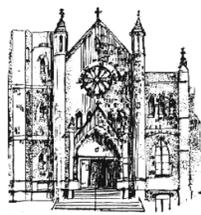


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Easter Sunday

April 4, 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

<p>Saturday 4/3/2021 - 7:30 Ralph Rapello Louise B. Smilinski Helen Allisot Priscilla Ouellette</p>		<p>Sunday 4/4/2021 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM For the People ("Pro Populo")</p>		<p>Monday 4/5/2021 - 7:00 AM Helen & Stephen Zakens James B Ryan James Corcoran St. Vincent Ferrer</p>	
<p>Tuesday 4/6/2021 12:00 Margaret Signer Guiseppi (Joseph) Iannuzzi Adoration & Confession until 1:30</p>		<p>Wednesday 4/7/2021 -7:00 AM Raymond Polett James Nicholson St. Jean-Baptiste de La Salle</p>		<p>Thursday 4/8/2021 5:30 Matilda Nagengast</p>	
				<p>Friday 4/9/2021 12:00 Robert Mitler, Martha Glass Lillian M coleman Judy Willgmenano Adoration & Confession til 2:00</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

Rita Aviza - Mon.
Carolyn Unser - Thurs.
William Fnu - Fri.

Baptisms

None this week.

Collection News

Regular	\$ 7,312
Easter	\$ 2,080
Easter Flowers	\$ 99
School	\$ 318
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 115

1st Communion

Brianna C.

Confirmation

Vicki L.

From the Pastor

May the new life brought to us by Christ's Resurrection fill you all and keep you alive for eternity! It's my first Easter here, and I'm determined to make it a good one, regardless of the pandemic or anything. Last year, too, I made sure to enjoy and celebrate Easter in all the ways the were possible, because nothing can stop Easter!

Death tries to stop us. Sin tries to keep us down. Evil afflicts us. The devil gets in our way, and entices us to his ay of living. But what we have learned over the last few days, remembering Christ's unpopularity, betrayal, unfair trial, abandonment by friends, torture and crucifixion, and apparent death, is that nothing can stop him. God is too powerful for those things that seem to have power over us. Death can't defeat life.

So whatever we've been suffering needs to be nailed to the cross, so that it can all be defeated, and life may return.

Do not fear to pray "God, come to my assistance!" or "Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit!" Although others may offer some assistance and relief from life's injustices (as well we should, for each other), no one can ultimately fix what is only fixable by God.

As we go through life, let's match step by step with Jesus, and if we fall from his path, let's ask for help making our way back. This will lead us to the new life we celebrate today! Our lives are to be lived in cooperation with God, not abandoning him on the one extreme, and yet not expecting God to do all the work. Remember the Arab axiom about faithfulness and foolishness: "Trust in God, but tie up your camel."

Faith Formation

We hope you all experienced a very blessed Holy Week. Happiest Easter to all! The artwork displayed near the Baptismal Font and piano is from our younger parishioners illustrating Holy Week. Art-making is distinctive to human beings. We hope that the experience of art-making will be formative for both our young art-makers and we art-viewers. And we hope that as they grow, their art will become more refined, detailed, and nuanced, as they themselves grow into the full adults that God, our creator, created them to be. Please continue to check your e-mails for faith formation updates and offerings.

While we're on the subject of art, many thanks to our choir, who, newly reconstituted, practiced hard to provide music for this Holy Week's liturgies.

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.
- ♦ Attend regularly scheduled Mass in your car by listening on FM 103.3 and communion can be brought out to parking lot. Please let an usher know that you'll be staying in your car.

Friday Mass will be returning to 9:00 AM with the schoolchildren after this Friday. The public is welcome, but are asked to limit themselves to seats in the side chapels.

Catholics are expected to receive communion at least once each year during the Easter season (Canon 920). For those who haven't been to the Mass for a while due to the pandemic, please encourage them! Weekday Masses have a lot of space. For those who are unable to come, we will gladly make house calls. (N.B. "Receiving communion" is not the same as "attending Mass". The former is expected once a year, but the later is expected every Sunday and Holy Day. However, the obligation to attend Mass is currently suspended due to the pandemic, so don't worry about it for now and instead participate remotely, such as via Facebook, with weekly worship aids available on our website.)

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL NEWS

The Faculty, Staff, Students, and Families of Blessed Sacrament School would like to wish Easter's Greatest Blessings to our parishioners. We cannot thank you enough for all of your support as we continue the mission and ministry of Catholic education in our parish, that is alive and well for over 104 years!



School Bucks

April bonus points stores are:

3X 25Silver 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. 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.

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.

Over 50 Club Easter Blessings to all our Over 50 Club members, and their family and friends! 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.

Rosary Guild We sincerely thank Rosemary Mineau for all of her hard work leading the Thrift Shop Team. She helped turn the shop into a place where all can shop with dignity. Rosemary is retiring from this position, but is leaving the shop in the capable hands of her team. Thank you again from all of us!

The Rosary Guild sent Easter cards to homebound this week.

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 Kathryn Whitaker, a Texan, mother of six, and the author of *Live Big, Love Bigger*, has a blog about family life and living the life of the Gospel that is full of humor and relatable anecdotes. She brings raising a Catholic family into the 21st century. You can catch her on Instagram, Facebook, and her many podcasts, plus her TV and satellite radio interviews on channel 130, The Catholic Channel. Her free newsletter is available at her website: kathrynwhitaker.net.

Nursing Homes & Homebound This ministry has been busy this week! Thanks to Sue Fiorino, Dave Ridgeway, Nancy Hourigan, Janet Mackey, Pat Zabinski, Peter Zabinski and Marge Mineau who dropped off Palm, Easter plants, and Easter cards to our folks in nursing homes, where we were allowed to do so. Our ministers to the homebound, approximately 26 people, have also visited parishioners with Palm, Easter plants, and cards. We were also helped by the DeMarco, Powell and Truax Faith Formation families with deliveries. Thanks to Bernice Aviza who designed and provided the beautiful Easter Cards, Myra Godin who provided cute hand embroidered Easter egg ornaments, and Susan Ivie Mahar for coordinating, updating, and organizing this outreach.

We would like to ask for your help in identifying parishioners that are now in nursing homes or homebound so we may stay in contact with them. You may let us know by stopping by the Office Annex before or after weekend Masses, e-mailing, or calling the office.

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.

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)

EASTER VIGIL MASS - 7:30, EASTER SUNDAY MASSES 9:30 (ENGLISH), 12:00 (SPANISH)

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

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.)

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.