

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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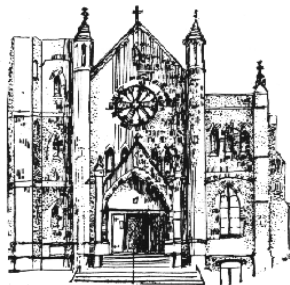
Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

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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School: www.blessedsacramentschool.net
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Blessed Sacrament School: 518-438-5854

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 4, 2019

Procession: **Baptized In Water** O God Our Help
in Ages Past – Gather #614
Glory To God – Music Card #2
Responsorial Psalm: **If Today You Hear God's**
Voice – Gather #89
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia** – Gather #263
Offertory: **Lord When You Came** - Gather #696



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: **Taste and See** - Gather #814
Recessional: **Sing A New Song to The Lord**
- Gather #521

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: I've spoken with Fr. Frank O'Connor a few times this week. He is in good spirits and is recuperating from his concussion. He hopes to come back to the Blessed Sacrament Rectory and resume his ministry at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Americas soon. I would be happy to bring your cards or notes. Please feel free to mail your notes to the rectory or drop them off during the week.

I had such a great time at last Sunday's Parish Picnic! It was so good to see so many folks enjoying our picnic! And the food was great. We've listed some acknowledgements and thanked folks in today's bulletin... I hope we remembered everyone. Thank you also to Fr. Juanito Asprec for all he has done here at Blessed Sacrament. He did make it back from Masses in Worcester at 4 pm and he did get to see some folks at our picnic. He thanks everyone for the cake.

And I would like to thank our three new Eucharistic ministers to the homebound. We really need a few more... if you heard my request last weekend but just couldn't come last Monday, please know that if you would like to learn more about this ministry, please contact me or come to a meeting on Tuesday, August 6th at 2 pm or on Wednesday, August 7th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Office. Please come to the meeting that is most convenient for you.

To support our school open house August 15th, please take a lawn sign home and spread the good news.

Peace, Fr. Joe

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21

COLLECTION NEWS: Our offertory collection from last weekend was **\$8,645**. Our second collection last weekend the annual Peter's Pence was **\$1,301**. *Your continued stewardship makes all things possible.* Many thanks for all you do!

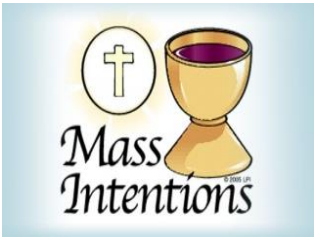
BISHOP'S APPEAL NEWS: At the end of our eleventh week the Appeal has **335** gifts and **\$82,395** was given or pledged. If you did not make a pledge or gift last week, please do so today. Many of you received envelopes in the mail and there are Bishop's Appeal envelopes at all the exits. You can put 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: Many thanks to everyone who attended our parish picnic last Sunday. What a great day! It was wonderful day to see old friends and make new friends. The food was absolutely fabulous! So many delicious side dishes and desserts to share that we're all brought by our generous parishioners. Many thanks to Ken Hollner, David Hollner and Jesse Hession for standing over the hot grill making all the hot dogs and hamburgers. Also, many thanks to Linda Loparco, Shannon, Gabby, Emma and Juli Crisafulli, Emily and

Madelyn Hession, Dominic and Elijah Hall, Sue Fiorino and Fr Juanito for helping us in so many ways; each contributed in either the preparation, setup or cleanup of the day! We are so grateful for the generosity, helpful hands and support from so many. Thanks to the Holy Names for sponsoring the picnic and the Crisafulli for the lovely flower arrangements. Thank You!

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. The 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.

Saturday 8/3/2019 4:00 Joseph & Frances Bologna Thomas Mittler & John Mooney Segara & Gonzalez Families Thomas McCarthy David Glass	Monday 8/5/2019 7:00 Helen Rice 12:00 Melba Antonetti Alberto Barbaro (Special Intention)	Wednesday 8/7/2019 7:00 Intentions Available 12:00 Maryanne Kelly Alice & Raymond Sparling, Sr.	Friday 8/9/2019 7:00 Seth Greci Elizabeth Sheeran 12:00 Kathleen (Mason) Quinn
Sunday 8/4/2019 9:00 For the People 10:30 John E. Stevens Dorothy Connolly Gayl Mineau Doherty Loretta Cooke O'Connor 12:00 Ann Wunderlich Loreen M. Daviero Brenda Garhartt	Tuesday 8/6/2019 7:00 Health of Beverly Shogry 12:00 Rosanne Roach .	Thursday 8/8/2019 7:00 Intentions Available 12:00 Kathy Barrett	

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

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

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.

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, folders, notebooks, tissue, paper towels and disinfecting wipes.

SCHOOL BUCKS: Save your Colonie Center Summer receipts! Please drop off after Mass or at the Rectory. 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.

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

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 our 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.

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