

# Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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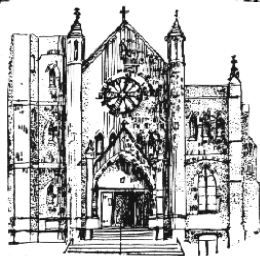
## Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

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Rev. Joseph O'Brien, Pastor

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Over One Hundred Years of Faith and Tradition



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Established 1902

### BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 12, 2020

Procession: **Baptized In Water** – GATHER #798  
Gloria: Music Card #1  
Responsorial Psalm: “**The Lord will bless his people, will bless his people with peace.**”  
Gospel Acclamation: GATHER #258  
Preparation of the Gifts: **Praise To You O Christ Out Savior** – GATHER #515  
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: **Joy To The World** - GATHER #343

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:** This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Our celebration of the Christmas season does not end with the infant Jesus but with the adult Jesus being baptized and beginning his saving mission amongst us. We who have been baptized with his Spirit take up his work of salvation during the upcoming Ordinary Time continuing his mission to bring the Good News to others.

As we share the Good News of Jesus Christ with others, I ask that you pray for peace in the world, and particularly, a peaceful resolution of the tensions between the United States and Iran. May the Prince of Peace hear our prayers.

Peace be with you, Fr. Joe

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts of the Apostles 10:34-3; Matthew 3:13-17.

**COLLECTION NEWS:** Our offertory collection from Feast of the Epiphany last weekend was **\$8,310**. *Your continued stewardship makes all things possible.* Many thanks for all you do!

**TAX STATEMENTS:** Starting Wednesday, January 15, you may request your 2019 tax statement. Please call the rectory at 518-482-3375 and Barbara will be happy to help you.

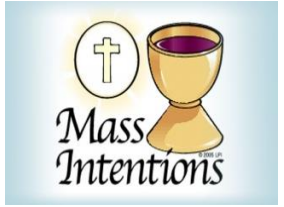
**FABULOUS FEBRUARY:** This is a month long raffle so one ticket gives you 29 chances to win! Tickets are **\$10** for a drawing every day in February. On **February 13<sup>th</sup>**, **\$1,000** is given; on **weekends, \$100** and **weekdays, \$50**. All winners are put back into the drum and could be pulled again. Invite others to help with this fundraiser for the School by buying and helping to sell these popular tickets. The red flyers at the exits list prizes for each day and the bottom is the ticket. Cut it off and return it with your \$10 donation. This is the school's major fundraiser. **Please note this year's \$1,000 prize drawing will NOT be Valentine's Day; it will be as listed on the ticket (Thursday, 2/13).**

**Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program:** Effective March 1<sup>st</sup> the New York State plastic bag ban goes into effect and consumer will need to bring their own bags to grocery stores. With perfect timing, Hannaford at 96 Wolf Road, Colonie has chosen Blessed Sacrament's Food Pantry as the January recipient of the 'Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program'. For every 'Fight Hunger' reusable shopping bag purchased at this Hannaford location, Blessed Sacrament's Food Pantry will receive \$1.00!

**LOCAL HOSPITALS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS:** St. Peter's Hospital is looking for volunteers to become Spiritual Care Volunteers. If interested please contact Volunteer Services Department 518-525-1002. Albany Medical Center is looking for Eucharistic Ministers. If interested please contact Fr. Joseph Mali or Virginia Vogel-Polizzi at 518-262-3176.

**47<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE:** If you are interested in joining Bishop Ed Schrafenberger and other Catholics on January 24, 2020 in Washington DC, there are currently five buses chartered. There are two local buses: Christ the King Church, Albany, contact Dr. Philip & Barbara Fraterrigo at 518-456-3998 or 518-221-6776 and St. Jude the Apostle, Wynantskill, contact Colleen Reynolds at 518-428-6365 for more information. There are also flyers at the exits with additional information.

**GREETERS MEETING:** There will be a meeting for Greeters on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm or 6:00 pm in the Church. Please plan to attend the one most convenient for you.

<b>Saturday 1/11/2020</b> <b>4:00</b> Christian Kalled Thersa Stalica Mike Miller Paulin Matia Mary Newell	<b>Monday 1/13/2020</b> <b>7:00</b> Mary Ford Charles Conley <b>12:00</b> Robert Mittler (4 <sup>th</sup> Ann) Courtney Rosencrans Emil Kalled	<b>Wednesday 1/15/2020</b> <b>7:00</b> Joseph & Frances Bologna <b>12:00</b> <i>Intentions Available</i>	<b>Friday 1/17/2020</b> <b>7:00</b> Msg. James G Hart Edwin C Kunkel <b>12:00</b> Kevin Foley
<b>Sunday 1/12/2020</b> <b>9:00</b> For the People <b>10:30</b> Joan Carll Carmela Crisafulli <b>12:00</b> Thomas Belasario	<b>Tuesday 1/14/2020</b> <b>7:00</b> Helen Neilon (74 <sup>th</sup> Ann) <b>12:00</b> Janine Maher	<b>Thursday 1/16/2020</b> <b>7:00</b> <i>Intentions Available</i> <b>12:00</b> Christian Kalled Robert Cunningham Gerard Dooley	

Our 2020 calendar is open if you would like to remember deceased family, friends, neighbors and co-workers on weekends, weekdays, holidays or holy day Masses.

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

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

**ALBANY DIOCESAN CEMETERIES:** Annual Winter cleanup will begin on Wednesday, January 15, 2020. During the cleanups, cemetery staff removes and discards all items from graves. Lot owners are requested to remove any decorations they wish to save before this date.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL NEWS:** On **Tuesday, January 28, from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm** we will be holding an **Open House** for anyone interested in enrolling a student for September 2020. This is a better than your routine open house as it will include a ‘*Crockpot Cook-Off*’ and include current school families. Please spread the word of this Open House/Crockpot Cook-Off to families who have school age children. We do offer a **Full-Day** Kindergarten program, as well as an **After School Program**. Families may register students for Nursery through Grade 8 at this event. As always, we thank you for your ongoing support.



**SCHOOL BUCKS:** **Triple** points all month long at **All** Retailers, **quadruple** points at Sephora, H&M, Champs, BoxLunch and American Eagle Outfitters. Shopping at Colonie Center supports Blessed Sacrament School. Using gift cards for after Christmas shopping at Colonie Center? Remember SCHOOL BUCKS! Avoid the hassle, drop them off and our volunteer will register them.

**PLEASE NOTE.** We have been informed that people are leaving *copies* of receipts for the School Bucks program. These are **NOT** acceptable. If you need to keep originals, you may submit them in the Management Office Monday-Friday, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm and they will be handed back to you. Don’t want the hassle, our volunteer will have them recorded. If you want the receipts returned, provide a self-addressed envelope and we will mail them back to you.



**FAITH FORMATION NEWS:** Faith Formation sessions resumes this weekend. Our next session will meet on Sunday, Feb 2nd which is also the First Reconciliation retreat for our second graders from 9-1pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be on Saturday, February 8th at noon. If you have any questions, please email [faithformationbsc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationbsc@gmail.com)

**DROP-IN FOR COLLEGE AGE ADULTS:** College age adults are invited to meet for conversation and pizza on **Monday, January 13** at 6:30 pm in the Parish Office.

**Help Support the Regional Food Bank.** Now through Wednesday, January 15 donate 3 non-perishable items at Regal and receive one raffle ticket for a chance at a ‘Movie Swag’ prize pack from Regal Cinema.

**OUR FOOD PANTRY:** Thank you for supporting this ministry. We are in need of shampoo, toothpaste and deodorant. Would you like to volunteer at our food pantry? Call the Parish Office for more information.

**THRIFT SHOP:** The Thrift Shop is open Wednesday and Saturday, 10 am – 1 pm. Donation accepted when Thrift Shop is open. Would you be able to help sort and display donations? If so, the Thrift Shop could use your help. Contact the Parish Office at 518-482-3375 for more information.

**HOLY NAMES SOCIETY:** All men of the parish are invited and welcomed to attend meetings. This is a great opportunity for fellowship with other Catholic men. Our next meeting is Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm in the Church basement. Winners of the January 50/50 drawing – 1<sup>st</sup> prize, Lou Dobek; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize ML Faragon; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize Mary O’Brien. Parishioners may purchase tickets in the sacristy or through members of the Holy Names Society.

**OVER 50 CLUB:** The Over 50 Club Chicken Parmesan Dinner has been rescheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please bring a non-perishable item for the food pantry. 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.

**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:** First Tuesday of each month after the Noon Mass.

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**DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT INFORMATION, NEVER REGISTERED OR NEW TO THE PARISH?** Please sign below and drop in the collection.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) I am would like to register with Parish

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Updating Information

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_