

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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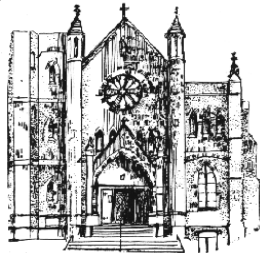
Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

273 Central Avenue Albany, New York 12206 - Phone 465-3685

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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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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 19, 2020



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: *Let me repeat part of my message from last weekend: It's about thanks and why we we're doing the things we do.* I want to thank everyone who has been coming to Mass for their support of our efforts to provide a safe worship environment. Thank you for wearing masks throughout Mass, for using hand sanitizer, for honoring six-foot distancing, for choosing green pews and sitting by the yellow markers, for opting for communion in the hand, for using the wooden receptacle for your offertory gift, for using one entrance to the church, remembering to bring or fill out your contact tracing form every time you come to Mass, for leaving church and going directly to your car without clustering with others for conversation. Thank you for your sacrifices!

There seem to be so many small things we do at this time to cope with COVID-19. All these measures, taken together, help us provide the safest environment for you and your families. Your full participation is most appreciated not just by me but, more importantly, by you and your families. Thank you for all you are doing for your neighbor. If we cannot maintain a safe environment, we should close our doors until we can. This is a very 'Respect Life' thought. I take this responsibility very seriously. I know Bishop Scharfenberger has strong feelings on this topic, too.

May you and your families continue to be safe, Fr. Joe

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43.

COLLECTION NEWS: Regular collection was \$6,586 and School \$270. This week's second collection is for our Blessed Sacrament School. Next week's second collection is for Peter's Pence. 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

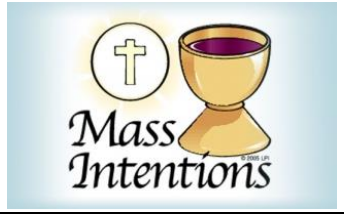
Our website will have the most recent bulletins, links to current YouTube message/Mass and updates. Please help us stay connected by providing and/or updating your email address and phone number. Email your information to blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 518-482-3375.

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.

 Please answer the following questions before entering and bring with you each time you come to Mass.

Do you have a fever (temperature over 100.3F) without having taken any fever reducing medication? Y N
 Have you, or anyone you have been in close contact with been diagnosed with COVID-19 or been placed on quarantine for possible contact with COVID-19? Y N
 Have you been asked to self-isolate or quarantine by medical professional or local public health official? Y N
 Have you traveled outside of the United States or any states on the NYS Advisory List in the last 14 days? Y N
 How should we contact you if we need to inform you have been exposed to COVID-19?
 Please provide preferred contact info _____

Please PRINT Name(s) _____ Date _____

Saturday 7/18/2020 4:00 Mary Dwyer Gerald Miller Robert Mittler	Monday 7/20/2020 7:00 Carey Carroll 12:00 Rae Jacklewski Thomas J Mantica	Wednesday 7/22/2020 7:00 Fr. Gus Tufail 12:00 Robert Lyons Manuel Abello Roger Lennon	Friday 7/24/2020 7:00 Beverly & Paul Shogry 12:00 Elisa Agosto Cecilia N Sanz
Sunday 7/19/2020 9:00 For the people of the Parish 10:30 3 rd Order of St. Francis Judy Arnold 12:00 William Watson, father William Watson, son	Tuesday 7/21/2020 7:00 Murray Gotlieb Marcus Del Portal 12:00 Robert Synder Maria Miranda Marcelina Cosico	Thursday 7/23/2020 7:00 Patricia Noel 12:00 Thomas Miller Raphael & Esperanza Agtarap	

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: Thank you so much for your response to our supply request in last week's bulletin!! Just to clarify, we will be in the greatest need of the following items:

Pencils, Crayons, Glue Sticks, Scissors, Colored Pencils

We are looking to provide these items for each of our students as a "Welcome Back Kit" In upcoming weeks, as we learn more from Governor Cuomo, we may need to expand our list of items and, as always, we thank you for your tremendous support!!!



Do you have a Nursery, Pre-K or Kindergarten aged child? We are accepting applications for the 2020-21 school year. If you are interested in touring Blessed Sacrament School, please call 518-438-5854 to schedule a time that is convenient.

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SCHOOL BUCKS: We have received information on a modified School Bucks program and are waiting for further details. If you have any receipts from Colonie Center, including take out, Post Office, online purchases or any within 60 days before Colonie Center closed, please send them in and we will register them as soon as we are notified that they are accepting them.



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 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 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. 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!

DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT INFORMATION, NEVER REGISTERED OR NEW TO THE PARISH?

Please complete below and drop in the collection, mail to Parish Office or blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com

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

Address: _____ () Updating Information

Phone: _____ Email: _____