festival raffle tickets are available in the parking lot vestibule for the next three weeks. Please save us postage by picking them up. Extra tickets are also available. First prize for most tickets sold is \$100 and second prize for most tickets sold is \$50. The Fall Festival Committee is still 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.

SCHOOL BUCKS: Save your Colonie Center Summer receipts! Please drop off after Mass or at the Rectory and note that they must be recorded within 60 days of purchase. If you would like your receipts returned to you, please provide a self-addressed envelope and we will send them. We will be able to get credit for purchases made throughout the summer.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL: Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territory because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work in their communities. Your support of this appeal eases the struggle and assists in forming vibrant faith communities. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

Saturday 8/17/2019 4:00 Gonzelez & Segarra Families Robert Foley Mary Marsh Reva Kleschik Loretta & Howard Miller	Monday 8/19/2019 7:00 Ethan Chojnacki 12:00 Margaret Kane Catherine Liebhaber	Wednesday 8/21/2019 7:00 <i>Intentions Available</i> 12:00 Vera Malinowski	Friday 8/23/2019 7:00 <i>Intentions Available</i> 12:00 Lucy Campos Hector Campos
Sunday 8/18/2019 9:00 For the People 10:30 3 rd Order of St. Francis Maria Monford John Stevens Mary Kathleen Murray 12:00 James Morrill Sara Tenney Frank Mostek, Sr. Nicola Audino	Tuesday 8/20/2019 7:00 John Hoey 12:00 Elizabeth Kuhn Patricia Leonard	Thursday 8/22/2019 7:00 Stephen Zakens (34 th Ann) 12:00 Jack & Brian Cromie Anthony J Valerin Edward S Valarin	

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: 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? We have some openings, 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, Certified Math and Certified Spanish teacher. Please send resume to Principal, Maureen Daurio, 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, folders, notebooks, tissue, paper towels and disinfecting wipes.

Ice Cream Social for Nursery through Pre-K students and their families on Thursday, August from 4:00 – 6:00 pm.

First day of school: Wednesday, September 4, doors open at 7:30 am with dismissal at 11:30 am.

PLEASE NOTE: The “English As a Second Language” program provided through Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County using our Church basement meeting space on Friday mornings has been temporarily suspended operation due to lack of students. This is a wonderful service which has benefitted many in our parish and neighborhood over the years. Our teacher is eager to restart this program. Please contact the rectory at 518-482-3375 if you are interested in attending classes or if you know of anyone who would be interested.



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 you 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 our program offers. “God doesn’t call the qualified, God qualifies the called.”

Upcoming dates: **Confirmation Retreat** is on Saturday, September 7th. Meet in parish parking lot at 7:45 am. Registration for Faith Formation is on Sunday, September 8th from 9-1:30 in school. Session begins on Sunday, September 15th 9-10:15 followed by attending 10:30 Mass.

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.

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

THRIFT SHOP: Looking for a deal, summer clothes will be on sale until the end of August. The Thrift Store 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: 50/50 Winners: 1st prize, H & B Fox; 2nd prize, G. Gregory; 3rd prize, G. Loparco. Next drawing, Tuesday, September 3rd. 50/50 tickets are available in the Sacristy after all Masses. All men of the parish are invited to attend our meetings.

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.

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