



BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN BOLTON LANDING, NY... ALL ARE WELCOME !

APRIL 24, 2022

This week's Services and Devotions...

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24

Mass, 10:30am

† Eugene Coleman

† Rita Faller

† Bill Bayliss

† Norman Helmstetter

Divine Mercy Holy Hour, 3pm

Tuesday, April 26

Rosary, 9am

Thursday, April 28

Liturgy of the Word w/Communion, 9am

Saturday, April 30

Liturgy of the Word w/Communion, 9am

Sunday, May 1

Mass, 10:30am

† Len Emerle

† Kevin Sands

† William and Lillian Hanley

† Keri Bennett

† Denotes Deceased



2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:27

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Winter Mass schedule is in effect;

Sunday Mass at 10:30am

Eucharistic Adoration: First Saturday each month, 9:30-10:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before and after Sunday Mass upon request

Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals: All arrangements are made through Deacon Joe Tyrrell, our Parish Life Director, including arrangements for a priest, deacon and/or organist.

North Country Ministry: Please call 518-623-2829 if you wish to donate clothing, household goods, or furniture.

Food Pantry: Boxed or canned food, paper products, baby diapers, and personal hygiene items may be left in the Food Pantry Basket in the Church vestibule (no glass, please).

We at Blessed Sacrament Church, as a community of faith, are guided by the Holy Spirit and the love of the Eucharistic Lord. We are committed to continue the modern day work and example of the North American martyrs to which this parish is dedicated.





WELCOME EVERYONE TO THE EASTER SEASON!

MOST PEOPLE THINK OF EASTER AS A SINGLE DAY, BUT FOR CATHOLICS, EASTER ISN'T JUST A DAY, IT'S A WHOLE SEASON. LENT IS FORTY DAYS LONG. EASTER, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS FIFTY DAYS LONG. THIS YEAR, THE EASTER SEASON STRETCHES ALL THE WAY TO JUNE 5, PENTECOST SUNDAY. MAY YOU GROW CLOSER TO GOD THIS EASTER SEASON.

Readings for the Week

First Reading: *Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them. (Acts 5:14)* Luke tells us of the success and healing power of the apostles in the Jerusalem church in the early days, weeks, and months following Jesus' resurrection. Where do you see this level of enthusiasm for the faith today?

Psalm: *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)*

Second Reading: *"I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever." (Rev 1:17-18)* The resurrected Jesus appears to John on the island of Patmos during his exile for bearing witness to the faith. In this encounter, John is initially fearful but then reassured by Jesus. When have you turned to Jesus in moments of fear in your life?

Gospel: *On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst. (Jn 20:19)* The apostle Thomas challenges his fellow apostles about the reality of Jesus' resurrection, seeking direct evidenced from Jesus himself. How often do you encounter fellow believers who are skeptical in their faith?



THE DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

Join us as we gather here at Blessed Sacrament to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet on **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24 at 3pm.** Prayer leaflets are in the vestibule.

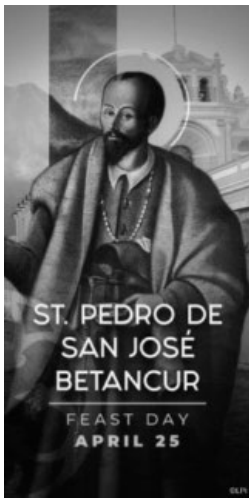


Procession and May Crowning

At Mass next **Sunday, May 1,** our Faith Formation students will present our traditional Procession and May Crowning of the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, acknowledging Mary as Queen of heaven and earth.

THE PASCHAL CANDLE is a large candle made of pure beeswax that is blessed at Easter as a symbol of Christ, the Light of the World. During the blessing liturgy, five grains of incense representing Christ's wounds are inserted into the candle in the form of a cross. Above the cross is the Greek letter for alpha, and below is the Greek letter for omega. These are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet and symbolize Christ as the beginning and end of all. The current year (2018) also is traced on the candle. During the Easter Season, the Paschal Candle is placed in a prominent spot near the altar. At the end of the Easter Season (that is, after Pentecost) the candle is moved usually to near the baptismal font, being brought forward and lit for baptisms and funerals, reflecting our death and resurrection in Christ.





Central America's first saint, St. Pedro de San José Betancur (1626-1667) was born a poor shepherd in the Canary Islands. His family lands were seized because of debt, and he worked as an indentured servant until his early adult life when Pedro left his home to travel to Guatemala. His money for the journey ran out long before he arrived. He was destitute when he did arrive and was forced to join the bread line the Franciscan Friars had for the poor.

In 1655, he joined the Third Order of St Francis. Pedro began to serve the poor, the enslaved, immigrants, abandoned children, anyone that needed him. In 1658 he was given a hut which he

made into a hospital for the poor. This small start grew into a shelter for the homeless, a school for the poor, an inn for priests, and several small chapels in poor areas. He was supported by many patrons and was joined in his work by both men and women, who became the Bethlehemite Brothers and the Bethlehemite Sisters.

Pedro prayed for the souls of those in purgatory, walked through the streets of rich neighborhoods ringing a bell and calling the wealthy to repent, and ministered to prisoners. Most accounts credit him with beginning the tradition of posadas, a procession in which people representing Mary and Joseph ask for lodging from their neighbors. This tradition continues today in Mexico and Central America. Because of his work with the poor and marginalized Pedro is often referred to as the "Saint Frances of the Americas". St. Pedro was canonized on July 30, 2002, in Guatemala City, Guatemala by Pope John Paul II. ©LPi

The World Is Watching — Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

If you're a parent, you know this to be true: the world is watching. All it takes is one slip-up — one bad word, one selfish action, one uncharitable commentary, and that's the thing your child seems to notice.

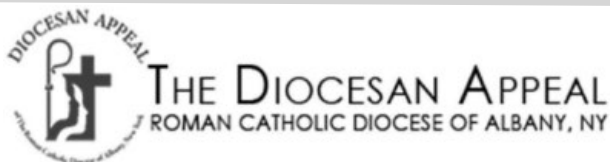
When he or she calls you on it, the only thing you can do is come clean. "Yep, I did that," you have to say. "I'm a work in progress, but luckily, God never stops working."

I think it's fair to say that we don't think enough about the wounds of Christ. It's a little understandable, of course. Our human bodies flinch at the sight of such pain and mortification. It's a lot to handle, the physical trauma of a crucifixion. It carries an R rating in a PG world.

But the wounds of Christ are the only thing that could make Thomas believe. Literally nothing else was so powerful, not even the testimony of his most trusted friends. Only by looking at and feeling the torn flesh — by beholding that messy reality — did this Apostle, this actual companion of Christ, come to believe in the Resurrection.

"Christ has no body now but yours," goes the famous quote attributed to St. Teresa of Avila. What she's saying is that we have become the means through which God chooses to accomplish His will in the world. Us, the broken. Us, the weary. Us, the imperfect. Yes, miraculous events and apparitions still occur from time to time, but by and large, if a person is going to come to believe in Jesus Christ in this day and age, it will be because of something we Christians do or say.

Christ has no wounds now but ours. Our brokenness, our weariness, our imperfection — our reality. It all belongs to him, and the world is watching.



Thank you to all who have given so generously. If you have not yet donated and wish to do so, please visit

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Matthew 6:21

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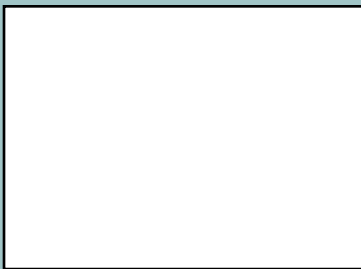
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