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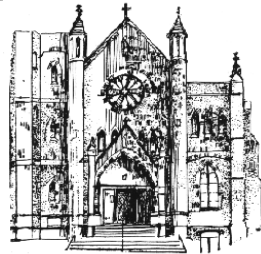
Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

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Over One Hundred Years of Faith and Tradition



Established 1902

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 2, 2020



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: We are continuing our parish review of our compliance with state and Department of Health mandates. It is with sadness that I tell you we will not have Mass on the weekend August 1st/2nd and that this will extend into the week as well. Our community misses the opportunity to gather for Sacraments. I look forward to seeing you again for Mass - soon. We continue with our compliance review to ensure your safety, both now and the future. We have had no positive tests for COVID-19 and no requests for quarantine... and we want to keep it that way.

This weekend's Mass will be available on our parish website and Facebook page starting on Saturday at about 7 pm. When we have re-opening news to announce, we'll have it on our parish website and Facebook page. You may call our Parish Office for information, too.

The start of annual Diocesan Appeal was delayed this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The diocese will begin mailing information on the Appeal to parish families at the end of July and beginning of August. Thank you again for your generous support of the world of the Lord in which we share as families, as a parish and as a diocese.

Peace, Fr. Joe

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS: Isaiah 55:1-13; Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21.

COLLECTION NEWS: Regular collection was **\$4,061, Peters Pence \$276** and School **\$215**. 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.

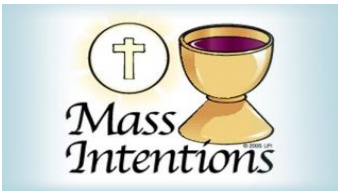
STAY CONNECTED: Here are some ways we may stay connected:

- 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.

CELEBRATE OUR CENTARIANS: We have two parishioners who will celebrate their 100th Birthday in August! Victoria Ragone and Immaculata Lizzi. If you would like to send birthday wishes/cards, please send or drop off to the Parish Office and we will make sure that get to them.

VOTIVE CANDLES: Please note votive candles will not be available in the sacristy on weekends for the time being. You may purchase candles at the Parish Office Monday-Friday, 9 am – 4 pm.

Saturday 8/1/2020 4:00 Carol Perkinson Thomas Mittler John Mooney Katherine & Joseph Burns	Monday 8/3/2020 7:00 John & Phyllis Schallaci 12:00	Wednesday 8/5/2020 7:00 12:00 Janet Campbell Melba Antonetti	Friday 8/7/2020 7:00 12:00 Rene Alvarino
Sunday 8/2/2020 9:00 For the people of the Parish 10:30 Logan Biondo Gayl Mineau Doherty 12:00 Agatina Pinto Virginia Diegel	Tuesday 8/4/2020 7:00 Joseph & Frances Bologna 12:00 David Glass (bday)	Thursday 8/6/2020 7:00 12:00 Gail Harris Robert Farrigan	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Reconciliation will be available by appointment. Please call Fr. Joe at the Parish Office, 518-482-3375 to schedule.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL NEWS: As we wait for Governor Cuomo's announcement for the reopening of schools this coming week, our team continues to work diligently to ensure a healthy and safe reopening for our students whether it be in-person, remote learning or a hybrid combination of both. We thank you for your support and prayers as we enter continue through these next few weeks of planning and preparation for a year like no other!!



Thank you so much for your response to our supply request, we will be in the greatest need of the following items: Pencils, Crayons, Glue Sticks, Scissors, Colored Pencils

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SCHOOL BUCKS: The program is back! The current School Bucks program will end on 12/31/2020, all receipts must submitted on later than 1/15/2021. All receipts dated up to 60 before Colonie Center closed (3/19/2020) will be accepted. So if you have any receipts you may register them in the following ways: Management Office, Monday-Friday 11 am- 5 pm; Drop Box located outside the Management Office or you send them into the Parish Office and we will register them. Just a reminder that only original receipts will be accepted. Please provide a return address envelope if you would like the receipts returned to you. There is no July bonus but the August bonus is really great. Blessed Sacrament will get 10X the points for purchases in August from: Claire's, J. Crew, H & M, Auntie Anne's, Little Details, Dunkin Donuts, Balsam & Birch, Gift Emporium, Aeropostale, Christopher & Banks, Hilton Music and LL Bean.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS: Please continue to check your emails for updates and helpful resources. If you are Interested in learning more about our program, please feel free to call or email us.

We also encourage you to join our social media pages to stay up to date: Our parish Facebook page is: Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Instagram: blessedssacramentalbany. Our parish Facebook also has a NEW separate group for posts about praying the Rosary together live, called the Virtual Holy Rosary. However you do not need Facebook to join us. Simply email us your info and we will send you the link. Our scheduled time is every Sunday evening at 7:30pm. ALL our welcome, join us when you can, children and families are strongly encouraged too! If you have any questions, please email faithformationbsc@gmail.com.

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 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 from 9 am – 1 pm. Donations will be accepted Tuesdays and Fridays 10 am – 1 pm from the Central Avenue entrance only. Just a reminder we **cannot** accept stuffed animals, bed pillows, books, printers, monitors, large furniture, old style TVs. We cannot accept summer clothing at this time. We can accept flat screen TVs.

ROSARY GUILD: Due to the COVID 19 virus, we were unable to have our annual Baby Shower in April. We are going to have a Baby Layette Collection in the Fall. Watch for the date and keep making those baby blankets and sweater sets!

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