

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

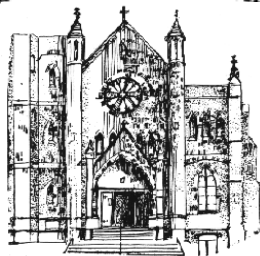
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Established 1902

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 11, 2020



All of the vineyards growing grapes in last week's readings have probably contributed to the feasts discussed in this week's readings. Unfortunately, these feasts, as described, with all of their food and wine and gathered people, can't really be celebrated now. Not because of the virus, and not because people don't have the means, but because they are the types of feasts only celebrated in heaven. The parable Jesus tells is about "the Kingdom of Heaven." This does not mean we don't get to celebrate at all, just that we also "know how to live in humble circumstances," as St. Paul mentions. But good times or bad, in comfort or hardship, we belong to the Lord!

Fr. Mark Reamer, OFM will be here on Saturday, October 17th at the 4 pm Mass to officially install me as Pastor.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS: Isaiah 25:6-10; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14.

COLLECTION NEWS: Regular collection was \$7,114, Fuel \$130, and Catholic University \$95. The second collection this week is for our Blessed Sacrament School. The second collection last week for USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund was \$80. The second collection next week is for World Mission.

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.

RESTARTING: This week we will begin scheduling meetings again beginning with Parish Council and RCIA Team. We will be also be adding another weekday Mass Thursday at Noon and times for confession.

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. For planning and timely distribution, we would appreciate receiving donations by December 14th. We cannot accept gift certificates as we are dealing with specific stores. Thank you for your generosity.

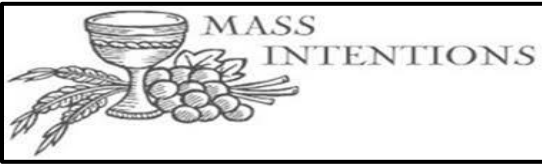
ANNUAL OCTOBER MARRIAGE JUBILEE: Couples celebrating milestones this year are invited to submit their anniversary and contact information by October 23rd through the parish office.

DIOESEAN APPEAL: Hopefully by now most parishioners have received information through the mail about this year's Diocesan Appeal (Bishop's Appeal). Despite this year's difficulties, I'd still ask that we all be as generous as possible, if possible equaling last year's gift, as I plan to do. Our goal this year is about \$98,000, \$23,000 less than last year's goal. Remember, this annual appeal invests in many things, but most especially, in the education and formation of our future priests.

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.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: Come pray the Rosary on the First Tuesday of each month after the Noon Mass. including this Tuesday, 10/13.

And all are welcome to join us every Sunday at 7:30 pm via Zoom to pray the Rosary. For more information and the login information please e-mail faithformationbsc@gmail.com.



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 10/10/2020</u> 4:00 Thomasine Perkins Roseanne Goodman Rose Pasquale Zeccola		<u>Sunday 10/11/2020</u> 9:00 Joyce Belokopsky Edward Meyers		
<u>Monday 10/12/2020</u> 9:00 Elizabeth Richards John & Phyllis Schallaci	<u>Tuesday 10/13/2020</u> 12:00 Robert Mittler Rose McManus Irene Pardo Katie Lynch Farrell Casey Ryan Lynch John & Mary Lynch	<u>Wednesday</u> <u>10/14/2020</u> No Mass scheduled	<u>Thursday 10/15/2020</u> 12:00 Jack & Brian Cromie Joseph & Frances Bologna	<u>Friday 10/16/2020</u> 9:00 Mass for School Community

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

PLEASE NOTE: Each Friday there will be Mass for the School community at 9 am. Parishioners are welcome to attend but seating is limited to the St. Joseph's chapel.

FUNERALS: No funerals scheduled.



BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL NEWS: Blessed Sacrament School is currently seeking a Middle School Science Teacher for grades 5-8 with a Living Environment (Grade 9) course. Qualified candidates should hold a NYS Certification in 7-12 Science Education. Interested candidates should contact Principal, Maureen Daurio at 518-438-5854 or at mdaurio@blessedsacramentschool.net.

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, as we continue to hold all of you in our hearts in prayer.

Blessed Sacrament School will be hosting "Food Truck Fridays." The first Food Truck Friday will be held on Friday, October 30, from 2-4 p.m. and will be catered by Seasons Catering. They have generously offered to donate a portion of all sales to our school. If you are interested in a day off from cooking dinner, please pick up a form, fill it out and return to the rectory or school on or before October 26 or just give us a call at 518-438-5854.

SCHOOL BUCKS: The current School Bucks program will end on 12/31/2020, all receipts must be submitted on later than 1/15/2021. Receipts may be registered 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. October bonus points stores are Dunkin' Donuts, Balsam and Birch, Little Details, J,Crew Factory, Heroes Hideout, Nordstrom Rack, Cinnabon, and H&M. Blessed Sacrament receives 3X the points for purchases from these stores in October.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS: Online registration is still available. Please continue to check your email for updates or if you are new and interested in learning more, please contact Mrs. Kelly Hession at faithformationbsc@gmail.com or call 518-482-3375.

There will be a reconciliation service for our Confirmation candidates on Wednesday, October 14.

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: Our Baby Layette Collection will be held the weekend of October 31 – November 1. We need newborn baby items (size 3-9 months) so that the Christ Child Society can make layettes for new mothers in need. You can bring items to Mass that weekend or to the Parish Office weekdays 9 am – 4 pm.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: October Placid Club Drawing winners: 1st Prize, Stephan Drohobycky; 2nd Prize Stephan Drohobycky 3rd Prize E. Kearsing. Raffle tickets may be picked up at the Parish Office, Gene Loparco (518-456-4667) or Joe Dobek (518-368-6918). We may be able to deliver tickets too. Our next meeting two meetings are scheduled Wednesday, November 4 and December 2 at 7 pm in the Church basement. All men of the parish are invited to attend our meetings. Thank you to the Thrift Shop for donating a new brief case to our Secretary.