

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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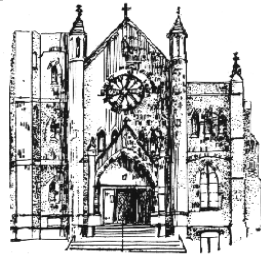
Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

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

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Parish Secretary: Barbara Collen
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ASCENSION THURSDAY

MAY 17, 2020
MAY 21, 2020



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: I'd like to share with you that Fr. George St. John was recently hospitalized at St. Peter's. Fr. St. John was treated for anemia, a recurrence of his January hospital stay. He was treated, received some units of blood, and was released to a rehabilitation center in Clifton Park for recuperation. He is well and resting now. Not knowing how long he will be staying at the rehabilitation center, if you would like to send him a card please send it to our Parish Office and we will forward your cards to him.

Fr. Frank O'Connor and I are well. I hope that you and your families are well as we face the corona virus together. I've spoken with a number of you by phone or have seen you at church for a prayer or a visit; so many of you know a family member or neighbor who has been in a self-isolation quarantine or who has had the corona virus. Let's continue to pray for all who've been sick, all who have cared for others and all who are unemployed. Please continue to look for ways to be of service to members of the family or neighbors who are in need.

The state continues to monitor key statistics. Slowly, these measures are beginning to trend in a more favorable direction. I will share news with you on re-opening when I hear from the diocese. Even as the state begins to reopen regionally, churches (and other places where large numbers of people gather) will not be among the first places to reopen. I fully expect there will be transition periods when we will continue to be attentive to distancing, sanitizing, etc., in church when we return for public celebrations of the Sacraments. We wait for the day and we will be ready.

Let's continue to place our trust in Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, who will lead us to safe pasture. Come and visit church, open daily from 7 am to 2 pm for private prayer. Pray at home with your families. Pray as you turn to our social media for Sunday Mass. Keep up with announcements in our online bulletin, our website and Facebook page. Stay in touch with families, neighbors and friends. Live the mission of Jesus through your prayers, words, and actions.

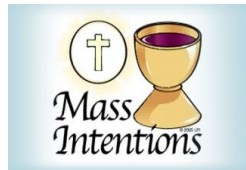
This week, we will have Mass on our website and Facebook page for this Sunday (May 17th) and for Ascension Thursday (May 21st). Mass will be available on our social media shortly after 9 am both days.

Until next time, be safe, Fr. Joe

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21.

ASCENSION THURSDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20.

COLLECTION NEWS: Regular collection was \$7,120, School \$735, and Easter \$395. 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 5/16/2020 Joseph & Frances Bologna Patrick O'Callaghan (2 nd Ann) Gonzalez & Segarra Families	Monday 5/18/2020 Mary Alice Weber	Wednesday 5/20/2020 William Watson, Sr. William Watson, Jr.	Friday 5/22/2020
Sunday 5/17/2020 3 rd Order of St. Francis Michael Zeoli	Tuesday 5/19/2020 Patricia Noel Anthony Carmona	Thursday 5/21/2020 <i>ASCENSION THURSDAY</i> Joanne Mooney Anne Matteo	

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: Be sure to visit our Facebook page to see our School Video "We Are the World" directed by our Music Teacher, Sally Theadore!



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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.