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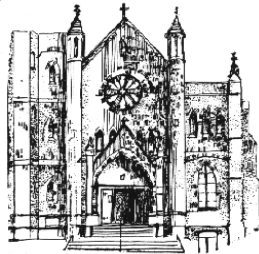
Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

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Rev. Francis O'Connor - Shrine Church Chaplain

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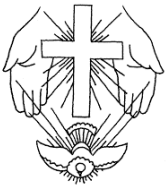
Established 1902

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TRINITY SUNDAY

JUNE 7, 2020



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: It's been almost three months since last gathered together to share Word and Sacrament here at Blessed Sacrament! I hope you and your family are safe.

Bishop Scharfenberger sent all the pastors and parish life directors an email shortly after Memorial Day requesting that every parish prepare a plan for re-opening their parish to celebrate Eucharist and the sacraments. We have formed our Re-Opening Coordinating Committee; our members are Julie Hasselbarth, Peter Krasher, Ed Savoy and David Strazzeri. We have completed our plan and submitted it to the Diocese. We believe we've addressed their concerns.

The Bishop does not have a date to re-open our parishes for public liturgy but he does want us to be ready when that time comes.

When we do return for Mass, some things will be different. The corona virus has driven some changes. There will be social distancing. People will use masks and hand sanitizers. We will need more ushers to help with seating people at Mass to ensure distancing. We will have Eucharist only in the form of the Body of Christ; that means on Saturdays that Deacon Gerry Ladoeur and I will be ministers of the Eucharist at the Vigil and on Sundays there will be one Eucharistic Minister distributing the Body of Christ with me at our three Masses. This is being done to minimize the potential for transmitting the corona virus

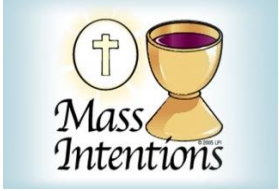
We will continue to schedule two lectors for our weekend Masses. Temporarily we will not have altar servers at Mass. Temporarily, the choir will not be leading us in song on Sunday. Temporarily, I will need six to eight ushers at every weekend Mass. Let me ask: would you serve us in this special need in a special time? I really need your help. I will have training sessions for all Ushers (current and new) in the church on Tuesday, June 9 and Wednesday, June 10 at 12:30 pm and 6:30 pm. I will also have some more training sessions on Monday, June 15 and Tuesday, June 16 at 12:30 pm and 6:30 pm.

Thank you for helping during this transition time as we minister to our families, neighbors and friends.

Until next time, be safe,
Fr. Joe

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18.

COLLECTION NEWS: Regular collection was \$8,489, School \$384, Ascension \$170, Eastern Europe \$140, and Catholic Communications \$110. Many thanks to everyone who continue to mail 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 6/6/2020 Josephine Foley	Monday 6/8/2020 Patricia Noel John Lincoln	Wednesday 6/10/2020 Katie Lynch Farrell Casey Ryan Lynch John & Mary Lynch	Friday 6/12/2020 For the end of the Corona virus
Sunday 6/7/2020 Grace Ruggiero	Tuesday 6/9/2020 Beverly & Fred Shogry	Thursday 6/11/2020 Jack & Brian Cromie	

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

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: In the upcoming weeks we will be celebrating graduation/moving up ceremonies for our 8th grade and Nursery, PreK and Kindergarten students. Due to the circumstances, we will be holding these ceremonies as "drive-ins" in the church parking lot. Parents will need to view the ceremony from their car. We would like to ask if we could close the parking lot off to all cars except those for the graduation ceremonies on the following dates and times:



Friday, June 12 1:00 p.m. (Rain Date Monday, June 15 at 1:00 p.m.)
Wednesday, June 17 8:30-12:30 (Rain Date Thursday, June 18)

We continue to appreciate all that you do for our wonderful school!!

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FAITH FORMATION NEWS: We are reaching out to all of our high school senior parishioners. Please send us a current picture along with your current schools info and your plans for next year to Mrs. Hession at faithformationbsc@gmail.com. Also, please check your email for updated information from our Faith Formation Program.

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. We are always in need of personal hygiene items, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, etc.. Call the Parish Office for more information at 518-482-3375.

THRIFT SHOP: The Thrift Shop will **OPEN** Saturdays only beginning June 20 from 10 am – 2 pm. Donations will be accepted Tuesdays and Fridays 10 am – 1 pm from the Central Avenue entrance only beginning June 16. Just a reminder we **cannot** accept stuffed animals, bed pillows, printers, monitors, large furniture. We can accept flat screen TVs.

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