

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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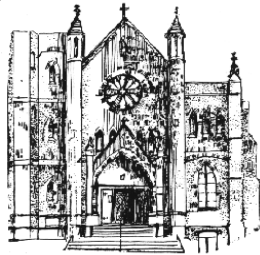
Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

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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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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 26, 2020



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: September is just around the corner and people are wondering what the Fall will bring with COVID-19. We want to be completely ready for the future because your safety and the safety of your family matters to us.

At Blessed Sacrament, we are voluntarily taking some time to evaluate our parish's compliance with state and Department of Health guidelines and mandates to ensure your safety. We did not celebrate Mass on Friday, July 24th and we will not be open for worship this weekend or for the next several days. We will notify you when our evaluation is done and when will be reopening.

We were among the first churches to reopen to serve you and your families largely because of the good work of our Reopening Coordinating Committee. We want to ensure that Blessed Sacrament continues to be a safe place to gather and give thanks and praise to God. So we will take a pause and look forward to being back soon.

We've been open for six weekends. No positive tests. No quarantines. We've collected contact tracing forms at all of those Masses and we haven't had to make any calls to anyone about positive tests for the corona virus. Our closure is about time to evaluate our compliance. It is not driven by test results. There is no need for treatment or quarantine. Thank you for all the steps you've taken here and at home using masks, social distancing, using hand sanitizer and exercising care. All of this, done together, pays off for everyone.

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

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52.

COLLECTION NEWS: Regular collection was \$6,519 and School \$1,174. This 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

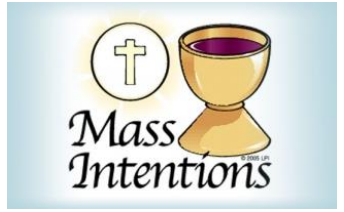
Our website will have the most recent bulletins, links to current YouTube message/Mass and updates. Please help us stay connected by providing and/or updating your email address and phone number. Email your information to blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 518-482-3375.

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 7/25/2020 4:00 Gonzalez & Segarra Families Carol Perkinson	Monday 7/27/2020 7:00 John Lincoln 12:00 Casey Ryan Lynch	Wednesday 7/29/2020 7:00 Carol Perkinson 12:00 Kathy Barrett	Friday 7/31/2020 7:00 Pray to End the Coronavirus 12:00 Peter Rosenberger Devin Nolan
Sunday 7/26/2020 9:00 For the people of the Parish 10:30 Joan Preville Louis & Connie Mineau 12:00 Thomas Betz	Tuesday 7/28/2020 7:00 Patricia O'Brien 12:00 Judy Bradt (in Thanksgiving)	Thursday 7/30/2020 7:00 Fr. Gus Tufail 12:00 Virginia Deigel	

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: Per the guidelines of the New York State Department of Health and Education, the Center for Disease Control and the Diocesan Catholic School Office, our team is currently crafting our Reopening Strategy for 2020-2021. Our plan will put the physical, emotional, and spiritual safety of our students first and foremost. Once completed our plan will be made available on our school website.



We thank you for your continued support and prayers as we navigate this new normal in educating our students, mind, body and spirit.

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: blessedscsacramentalbany. 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, 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!

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: _____