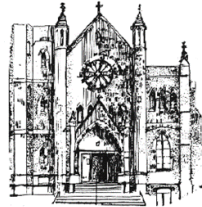


CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

Weekend Masses 4:00 pm Saturday
9:00 am Sunday

Confession 12:30 - 1:30 pm Tuesday
12:00 - 1:30 pm Friday
3:00-3:40 pm Saturday

Adoration 12:30 - 1:30 pm Tuesday
12:00 - 1:30 pm Friday

Weekday Masses as scheduled in bulletin

Saturday 1/9/2021 - 4:00		Sunday 1/10/2021 - 9:00 AM		Monday 1/11/2021 - 7:00
For the People		Margaret Signer Christopher Abbruzzese	Shawn Meher Cecelia N Sanz	Dennis Galka
Tuesday 1/12/2021 - 12:00 Julia Crupe & Family Teresa Malone & Family Carol T Smith & Family Brian Kennedy	Wednesday 1/13/2021 - 7:00 Helen Neilon (75 Ann) Melba Antonetti	Thursday 1/14/2021 12:00 Kevin Michael McLoughlin	Friday 1/15/2021 - 9:00 Mass for Blessed Sacrament Students Home Schoolers & Distance Learners welcome Joseph & Frances Bologna	

If possible, anything that needs to be scheduled and placed in the bulletin, please schedule at least 10 days in advance. The parish office is open Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Funerals

Saturday, 1/9, Marian Preville
Saturday, 1/9, Louis Angelo
Sunday 1/10, Paul Finn

Collection News

Christmas \$ 3,077
Regular \$ 7,019
Solemnity \$ 1,279

From the Pastor

Winter is getting snowier and the virus continues. But we are still committed to offering Mass here. However, there's a new way to attend: parishioners are invited to stay in their cars in the parking lot and listen to Mass on FM 103.3, and communion can be brought out to the parking lot. Simply let an usher at the door know that you'll be staying in your car.

2020 Tax Statements You may request your 2020 tax statements by calling the office at 518-483-3375 or email blessedsacramentalb@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.

Help support the Food Pantry in January by purchasing a \$2.50 reusable *Fight Hunger Bag* at the Hannaford store located at 96 Wolf Road, Windsor Plaza, Colonie. For every Fight Hunger bag purchased Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry will receive \$1.00.

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 not be accepting Christmas items until the Fall.

Recitation of the Rosary Come pray the Rosary (Rosary Guild) on the first Tuesday of each month after the Noon Mass. All are welcome to join the families of Blessed Sacrament with their little children 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.



School Bucks

Last chance to get receipts submitted! Please help us win the grand prize!

All receipts dated no later than December 31 MUST be submitted to the Management Office by January 15.

If you are unable to submit your receipts by **January 15**, please drop off in church or parish office by **January 13** and we will take them to the Management Office.

Online, restaurant and Post Office purchases may be submitted for points too. Please help Blessed Sacrament School win this year's Colonie Center School Buck's grand prize.

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, weekend Masses will be livestreamed on Facebook
- ◆ Our YouTube Channel: Blessed Sacrament Church Albany, NY
- ◆ Our email address: blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com
- ◆ myParishApp - text **app** to 88202

Help Wanted Do you have grant writing skills and would you be available to help? Please contact parish office at 518-438-3375.

Sacraments

Baptism

The first step in the Christian life is to be *born* into it! We are reborn by means of water and the Holy Spirit when we are baptized, and this one event opens the way to many other blessings by God. For infants, we suggest calling us while you're expecting, so that a thorough preparation may take place for your family, including potential Godparents, who must be practicing Catholics.

Are you an adult who would like to be baptized? We have you covered, also! Baptism occurs for adults at Easter each year, and the RCIA team, consisting of the pastor and a team of parishioners, help prepare those interested on Wednesdays at 6:30. Here are the upcoming topics of discussion:

January 13 - 6:30 - in the Church - The Old Testament

Matrimony

Are you engaged? Congratulations! Or have you been married only civilly and not had your marriage blessed by God in the Church? We'd love to help with that, too!

Please contact us six months in advance of your planned date so that we may have time for adequate preparation for this new state of life and the vows that you'll be making.

Anointing

The Anointing of the Sick is especially for those who are undergoing surgery or are in some way in danger of death. Please give a call. Additionally, please let the parish office know if someone is seriously ill or in the hospital, that we may pray for them and

Holy Orders & Vocations to the Consecrated Life

Please speak with our parish priest.

Blessings

available upon request

- ◆ engaged couples
- ◆ expecting mother & child
- ◆ for the sick
- ◆ after a miscarriage
- ◆ Quinceañeras
- ◆ new parishioners
- ◆ departing parishioners
- ◆ rosaries & scapulars
- ◆ homes & vehicles
- ◆ seeds & seedlings

Holy Names Society

January Raffle Winners:

1st Prize, Ronald R. Guiry

2nd Prize, Joe Dobek

Next meeting and drawing. Wednesday,

February 3rd @ 7pm, in church base-

ment. All men of the parish are invited.



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Our Lady of the Americas is looking for a Pastoral Associate. Responsibilities include coordinating religious life at the Shrine, visitation of the sick, Quinceañeras, weekly Masses and funerals; supervising staff and volunteers; and maintaining communication with parishioners. Ability to speak and read both English and Spanish preferred.

Faith Formation

Zoom sessions resume this Sunday. We have great plans for this session and we also look forward to preparing our families for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Please check your email for resources and program updates. If you would like to learn more about our program or have any questions or concerns, please email faithformationbsc@gmail.com.

Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons High School, 2600 Albany St., will host two in-person open houses on February 2 and 4 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Scheduling will be done in 15-minute increments. We will be following the current COVID protocols -- masks, temperature check and completing a COVID questionnaire. To register, visit nd-bg.org, email lisa_gaffney@nd-bg.org or call 518-393-3131 ext. 107.

Funeral Help Oftentimes we can have like this past week 5 funerals in a week. I am very thankful to and for our seminarians but they are returning to their studies and we won't have their assistance. Can you help serve at funerals, setting up, as a lector, assisting with COVID-related sign-up before and sanitization after Mass? Please contact the parish office: 518-482-3375

Blessed Sacrament

School News

- ◆ Buy a *Fabulous February* ticket for \$10 & 28 chances to win!
- ◆ Do you know anyone who would like to be a *Blessed Sacrament Angel*, and help a student in need with tuition assistance? Please contact Maureen Daurio, Principal at 518-438-5854 for more information.
- ◆ Register your receipts from Colonie Center for the *School Bucks* program. Help us win the grand prize! Online purchases may be registered too.
- ◆ The *Virtual Christmas Concert* is still available for viewing on the school's Facebook page.

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The annual **Diocesan Appeal** helps serve spiritual needs throughout our 14-county area, and our own parish of Blessed Sacrament, by providing technical support, financial guidance, and training for parish ministry. For instance, we currently have two seminarians living and serving with us, and the Appeal funds their schooling. To donate, go to TheBishopsAppeal.org.