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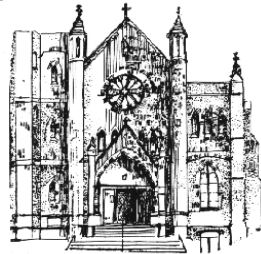
Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

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Over One Hundred Years of Faith and Tradition



Established 1902

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 10, 2020



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: I hear many of you are taking advantage of some of the nicer Spring days that we've had lately to take walks and just get out of the house for a little while. Social distancing is one thing... cabin fever is something else.

I'm writing this on Friday and while it's a little chilly, it's a very sunny day. Sunshine can make up for a lot of things, right? The trees are starting to bud and outdoor flowers are starting to bloom. Just in time for Mother's Day. We remember and pray for our mothers (and grandmothers, step-mothers, aunts, godmothers and teachers), living and deceased. In a Mother's vocation, we can see our call to follow Jesus Christ lived out in a very beautiful way. A Mother's love, offered completely and without reservation, gives us a glimpse of just how much God loves us. We have so many reasons to be thankful for our Mother's love.

In spite of the pandemic, this is the day to reach out. A phone call or a visit (even if it's on the porch, from the driveway or a wave through a nursing home window) just what the doctor ordered. Please keep your neighbors and friends in mind. Their children may be far away. Your greeting and thoughtfulness will make their day.

Keep others in prayer. Place your trust in Christ, our Good Shepherd, who will lead us to safe pasture. Come and visit church (open daily from 7 am to 2 pm). We'll meet again some sunny day.

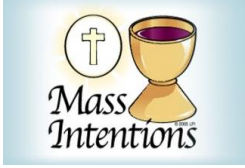
Remember, next week we celebrate the Sixth Sunday of Easter on May 17th and Ascension Thursday on May 21st. Please turn to your parish internet connection (our website and Facebook page) to view Mass from Blessed Sacrament... shortly after 9 am on the 17th and the 21st. Please tell your friends about our internet presence for Mass, messages and news. This is one way to find connections with your parish neighbors and friends...

With so many of our Blessed Sacrament School parents now unemployed or underemployed, if your means would permit, a gift to our school's tuition relief fund that would be deeply appreciated. Gifts can be made directly to us or you could use the diocesan link which appears in the last news item on our front page. (If you use the diocesan link, please designate your gift to go to Blessed Sacrament School.)

Be safe, Fr. Joe

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12.

COLLECTION NEWS: Regular collection was \$8,080, School \$738, and Easter \$125. Many thanks to everyone who continue to mailed in or drop off their offertory envelopes. We depend on your support for the church and the school. Your generous stewardship makes all things possible at Blessed Sacrament. Thank you. I deeply appreciate the sacrifices you make to support Blessed Sacrament.

Saturday 5/9/2020 Frank Cirrincione Dorothy Mettler Catherine Mooney Charles Calderone Andrew F. Vermette Bette Doyle	Monday 5/11/2020 Beverly Shogry	Wednesday 5/13/2020 Katie Lynch Farrell Casey Ryan Lynch John & Mary Lynch Robert Mittler	Friday 5/15/2020 Eleanor Weingarden
Sunday 5/10/2020 <i>ALL MOTHERS LIVING AND DECEASED</i>	Tuesday 5/12/2020 Peter Volks	Thursday 5/14/2020 Mary Callahan	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Please call Fr. Joe at the Parish Office, 518-482-3375.

Church will be open for private prayer seven days a week from 7 am to 2 pm. Come spend some prayer time before the Blessed Sacrament. Bring along some spiritual reading. Enjoy our stained glass windows on a sunny day and find a moment for prayer. Please practice social distancing. The church is disinfected daily but not between each person's visit.

STAY CONNECTED: Here are some ways we may stay connected:

- Visit and bookmark our website: blessedsacramentalbany.org
- "Like" our Facebook page: Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
- Visit our YouTube Channel: Blessed Sacrament Church Albany, NY
- Our email address: blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com

Our website will have the most recent bulletins, links to current YouTube message/Mass and updates. Please help us stay connected by providing and/or updating your email address and phone number. Email your information to blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 518-482-3375.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL NEWS: This week we celebrated National Teacher Appreciation Week. We cannot thank our wonderful and committed teachers enough for all they do for our students and our school!! Our faculty, staff, and students remain closely held in prayer with all of you during this difficult time.



If you are doing your shopping from home using Amazon, Blessed Sacrament School 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 your charitable organization. Money earned will help Blessed Sacrament School. Simply go to Smile.amazon.com, Top left: **Choose Blessed Sacrament Church, Albany, NY.** It's that easy! We thank you, as always, for your support!!

SCHOOL BUCKS: If you have shopped at Colonie Center, gone to the Post Office, Whole Foods for groceries or are picking up take out, please send your receipts to the Parish office as we sending in receipts for Blessed Sacrament School.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS: We will notify families as soon as we know when we are able to move forward with First Eucharist. I encourage you to stay informed through our parish social media pages: Instagram [blessedsacramentym](https://www.instagram.com/blessedsacramentym) and Facebook: Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Mass is being celebrated and recorded by Fr. Joe and is available on our parish YouTube channel as well. Please continue to check your emails and or call us if we can help you in any way.

OUR FOOD PANTRY: The Pantry is open on Monday 10-11:30 am. The Food Pantry is operating according to guidelines appropriate to keeping everyone safe. We are aware that folks may find themselves in need of food pantry services due to no work and/or reduced income. If you are in our Food Panty service area, please bring proof of address and valid identification. We are in need of hygiene items. Call the Parish Office for more information at 518-482-3375.

THRIFT SHOP: The Thrift Shop is **CLOSED** until further notice. **NO** donations will be accepted until further notice.

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