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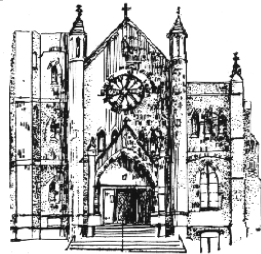
Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 5, 2020



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: Welcome to July with hot, humid summer days and a few thunderstorms mixed in! This will be such a different Summer. Less travel, fewer longer trips? Stay-cations? Still, as you make plans to relax this Summer, be sure to include some time for renewal, reflection and prayer. Our COVID-19 Spring leaves us in a place where we need the Lord and one another more than ever.

For many, Summer is a time to be recharged. Do not look beyond Summer's capacity to renew you spiritually. Think about dedicating some time each day for prayer. Share your prayer experiences and where the Lord is taking you with a walk with a spouse, close friend or neighbor. Take a trip along the Hudson, or a drive into the Berkshires or the Adirondacks to take in the beauty and majesty of God's Creation. Consider some spiritual reading. Looking for some reading ideas? Give me a call or an email and I can offer some suggestions.

We're beginning to have a national conversation on equality and racism this Fourth of July. For your consideration, I found this prayer to overcome racism on the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

Mary, friend and Mother to All, through your Son Jesus, God unites himself to every human being, calling us to be one people. We ask your help in obtaining from your Son seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another. Help us obtain the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society.

We ask your help in following your Son so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our hearts and minds but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity each person. Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts. Pray for us. Amen.

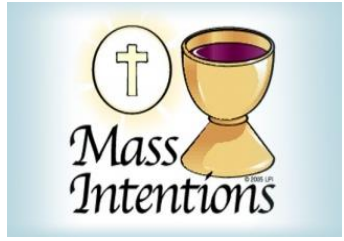
Peace, Fr Joe

PS Thank you to everyone who brought flowers to Church! (I hear Mary and Joseph love flowers.) Let's share small signs of God's Creation everywhere we go.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS: Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30.

COLLECTION NEWS: Regular collection was \$6,406, School \$249, Easter \$300, and School Bus Trips \$530. 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.

VOTIVE CANDLES: Please note that 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 7/4/2020 4:00 Nancy Nigro Richard Carroll	Monday 7/6/2020 7:00 John & Phyllis Schallaci 12:00 Fred Hellmuth	Wednesday 7/8/2020 7:00 Jacqueline Balarin (Bday) 12:00 Katie Lynch Farrell Casey Ryan Lynch John & Mary Lynch	Friday 7/10/2020 7:00 John & Pat DeLaren 12:00 Jack & Brian Cromie
Sunday 7/5/2020 9:00 All who died from COVID-19 10:30 Blanche Nelson Lenore Falvo James Crisafulli Louis Fiorino (14 th Ann) 12:00 Agatina Pinto	Tuesday 7/7/2020 7:00 Joseph & Frances Bologna 12:00 Peter Volks	Thursday 7/9/2020 7:00 Intentions Available 12:00 Intentions Available	

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

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: We now are looking forward to the 2020-2021 school year!! What an adventure it will be!!!

Due to the restrictions we will be under, to protect our students against the COVID virus, each of our students will need their own supply bag to be used both at school, and at home should we be under a remote learning directive once again.



Because of this, we would like to ask for your help in seeking out donations for school supplies, if possible. As always, we truly appreciate all of the support you provide to our wonderful school, and we continue to hold all of you close in prayer!!!

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.

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: Hope you are all doing well and enjoying these summer days. Please continue to check your emails for updates and helpful resources. Also, please join us this Sunday at 7:30pm to pray the rosary together on the parish Facebook page, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. There will be a live feature where comment and place your intentions in real time. 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 10 am – 2 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.

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