

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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Established 1902



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Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

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

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

Adoration 12:30 - 1:30 pm Tuesday

Weekday Masses as scheduled in bulletin

<p>Saturday 4/10/2021 - 4:00 For the People ("Pro Populo")</p>	<p>Sunday 4/11/2021 - 9:00 AM Jane DeCunzo Agatena Trimboli Marjorie Bruno Loretta & Howard Miller Pat Filien Mr. & Mrs. Patsie, Joe & Mattie, John & Sr. Mary Ellen Sarsfield</p>	<p>Monday 4/12/2021 - 7:00 AM Patricia Lynch Edward Lustenauer</p>	
<p>Tuesday 4/13/2021 12:00 <i>No Adoration</i> Katie Lynch Farrell Casey Rayn Lynch Mary & John Lynch <i>St. Martin I</i></p>	<p>Wednesday 4/14/21 -7:00 AM Eduardo del Portal Joan Martin John Helm Louise & Frank Cunningham</p>	<p>Thursday 4/15/2021 No Masses or Funerals may be scheduled</p>	<p>Friday 4/16/2021 9:00 Helen C. Ingersoll (21st Anniv) Gabriel Mercader Chick LeDuke & Family (living) Nora Radigan</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

Carol Unser
William Fnu

Baptisms

Amelia T.

Collection News

Regular	\$ 885
Easter	\$ 10,966
Easter Flowers	\$ 165
School	\$ 452
Upcoming 2nd Collections:	
4/18 School	

1st Communion

Confirmation

From the Deacon's Bench

In this week's Gospel we read this familiar story of the "Doubting Thomas." St. Thomas was not in the room when Jesus first appeared to the Apostles after the Resurrection. He refused to believe what the Apostles told him. In a way Thomas represents many of us. Seeing is believing. For us the Resurrection is a matter of trust - not seeing but believing. But we also have help with our belief. In the Acts of the Apostles we have hundreds of eyewitnesses that we saw the Risen Christ. They all went to their deaths with the belief they saw Jesus. No one will die for a lie but they will die for the truth. Not one recanted under the pain of torture and death. Yes, we have faith, but it is not a blind faith. Our belief in the Resurrection is supported by the many eyewitness stories we will be reading in the coming weeks in the Acts of the Apostles.

Faith Formation

We hope you all experienced a very blessed Holy Week and Easter. We are so very grateful for the families in our program and their support during this past year. Please check your emails for continued information and program updates throughout the spring and summer months. Sacramental preparation is continuing for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Please keep these candidates in your prayers. If you would like to learn more about our program or volunteer opportunities, please email us at faithformationbsc@gmail.com.

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.

Have you had a feeling that you should be going deeper with your faith, even to the point of giving your life in an extra-special way to Jesus? Perhaps you're experiencing the beginnings of a call to serve our Lord as a religious sister or brother, or as a deacon, or as a priest! There are many communities to join, including the Franciscans, the Sisters of Mercy, the Carmelites for the Aged and Infirm who care for our elderly at the Teresian House, and soon in our diocese, the Sisters of Life. For more information, talk with one of our priests or our deacon, or explore more at www.albanyvocations.org.

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 to access this app filled with prayers, spiritual reflections and videos, and current information.

I am very grateful to everyone who worked so hard to make our Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter celebrations complete and safe! If anyone would like to join the ranks of our ushers, servers, RCIA team, or anything else, please let the desk in the Central Ave entrance know, the Office Annex, or call the office during the week.

Please Note

There will be no Mass on Tuesday, 4/20 or Thursday, 4/22.

There will be no daily Mass or Funerals scheduled on Thursdays until further notice.

PLEASE NOTE: Per directive from the Diocese, effective April 11, 2021, we will no longer be able to offer "Parking Lot Masses" with the distribution of Communion.

Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, Auriesville, will open its season on Sunday, May 9 with 3 pm Mass in the Coliseum. The Visitor Center is open Sat, Sun, Mon and Wed 10 am - 3 pm. For more information call 518-853-3939.

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!



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, adult incontinence underwear, 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

Over 50 Club We hope to have a club meeting June 7th after the 12:30 Mass. I am looking forward to seeing everyone. New members are welcome. Any questions please call me, Anne Snyder, at 518-869-5247.

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 April raffle winners: Gene & Linda LoParco and they donated the winnings to help cover the cost of food for the next meeting. Thank you!

Men's Cookout The men of the parish are invited to a little cookout here on May 5 at 5:30, before the Holy Names Society meeting. We'll gather outside, in the fresh air, have a meal, and enjoy each other's company. Invited in particular are our young men in high school with their fathers, godfathers, and perhaps their future Confirmation sponsors. We're grateful to the Holy Names Society for helping with the cost of food. Call the office for more information.

Catholic Connections Hi this weeks spotlight is the website Catholicmom.com. This website features blogs from different Catholic moms from all walks of life. You can also access their weekly podcasts, Facebook life events and many articles and activities based on being a Cathy mother and raising Catholic children. You can follow them on Instagram, Facebook or Twitter. Also available is a free newsletter you can sign up for in there website.

Diocese of Albany - We are Hiring! The pastoral center located at 40 North Main Avenue, Albany is hiring for the following positions: Temporary Database Specialist, Senior Chancery Administrative Assistant, General Maintenance Worker and Payroll Benefits Administrator. For a complete list of job openings visit www.rcda.org or send resumes to diocesan.hr@rcda.org.

The FEMA Funeral Reimbursement Program will launch in a week or two. FEMA is reimbursing up to \$7,000.00 for COVID-19 funerals. Please pass on to any family member who paid for a funeral. COVID-19 Funeral Assistance <http://FEMA.gov> <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance>



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School Bucks

The April School Bucks newsletter shows Blessed Sacrament is in third place. Please help us win the \$8,000 prize this year. It will really help our school as the pandemic has effected the school as well. This helps parents who want to provide a Catholic education for their children. Don't forget that online and curbside pickup purchases are eligible, as well as, Post Office and restaurants, including BJ's Brewhouse.

April bonus points stores are:

3X 25 Silver Boutique, Children's Place,

L.L. Bean, Auntie Anne's

4X Sbarro, Sephora, Claire's, Zales, Cinnabon

100 Points - Pictures with the Easter Bunny. Receipts still need to be recorded in the Management Office within 60 days of purchase and only original receipts are acceptable. Blessed Sacrament will register your receipts. Simply send them to the parish office or drop in the collection box. If you would like your

Get Involved

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

Social Media Coordinator We would love some help managing parish communication and events on Facebook and the MyParish App.

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 would coordinate with the diocese office and the parish to help keep parishioners informed about pro-life matters via the bulletin, flyers, Facebook posts, etc.

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

Third Order Franciscans, St. Bernadine Group The St. Bernadine group will begin meeting at Blessed Sacrament after Sunday Mass on the second Sunday of each month. Contact Donna Ferlazzo at (518) 608-5234. (This is a second Secular Franciscan Group.)

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

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.