

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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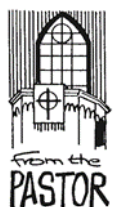
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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020



Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus!

My name is Fr. Daniel Quinn, and I am the newly appointed pastor here at Blessed Sacrament and the Shrine of Our Lady of the Americas! Some parishioners here may remember me from my brief stint here seven years ago as one of the parish priests, fresh out of seminary. I must say, I was a bit surprised to be appointed here as pastor for a term of 6 years, but not an unwelcome surprise. I look forward to praying, learning, working, and serving with you all, as we engage in the sometimes difficult, but always gratifying, work of the Christian life and in spreading the Good News!

Very often, all we hear is bad news, depressing news, news that saddens our hearts and souls. Being so accustomed to this, it's hard to accept good news, because we assume that it must be too good to be true. But being recipients, and hopefully also sharers, of the good news of the Gospel of Jesus, and of the healing, reconciliation, forgiveness, and strength from on high that come with it, should lighten our hearts and help us to have hope in difficult times. Let's together bring the good news to people who are accustomed to receiving bad, and therefore bring hope to people who are accustomed to despair.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32.

COLLECTION NEWS: Regular collection was \$8,385, Fuel \$241, and School \$1,353.

Bishop Ed has asked us to support the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund with a second collection next weekend, October 3rd and 4th. This collection is to help support those impacted by hurricane Laura and the California wildfires.

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

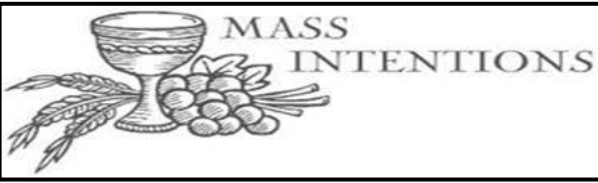
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Our website will have the most recent bulletins, links to current YouTube message/Mass and updates. Please help us stay connected by providing and/or updating your email address and phone number. Email your information to blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com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

PAKISTANI MASS: Sunday, October 4 at 6:00 pm Mass will be offered in Urdu. Welcome back!

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE: For your safety & the safety of our workers & clients we are making changes to our Christmas Giving Tree program. It is impossible to conduct the application process, the sorting & packaging & distribution while practicing social distancing. Also the possibility of further store & church closings in the Fall & Winter are an unknown. Our planning committee has come up with an alternative plan to serve those children. Members of our Food Pantry can sign up to receive one gift certificate for each child in the household 12 years of age or younger. In order to support this program, we are asking for donations in order to purchase gift certificates. If you can help please drop your donation in the collection basket or at the rectory or in the mail to 607 Central Ave. Albany, NY 12206. Please clearly indicate that the donation is for the Christmas Giving Tree program. Monetary donations only please. We cannot accept gift certificates as we are dealing with specific stores. Thank you for your generosity.

FROM FR. JOE: Thank you to everyone for their cards, good wishes and gifts! Thank you to everyone who was able to stop for a few minutes after Mass last weekend! Let me keep you and your ministry at Blessed Sacrament in prayers. It was nice to meet so many people and make so many friends in the two years I was here. I will let Fr. Dan and Barbara know where I am assigned next. For now, I will be in Lake George helping the local parishes there. Peace be with you, Fr. Joe O'Brien



Please contact the Parish Office at 518-482-3375 to reschedule any previously scheduled Mass Intentions. Those intentions without specific requests to reschedule will be moved to the next available date. Weekend intentions will move to an available weekend; weekday intentions will be moved to an available weekday Mass.

<u>Saturday 9/26/2020</u>	<u>Sunday 9/27/2020</u>	<u>Monday 9/28/2020</u>	<u>Tuesday 9/29/2020</u>
4:00 Louis Weinman Carol Perkinson Robert & Janice Mittler (Anniversary)	9:00	7:00 Matthew Esposito (bday) Elise H Fitzpatrick Jim, Phil, Jake, Al Kalled	12:00 Anna Marie Cogorno (bday) Mary E Barth William J Coleman Barbara Horton

VOTIVE CANDLES: Votive candles now be available in the sacristy on weekends. You may purchase candles at the Parish Office Monday-Friday, 9 am – 4 pm

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



BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL NEWS: Blessed Sacrament School welcomes our new Pastor Father Dan Quinn!! We cannot wait to meet you and learn more about you!!

The additional need that we have identified is earbud headphones for our Chromebooks and iPads.

Thank you again from the bottom of each and every one of our hearts!!! Spread the Word!! We currently have openings in our Nursery, Kindergarten, First, Fourth and Eighth grade classrooms!!!

Please continue to pray for our faculty, staff, students and families as we embark on this journey together, for the benefit of God's most precious gift to us, His children.

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SCHOOL BUCKS: 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 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. Only a few days left to take advantage of the September's bonus points (3X) are H&M, American Eagle, Champs, Footlocker, J.Crew Factory, The Children's Place, Hilton Music, and Hallmark.

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS @ BOSCOV'S: Would you like to save 20% while shopping at Boscov's (instore or online) and help support our Blessed Sacrament School???? Plan to shop on October 14 or 15 and mention Blessed Sacrament and you will receive 20% off (some restrictions/exclusions apply) and Blessed Sacrament will receive 5% of your total purchase.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS: To accommodate our families, we will be offering online registration this year. Please check your email or if you are new and interested in learning more, please contact Mrs. Hession at faithformationbsc@gmail.com or 518-482-3375.

There will also be a drive thru packet pickup on Saturday, October 10th from 10:00-1:00pm in the church parking lot.

In addition to monthly Zoom meetups that will range from 30-40 minutes, we will also offer Sacramental preparation for those receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. We will also continue to try and offer opportunities for us to meet occasionally, if permitted with a limited number of people for prayer, service and social-like gatherings. d the time you dedicated to our youth. Blessings to you always.

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 9 am – 12 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 can accept flat screen TVs. During this time we are not able to accept items from assisted care, nursing or patient facilities. We will begin accepting Christmas items mid-October.

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!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: Meetings will RESUME on MONDAY, October 5th at 7pm, in the church basement. Also, our members would like to thank Fr. Joe for his 2 years of Leadership. Good Luck and may God Bless Fr. O'Brien in his future. Gene Loparco, HNS Treasurer, 518-456-4667 or 518-265-0242