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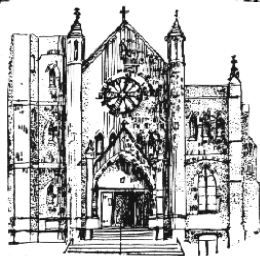
Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

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Over One Hundred Years of Faith and Tradition



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Established 1902

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 15, 2020

Procession: **Jerusalem My Destiny** – GATHER #390
Penitential Rite: Kyrie – GATHER #196
Responsorial Psalm: **If Today You Hear God's Voice** – GATHER #89
Gospel Acclamation: **Praise To You Lord Jesus Christ** - GATHER #160A



Offertory: **I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say** – GATHER #646
Holy, Holy: **Music Card #4**
Mystery of Faith: **Save Us - Music Card #6**
Great Amen: GATHER #182
Lamb of God: GATHER #312
Communion Music: **Look Beyond** –GATHER #843
Recessional: **Amazing Grace** – GATHER #612

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: I received two emails from the diocese this week regarding our response to the Corona virus. I'm printing Friday's email below for your reference. Bishop Scharfenberger made a letter available on Friday afternoon and copies will be available at our entrances. I have a letter available for you which summarizes the adjustments we'll make at Blessed Sacrament, all with your safety in mind.

Peace, Fr. Joe

BISHOP SCHARFENBERGER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDS OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS

In light of the serious health risks to vulnerable populations due to the spread of the Coronavirus, Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger has temporarily dispensed with the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. Until further notice, Catholics should use their prudential judgment as to whether or not to attend Mass. Older adults, people with underlying medical conditions, and family members of such individuals should take special care in discerning the best course of action. At this time, Mass will continue to be offered publicly in most cases, contingent on emergency governmental restrictions regarding large gatherings.

"Be it ever so humble, home is the safest place to weather a storm. Until this current health crisis passes, the best thing we can do to take care of ourselves and one another is not to wander aimlessly, but to stick together with purpose. We can stay comfortable at home and we can comfort one another," Bishop Scharfenberger wrote in a letter to the faithful.

For Catholics who cannot attend Mass in their areas due to restrictions or health issues, the diocese has put together a page of spiritual resources, including links to daily Scripture readings and televised Masses, for those who would like to pray along with the Mass at home. Visit www.rcda.org/coronavirus/resources.

In addition, the Diocese continues to provide updated guidelines related to preventing the spread of Coronavirus at liturgical celebrations, as well as links to national and statewide guidelines at www.rcda.org/coronavirus.

Giovanni Virgiglio, Jr. | Diocesan Chancellor | www.rcda.org

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS: Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42.

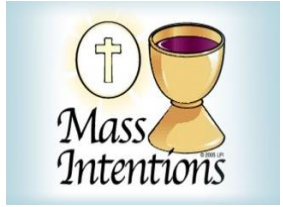
COLLECTION NEWS: Our offertory collection from last weekend was **\$8,388**. The second collection last week for our Blessed Sacrament School was **\$2,064**. The second collection next week is for Catholic Relief Services. To date we have received 64 gifts totaling \$75,433 for our Re-Igniting Our Faith Campaign. We have received gifts and pledges totaling \$90,985 for the Bishop's Appeal. **Your continued stewardship makes all things possible.** Many thanks for all you do!

Here are some updates to scheduled events at Blessed Sacrament:

- The St. Patrick's Mass (and the city's parade) will be rescheduled to a Saturday in mid-September.
- Thursday's Rosary Guild meeting has been cancelled.
- The Chicken Parm Dinner benefitting our school will be rescheduled to a Saturday in May
- The Thrift Shop will be closed until Saturday, April 4th. No donations will be accepted until April 1st.

Some parish events will remain on our schedule:

- Our Lenten Reconciliation Service will take place on Monday, March 16th at 7 pm. (Reconciliation remains available on Saturdays from 3-3:30 pm; also, I will be available for reconciliation by appointment.)
- Our Lenten Book Club will meet this Thursday at 12:30 pm and 6:30 pm in the St. Joseph Chapel. Please read through pg. 76 in Rediscover the Saints.

Saturday 3/14/2020 4:00 Bonnie Jean Henry Richard Pierce Gonzalez & Segarra Families Ed & Dorothy Kula Josephine Busch	Monday 3/16/2020 7:00 Mary Bassiallon 12:00 Special Intention – McManus Family	Wednesday 3/18/2020 7:00 Special Intention – McManus Family 12:00 Delores & William Hanley Jim Horn Kim Horn	Friday 3/20/2020 7:00 Margaret Shatraw 12:00 Jack & Brian Cromie Gloria Alva (bday)
Sunday 3/15/2020 9:00 For the People 10:30 Giuseppa Ritmo 3 rd Order of St. Francis 12:00 MacGowan Family Angela Pochman (100 th Birthday) Fr. Manuel Rojas	Tuesday 3/17/2020 7:00 Loretta & Howard Miller 12:00 Robert Strassel, Sr. Barbara Jeffers Mary O'Callaghan Michael Kevin McLoughlin Patricia Pleat Fernald Family	Thursday 3/19/2020 7:00 Carol Koonz 12:00 Helene Blain	

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 NEWS: Blessed Sacrament School now participates in the AmazonSmile program. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. We are asking that you please consider joining AmazonSmile and make Blessed Sacrament Church, Albany, NY your charitable organization. Money earned will help Blessed Sacrament School. Simply go to [Smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile), Top left: Choose Blessed Sacrament Church, Albany, NY. It's that easy!



We thank you, as always, for your support!!

ROSARY GUILD: Thursday's meeting has been cancelled. As of the printing, the Baby Shower scheduled Sunday, April 19th has not been postponed. We will let you know if this date changes.

SCHOOL BUCKS: Remember SCHOOL BUCKS! If you don't want to register your purchases at Colonie Center's office, drop them off and our volunteer will register them for you. March Bonus points, triple points – Lane Byant, Sephora, Cinnabon, Zales Jewelers and Sbarro, double points – The Cheesecake Factory, Auntie Anne's, Barnes & Noble, Angleah Nails, & Bath and Body Works. There are **quadruple** points for purchasing a photo package with the Easter Bunny!

PLEASE NOTE. If you need to keep original receipts, if you 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 your receipts returned, please provide a self-addressed envelope and we will mail them back to you.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS: Faith Formation classes have been rescheduled to 4/19, 4/26 and 5/3. Sessions meet Sunday, 9:10: – 10:15 am followed by Mass at 10:30 am. Reminders...
First Eucharist Retreat will take place on Sunday, April 26th and
First Eucharist Mass is on Sunday, May 17th at noon Mass.

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

THRIFT SHOP: The Thrift Shop is closed and will re-open on Saturday, April 4 at 10 am. No donations will be accepted until Wednesday, April 1.

HOLY NAMES SOCIETY: Our next meeting is on Monday, April 6th at 7 pm in the church basement. All men of the parish are invited to our meeting for fellowship. You may purchase monthly raffle tickets through our members; tickets are also available in the sacristy.

OVER 50 CLUB: The next meeting April 6th. For more information call Anne Snyder at 518 869 5247.

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

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

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

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? HAVE YOU NEVER REGISTERED? DO YOU HAVE A NEW MAILING ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS? Please sign below and drop in the collection.

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

Address: _____ () Updating Information

Phone: _____ Email: _____