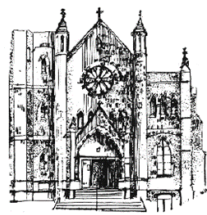


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Unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 21, 2021

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

Saturday 3/20/2021 - 4:00 Glenda Lao Betty Canepi Frank Mariani Peter & Margaret Brennan Sgt. Patrick & Nellie Canavan Gloria Amanda de Alva (living, birthday)		Sunday 3/21/2021 - 9:00 AM For the People	Monday 3/22/2021 - 7:00 Glenda Lao James B Ryan Richard Blaber
Tuesday 3/23/2021 12:00 Glenda Lao Franzi Nicotino Antonio & Angela Nicotino	Wednesday 3/24/2021 -7:00 Glenda Lao Barbara Genter Elizabeth Blaber <i>St. Turibius of Mogrovejo</i>	Thursday 3/25/2021 12:00 James Smith Jim Tobin Annunciation of the Lord	Friday 3/26/2021 - 12:00 Gerald Miller Gail Harris (1st Anniv.) Carm Petrocowski

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

3/24 - Joseph Paolucci
3/29 - Kathleen Carroll

Baptisms

Connor Fitzgerald

From the Pastor

I have some very good news! Fr. Charles Onyeneke, our priest who was just ordained last September by Bishop Ed, will be returning to us soon! His worker visa has been approved! Thank you for all your prayers, and I hope that your have enjoyed his facebook posts about life and faith in Nigeria as much as I have! Secondly, since I have arrived here some months ago, I have been very surprised by the generosity of many people who have left gifts to our parish, our shrine, the Sister Maureen Joyce Center, our Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry, and our school in their wills. This is a beautiful way for us to take care of the next generation here after we leave this life. If anyone would like help in planning to give gifts in their will, please call our parish office. Finally, you may see that some of our statues, in our parish and others, have been covered over this weekend. This is an old tradition which helps, in the last weeks of Lent, while we focus on the Passion, to focus squarely on Jesus. In a way, it's another form of fasting: a fast of the eyes, so that inside our church, the only focus for these two weeks will be on Cross and the Altar.

Faith Formation As we prepare for Holy Week, we're encouraging parish-ioners to make art work based on the readings and holy days. The art work will be displayed in the church vestibule and one piece will be chosen and displayed in our parish bulletin. Everyone is encouraged to participate. For more information, please contact Kelly Hession @ faithformationbsc@gmail.com Sacramental preparation will continue for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation candidates. Please continue to check your emails for more infor-mation and updates. If you would like to learn more about our program or volun-teer opportunities, please email us at faithformationbsc@gmail.com.

Catholic Connections This week we're sharing Fr. Joshua Johnson. He has a YouTube channel where there are many podcasts covering a variety of topics with some only a few minutes long. You can watch his Facebook live bi weekly broad-cast **Ask Fr. Josh** where he will answer questions in real time. You can find him by searching Ascension Ask Fr. Josh.

For a limited time only, you may order clothing with the Diocese of Albany logo. Visit <https://www.novusclothingcompany.com/rcda> to purchase.

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 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.

General Maintenance Worker position open for a full time, all-around maintenance person to work at the Pastoral Center at 40 North Main Avenue, Albany and various diocesan properties around the Capital district. For a complete job description visit www.rcda.org.

School Bucks

The Easter Bunny is hopping into town, and this year is eggstra special! We are excited to partner with our local photography studio, iSmile Studios. A photo package purchase will earn **100 points!** The Bunny will arrive March 13th and skip back home April 3rd.

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

Get Involved

Have you read **I Heard God Laugh** by **Matthew Kelly**? If so, 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.

Become a Catechist Parishioners who are interested in engaging in Diocesan Catechist Training are welcome to contact Kelly Hession faithformationbsc@gmail.com or call the office

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

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. Information has been mailed out, please give thoughtful consideration to this appeal.