

# 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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## 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 20, 2019

Procession: **Praise To The Lord** - GATHER #527  
Glory to God: Music Card #1  
Responsorial Psalm: **Our Help Comes From The Lord**  
- GATHER #119  
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia** - GATHER #177  
Offertory: **For The Beauty of the Earth**  
- GATHER # 63



Holy, Holy: Music Card #4  
Mystery of Faith: **Save Us** - Music Card #6  
Great Amen: Amen, Amen, Amen  
Lamb of God: GATHER #207  
Communion Music: **Look Beyond** - GATHER #815  
Recessional: **O God Our Help In Ages Past** -  
GATHER #614

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:** In recent weeks, I have been writing to you about the Re-Igniting Our Faith project. At next weekend's Masses, Blessed Sacrament parishioners will speak to us during Mass about Re-Igniting Our Faith. They'll talk about our role in sharing our faith to grow our faith and about cherishing and passing on parish to new generations. We respectfully bow to the generations that preceded who passed their faith on to us and formed a parish community which has nurtured and formed us in life and faith.

There will be some receptions after next weekend's Masses and in weekdays that follow to give you an opportunity to learn more about Re-Igniting Our Faith, ask some questions and receive some information packers. I hope you received your invitation card in the mail in the last few days. If you didn't, cards are available at all our Masses today. Please stop in! You can learn about some of the ways we'd like to share faith with more people and some of the projects we'd like to take on to sustain our church and school.

It's not enough to just maintain what we are doing now; we must strengthen and empower the Church to be prepared to serve future generations. Blessed Sacrament has a big part to play in serving God's People for generations to come. We can pray and think over our role in that future. May the Holy Spirit guide us and walk with us! Let us pray for the success of Re-Igniting Our Faith.

I'm looking for a few volunteers to help with hospitality for some of these gatherings. Please contact Michaela Joyce or me at 518-482-3375 or at [blessedsacramentpastor@gmail.com](mailto:blessedsacramentpastor@gmail.com)

Fr. Joe

PS - We have a block of four tickets for the New York Giants' Dec. 29th home game vs. the Philadelphia Eagles. These are good seats: Level One, Section 103 with reserved parking included! This raffle benefits Blessed Sacrament School. Tickets are \$25 apiece or 5 for \$100 and they are available in the sacristy, the parish office and at school.

**ANNUAL PARISH SNAPSHOT:** Our Annual Parish Snapshot, a cross section of life at Blessed Sacrament, report is available today. Please pick up a copy for your reference.

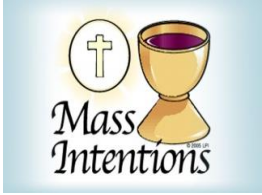
**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8.

**COLLECTION NEWS:** Our offertory collection from last weekend was **\$8,292**. The second collection for our school was **\$2,006**. The second collection this week is for Missions. *Your continued stewardship makes all things possible*. Many thanks for all you do!

**ANNUAL SIGN UP SUNDAY:** This is the weekend we invite you to sign up for a Parish Ministry. We have changed the process so that if you want to **continue** with your current ministry, you do not need to complete a 'Stewardship of Time and Talent' form. If you are unable to continue to serve in a ministry, please complete the form listing each ministry you are no longer able to serve. If you would like more information before committing to a particular ministry, please call the Parish Office.

**Blessing of the Animals:** Thank you to all who brought your animals (alive or stuffed) to our Feast of St. Francis Animal Blessing. Your presence made it a lovely event. Thank you to Roberta Hall Slade for initiating this for twelve years.

**FALL FESTIVAL:** The Family Festival was a success and enjoyed by many parish family members and friends. The event reaped a gross amount of \$19,279 and after expenses and prizes were paid, a net amount of \$15,210. Again, thank you for your support.

<b>Saturday 10/19/2019</b> 4:00 Mayer & Honikel Families Ensle Family Loretta & Howard Miller Marilyn Lubinski Regina Helm	<b>Monday 10/21/2019</b> 7:00 Beverly Shogry  12:00 Walter Igler (6 <sup>th</sup> Ann) Ernesto DelPortal Toledo (restore to Health)	<b>Wednesday 10/23/2019</b> 7:00 Alphonse DellaRocco  12:00 Jack & Richard Penney Joseph & Essie Anastasio	<b>Friday 10/25/2019</b> 7:00 <i>Intentions Available</i>  12:00 Anthony LaFalce Jamie Comacho
<b>Sunday 10/20/2019</b> 9:00 For the People 10:30 Rae Jach Lewski 3 <sup>rd</sup> Order of St. Francis John DeCarlo 12:00 Michelle Manning Christopher Esposito (3 <sup>rd</sup> Birthday) Margaret Szczepkowski	<b>Tuesday 10/22/2019</b> 7:00 Edwin & Rita Collins  12:00 Jamie Comacho	<b>Thursday 10/24/2019</b> 7:00 Elizabeth DellaRocco  12:00 Andrea Vadney Everly Tara O'Hanlon (1 <sup>st</sup> Birthday) Rowan Jacob O'Hanlon (living)	

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

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



“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” Hebrews 11:1

Please plan to attend one of the following receptions to hear more information about this campaign:

Saturday, 10/26 after 4:00 pm Mass, Sunday 10/27 after all Masses; Tuesday, 10/29 1:30 pm St. Joseph’s Chapel; Wednesday, 10/30 6:00 pm School Gym and Monday, 11/4, 6:00 pm School Gym. Light refreshments will be served so please RSVP to Parish Office at 518-482-3375.

Great things will come of this effort – for our parish, our community, and our Diocese as a whole. Please consider joining with your fellow families in supporting this effort. What is most important is that we do this together — as a parish, in support of our parish and our greater community. Again, thank you for your generosity and God Bless You!

**BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL:** Thank you to John Gray from WTEN for visiting our Nursery through fourth graders to read his book *Keller's Heart*. It was a heartwarming experience.



**SCHOOL BUCKS:** Save your Colonie Center receipts when you shop, go to the movies, dine or make a purchase at the Post Office. There are two ways to register your purchases Drop Box, fill out tally sheet form and place in drop box with original receipts or stop by the Management Office (M-F, 8:30-4:30). October Bonuses: We get **double** points for purchases at H&M, Cheesecake Factory and PF Changs; **triple** points for purchases at Express, Footlocker, Glennpeter, LL Bean and Mr. Subb.

We have been notified that there seems to be several tally sheets placed in the Drop Box without original receipts and we are not able to receive school bucks credit for these. Please follow the requirements so that our school and your efforts are credited properly. If you would like our volunteer to register your receipts, please drop them off after Mass or at the Parish office. If you would like your receipts returned to you, please provide a self-addressed envelope and we will send them.



**FAITH FORMATION NEWS:** Looking forward to seeing all of our Faith Formation families this Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-10:15 am followed by Mass at 10:30.

Upcoming events: Living Rosary (during this week’s session!), Reigniting our Faith Campaign (10/26 & 10/27), Apple Picking (10/27) and Banana Bread (11/2 & 11/3)

Reminder for Confirmation candidates, their sponsors and/or guardians only: The *Conversation about Confirmation* event will be on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 pm in the school gym.

Any questions or to register for Faith Formation, please email Kelly Hession and Shannon Crisafulli at [faithformationbsc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationbsc@gmail.com) or leave a message with the Parish Office at 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 Parish Office for more information.

**THRIFT SHOP:** The Thrift Store is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 am-1 pm. Please bring your donations during shop hours only. If you have a large donation, please contact the rectory for a convenient time to drop off. Would you like to become a volunteer at the Thrift Shop? Please call the Parish Office 518-482-3375 if you are interested.

**HOLY NAMES SOCIETY:** Our next meeting is November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Church basement. All men of the parish are invited to attend our meetings. 50/50 tickets are available in the Sacristy after all Masses.

**OVER 50 CLUB:** The Over 50 Club will meet on Monday Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 down stairs in the church hall. Bring your lunch and a desert to share. We will be collecting \$21.00 for our Chicken Parmesan dinner at our Christmas luncheon on Dec.2nd. For more information call Anne Snyder at 518 869 5247

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:** Prayed the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month after the noon Mass. Prayer cards are available.

**LEGION OF MARY:** Meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Forman Room.

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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iPhone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I am new to the parish

☐ Send me “The Evangelist”

☐ Please send church envelope