

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

Weekday Masses as scheduled in bulletin

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
12:30 - 1:30 pm Friday

<p>Saturday 3/13/2021 - 4:00 Dermot McManus Robert Mittler Cecelia Sanz Robert & Catheryn Lambert Robert Going (2nd Anniv.) Vincent & Kevin McNeil (Retirement Blessings) Glenda Lao</p>		<p>Sunday 3/14/2021 - 9:00 AM For the People</p>	<p>Monday 3/15/2021 - 7:00 Manuel Rojas Ed Cummings Glenda Lao</p>
<p>Tuesday 3/16/2021 12:00 Glenda Lao Barbara Genter</p>	<p>Wednesday 3/17/2021 - 7:00 Michael Kevin McLoughlin Robert Strassel, Sr Fr. James Gallagher Glenda Lao <i>St. Patrick</i></p>	<p>Thursday 3/18/2021 12:00 Patty Jo Cohen Glenda Lao <i>St. Cyril of Jerusalem</i></p>	<p>Friday 3/19/2021 - 12:00 Cecelia N. Sanz Wilfred Godin Glenda Lao Kathleen Smith (living, bday) <i>St. Joseph spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary</i></p>

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 M-F, 9-4.

Funerals

None scheduled at this time

Next week's second collection is for our school.

Collection News

Regular	\$ 5,595
Easter	\$ 260
Easter Flowers	\$ 455

From the Deacon's Bench

In our first reading from 1 Samuel, we read high drama as Samuel is asked by God to select a new king of the Jews. There is drama because Israel already has a king - Saul, but God has lost confidence in him. Samuel needs to work in secrecy and with urgency. God tell Samuel to select the new King from Jesse's sons. Jesus is a direct descendant of Jesse (from the shoot of Jesse). Samuel looks over Jesse's sons and he has some perfect fits but God rejects them? Who is left? God cautions Samuel not to judge on appearance. The youngest son David is out tending sheep and wasn't even a consideration by Jesse or Samuel. But God tells Samuel, "There - anoint him, for this is the one!" David of course becomes one of the greatest kings of all time. This is a reminder that God's ways are not our ways. God tells us to judge from the heart. Are you trying to "judge" what you ought to do with a decision in your life? Is your head (logic) in conflict with your heart (that gut feeling we get about something)? Follow God's advice. Pray about it, and listen to your heart where God speaks to us. The heart is true and does not lie.

Solemnity of St. Joseph, during this special *Year of St. Joseph*, there will be Noon on Friday, March 19, with special music. Stations and Adoration to follow. Abstinence is not obligatory on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, even though it is a Friday.

Faith Formation

Our weekly virtual check-ins continue as well as preparations for the Sacraments. Please continue to check your emails for more information and updates. Please note the following diocesan opportunities at Pyramid Life Center:

Breakaway! Middle School & High School Retreat, June 27 - July 1, 2021

Workshops, small group sessions, hiking, kayaking, social activities, liturgical experiences, service projects and much more.

Mother/Daughter Camp July 16-18, 2021 Focused one-on-one time with your daughter (ages 8-12), and adventurous activities that can deepen your relationships led by Kelly Hession.

If you would like more information about our program, volunteer opportunities or these events, please email us at faithformationbsc@gmail.com.

Catholic Connections

Do you have a Catholic app or site that you would like to recommend we feature here? Let us know through the website, email or call the parish office.

Lent

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Friday's Mass will be at Noon, as we are praying the stations of the Cross in the morning with our school children.

12:00 pm	Mass
12:30 pm	Stations of the Cross
1:00 pm	Adoration
	- Confession Available
2:00 pm	Benediction
6:00 pm	Stations (in Urdu)
6:30 pm	Mass at Shrine in Spanish followed by Stations of the Cross

3/28 Palm Sunday

(Please note schedule change)

4:00 pm	Vigil Mass
9:00 am	Mass
4:30 pm	Mass (in Urdu)
5:45 pm	Lenten Musical Program in Urdu

4/1 Holy Thursday

5:30 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper Church will remain open
10:00 pm	Night Prayer

4/2 Good Friday

9:00 am	Morning Prayer
12:00 - 1:30 pm	Confession Available
2:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
3:30 pm	The Lord's Passion (in Urdu)
5:30 pm	The Lord's Passion (in English)
6:00 pm	The Lord's Passion at Shrine (bilingual)

4/3 Holy Saturday

9:00 am	Morning Prayer
11:00 am	Blessing of Food
7:30 pm	Easter Vigil

4/4 Easter Sunday

9:00 am	Mass
11:00 am	Mass
5:30 pm	Mass (in Urdu)

Please consider CRS Rice Bowl as part of your Lenten almsgiving.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL NEWS

- ◆ As our Lenten Reflection we are focusing on 40 Days of Kindness. Our school community is using these 40 days to focus on all of the kind acts that Jesus would want us to perform for each other. Especially during these challenging times, there can never be too much kindness.

Open Enrollment for 2021-2022!!! Now Accepting Applications for Students in Grades Nursery through 8. Call Today to Find Out About the Beacon of Hope Scholarship Opportunity from the Albany Diocese. Come explore our Faith-Based Learning Environment Where We Strive For Academic Excellence Each And Every Day!! Call Today For More Information 518-438-5854!!

- ◆ Do you know anyone who would like to be a *Blessed Sacrament Angel*, and help a student in need with tuition assistance?
- ◆ Call today 518-438-5854 or visit blessedsacramentschool.net for more information!

We thank our parishioners for their continued support of our mission and ministry!



Thank you all for complying with our parish's policy of collecting names of people who attend Mass. These records go no farther than our office. If someone were to get sick, we would be able to contact other people who attended the same Mass. To date, we have never had to do anything with the records. And I am thankful that those who have felt sick have stayed home and instead have participated through Facebook live.

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 feminine hygiene items, soap, toothpaste, shampoo, etc. When buying a "Fight Hunger" bag from Hannaford (900 Central Ave), Blessed Sacrament's Food Pantry will receive \$1 for each bag purchased during March.

Thrift Shop The Thrift Shop is open Saturdays from 9 am – 1 pm. Donations are accepted Tuesdays and Fridays 9 am – 12 pm from the Central Avenue entrance only. We are not able to accept items from assisted care, nursing, or patient facilities. No stuffed animals. We are in need of household goods & linens.

Holy Names Society March winners: 1st Prize, Joe Dobek; 2nd Prize, Mary Strycarz Next meeting April 7 @ 7pm, in the church basement. Raffle to be drawn. All men of the parish are invited!

Over 50 Club May Lent be a spiritually-filled journey for us! Anne Snyder, Coordinator, is available anytime at (518) 869-5247. Leave a message and she will get back to you. We hope we will be able to meet maybe in June.

Rosary Guild We will be having a Baby Layette Collection on May 22 & 23. Some items needed are: sleepers and onesies, hooded towels, receiving blankets and size 1 diapers. Hand made burp cloths, blankets and sweater sets are always welcomed. Thank you for your help.

Recitation of the Rosary Come pray the Rosary with the Rosary Guild on the first Tuesday of each month after the Noon Mass.

All are welcome to join the families of Blessed Sacrament every Sunday at 7:30 pm via Zoom to pray the Rosary. For more information and login information please e-mail faithformationbsc@gmail.com.

Missals are available, a \$1 donation is requested to cover some of the cost.



School Bucks

The 2021 school bucks program is in full swing! Participating groups must earn 4,000 points in order to qualify to win and every \$1 spent equals two points!

March bonus points stores are:

3X-Claire's, Cinnabon, Hallmark, Lids, GNC; 4X-Francesca's, J.Crew, Children's Place, H&M.

Receipts still need to be **recorded in the Management Office** within **60 days of purchase** and only original receipts are acceptable. We received several hundred dollars in receipts that we could not use as they were outdated. Online purchases are eligible. Blessed Sacrament will register receipts. Simply send them to the parish office or drop in the collection box. If you would like your receipts back, please provide a self-addressed envelope.

Get Involved

Our parish was gifted books during the Christmas season, **I Heard God Laugh** by **Matthew Kelly** powerfully demonstrates that we cannot live the life we have imagined, or experience the joy we yearn for, unless we learn to tend the soul. Matthew Kelly states that his goal, in this book, is to teach readers not only to pray but to develop a vibrant habit of daily prayer. Join Fr. Quinn for a discussion on this book **Wednesday, March 24 at 6:30pm**. You can join us in church, all safety measures in place, or virtually. Contact parish office for zoom link.

Social Media Coordinator Manage parish communication and events by posting on our parish's Facebook and Instagram accounts.

Marriage Mentor Couples We're looking for some married couples who would be willing to be trained to help engaged couples prepare for their marriage.

Pro-Life Liaison Would you be willing to be the parish liaison for Pro-Life matters? This person coordinates with the diocese and the parish to help keep parishioners informed about pro-life matters via the bulletin, flyers, Facebook posts, etc.

Calling Movie Buffs! Humans have been making art and telling stories since almost the beginning of humanity, Christians have been making art and telling stories since almost the beginning of Christianity. Christian filmmakers, as artists and storytellers, continue this great tradition today. We're looking for a couple of movie buffs to help with a project to help spread and explain our faith through the sharing of good films.

To offer your assistance in any of these ways, please call the office!



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MASS TIMES: SUNDAY 9:30 AM (ENGLISH) & 12:00 PM (SPANISH)

FRIDAYS DURING LENT: 6:30 PM MASS IN SPANISH, STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOLLOWING

REV. FRANCIS O'CONNOR, CHAPLAIN
REV. MR. MIGUEL FABIAN, DEACON
ALEJANDRA SAUCEDO, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE
DEBBIE KLOSE, ORGANIST
CYNTHIA ORTIZ-RAMIREZ, FAITH FORMATION

Support Blessed Sacrament



Blessed Sacrament's organ is currently on half power due to some needed repairs. The work has been planned, and will be done by mid-summer. Those wishing to donate towards the repairs are encouraged to make donations in the name of Blessed Sacrament to the Re-Igniting Our Faith Foundation.



Now, we can support our parish in the same way that we pay for subscription services, mail-order retailers, and even groceries: monthly credit card or checking account deductions. Set up is easy and then you don't have to worry! **Blessed Sacrament & OLA Shrine Online Giving** is as secure as any online banking, and paperless! <https://secure.myvanco.com/YHAN/home>



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. To donate, go to TheBishopsAppeal.org.