

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

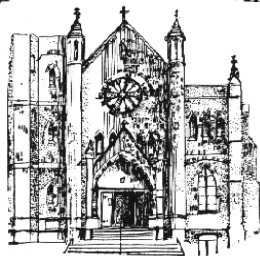
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Established 1902

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 18, 2020



This weekend we welcome Fr. Mark Reamer, OFM, a Franciscan from Siena College and our Regional Vicar. He came on behalf of Bishop Ed to "install" me as the Pastor here. I am a bit intimidated to follow in the line of so many other pastors whose names are inscribed in various places around here. But this parish and our neighborhood is changed by every person who call it home. But one person who has the greatest effect on us all is Jesus who lives with us and in us in this church, in this neighborhood, in the Blessed Sacrament.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21.

COLLECTION NEWS: Regular collection was \$7,138, Initial \$148, World Mission \$45 and School \$2,016. The second collection this 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 RCIA Program. We will be also be adding another weekday Mass Wednesday at 7:00 am. Please see the scheduled times for confession below.

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.

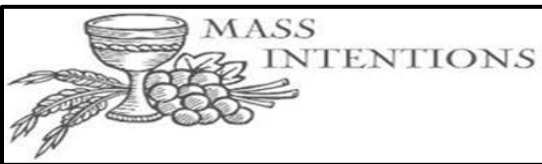
ANNUAL OCTOBER MARRIAGE JUBILEE: Couples celebrating milestones this year are invited to submit their anniversary and contact information by October 23rd through the parish office.

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 for Blessed Sacrament and the Shrine is about \$98,000 (\$23,000 less than last year's goal). Remember, this annual appeal invests in many thing, but most especially, in the education and formation of our future priests.

PARISH OFFICE: Monday, October 19, the Parish Office will be closed from 11:45 am – 1:30 pm.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process for adults of all ages who wish to learn more about our Catholic faith and be formed to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). If you were not baptized, or if you were baptized in a different Christian tradition, this is your chance to become Catholic and receive sacraments. If you are Catholic but did never received Eucharist or Confirmation, RCIA will prepare you receive the sacraments. If you would like to learn more about RCIA or becoming Catholic, please plan on attending an RCIA meeting in the church on Wednesday, 10/21 at 6:30 pm.

FALL RAFFLE: Even though we can't have our Annual Fall Festival because of the coronavirus pandemic, we will be sponsoring our Fall Festival Raffle. Tickets were mailed out this week and should be receiving them soon. As always, additional tickets are available in the sacristy, parish office and school office. Drawing will be held November 15 at 12 noon in the school gym.



The 2021 calendar is open. Please contact the Parish Office at 518-482-3375 to schedule Masses. There are still some previously scheduled Masses that may be moved to a different time due to the current Mass schedule

<u>Saturday 10/17/2020</u> 4:00 Mayer & Honikel Families Gonzalez & Segarra Families Collen Kovacs James & Carol Perkinson		<u>Sunday 10/18/2020</u> 9:00 Ted Ford 3 rd Order of St. Francis Antonio, Angelina & Franz Nicotina		
<u>Monday 10/19/2020</u> 7:00 Colleen Kovacs Confession 12:00 – 1:30	<u>Tuesday 10/20/2020</u> 12:00 Christopher Esposito 4 th Birthday Rae Jachlewski Isaac Taylor Walter K. Iglar 7 th Ann. Confession until 1:30	<u>Wednesday 10/21/2020</u> 7:00 For the People Confession 12:00 – 1:30	<u>Thursday 10/22/2020</u> 12:00 For the people Confession until 1:30	<u>Friday 10/23/2020</u> 9:00 Mass for Blessed Sacrament Students Confession 12:00 – 1:30

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Monday-Friday 12:00 or 12:30 (after Mass) until 1:30 pm. Saturday 3:00 – 3:40 pm. We aren't using the regular confessional for now. Come to the confession in the Central Avenue Entrance.

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. **Home Schoolers and Distance Learners welcome!!!**

FUNERALS: Margaret "Peg" Joyce, to be scheduled.



BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL NEWS: 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: Faith Formation packets were picked this weekend. If you weren't able to make it, you still plan to register or want to learn more about our program, please email Kelly Hession at faithformationbsc@gmail.com. Please keep our faith formation families and catechists in your prayers as our program begins this weekend.



Congratulations and prayers to Fr. Quinn on his installation as our new Pastor.

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: 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 meetings.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: Come pray the Rosary on the First Tuesday of each month after the Noon Mass.

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.

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