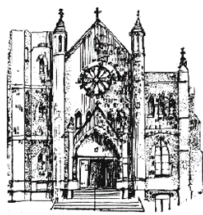


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Palm Sunday

March 28, 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 3/27/2021 - 4:00 For the People	Sunday 3/28/2021 - 9:00 AM Jolanta Rydzak Barbara Ferri Helene Calderone	Sunday 3/28/2021 - 9:00 AM Mary Seyboth Katie Lynch Adel Lambert Curran	Monday 3/29/2021 - 7:00 AM
Tuesday 3/30/2021 12:00	Wednesday 3/31/2021 -7:00 AM	Holy Thursday 4/1/2021 5:30 Frances Wier See schedule below	Good Friday 4/2/2021 See schedule below

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

3/29 - Kathleen Carroll

Baptisms

None schedule at this time

Collection News

Regular	\$ 4,448
Easter	\$ 408
Easter Flowers	\$ 110
School	\$ 718
4/2 Good Friday - Holy Land	

From the Deacon's Bench

All four Gospels tell the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem. Jesus's entry into Jerusalem was prophesied by Zechariah who wrote, "Behold, your king is coming to you, a savior is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The fact that Jesus enters the city humbly and not as a conquering ruler reveals the identity and purpose of Jesus: the Kingdom he will bring can be established only through his suffering a death.

This Friday is Good Friday, and it's our last communal day of fasting for a while. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, everyone 14 years or older abstains from meat, and those 18 and older but younger than 60 fast. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The seriously ill and pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt from fasting.

Fasting and abstinence are meant to bring our hearts and minds closer to God. The emptiness in our stomach reminds us of the true needs in our hearts which can only be filled by Christ. Fasting and abstaining helps us train ourselves to seek what is above, and not to gorge ourselves on the things of earth, which can only satisfy partially.

Reaching Out To Our Neighbors - We have reached out to our neighbors with a bulletin mailing to the entire 12206 zip code. I would like to thank Mandy Kennedy and Lisa Diffenback for their contributions to this effort. This is hopefully an ice-breaker for us all. People have seen, through this, a little of who we are, and all of us, in our conversations with our neighbors and at local institutions and businesses, may be able to flesh out it out by sharing our own personal dedication to our parish and our Lord. Share the good news we have received, and encourage others to believe with us, pray with us, work with us, and live with us, especially those who may be low on hope or be weak in their relationship with Jesus.

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. Sacramental preparation will continue for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation candidates. Please continue to check your emails for more in formation and updates. If you would like to learn more about our program or volunteer opportunities, please email us at faithformationbsc@gmail.com.

Lent

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

3/28 Palm Sunday
(Please note schedule change)
4:00 pm Vigil Mass
9:00 am Mass
9:30 am Mass at Shrine (Bilingual)
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
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at Shrine (bilingual)
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.

Albany 40 Days for Life - Bishop Scharfenberger will lead the rosary and prayers to end abortion Wednesday, March 31st at 4:00 p.m. 855 Central Ave at the Albany Planned Parenthood. Prayer booklets and signs will be provided. The event is sponsored by 40 Days for Life for more info: Anthony or Mike - 518-433-9935 or e-mail alb40days@gmail.com.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL NEWS



- ◆ 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!!
- ◆ Spring Tours, Open Doors. In-Person Tours of Our School Being Offered on Sunday, April 11, 18 and 25 from 11 to 1. Call Today to Schedule a Tour!
- ◆ 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!



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.

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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.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Absolutely No drop offs Good Friday, April 2. The Store is CLOSED, Holy Saturday, April 3.

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.

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.

Holy Names Society Next meeting April 7 @ 7pm, in the church basement. Raffle to be drawn. All men of the parish are invited!

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

Catholic Connections This week we're sharing a site you may be familiar with if you have been reading Mathew Kelly books, daily reflections, or Best Lent Ever series. The site is Dynamic Catholic.

For The Homebound We are preparing to send Easter flowers and cards to our homebound parishioners. Parishioners willing to help with this endeavor, and even be trained as Eucharist Ministers to the homebound, are asked to apply by calling the office.

General Maintenance Worker A position is open for a full time, all-around maintenance person to work at the Pastoral Center at 40 North Main Avenue, Albany, and various other diocesan properties around the Capital district. For a complete job description, visit www.rcda.org. Interested candidates can please send a resume to diocesan.hr@rcda.org.

Get Involved

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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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.