

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15, 2021

Weekend Masses 4:00 pm Saturday

Weekday Masses as scheduled in bulletin

Confession 12:30 - 1:30 pm Tuesday

9:00 am Sunday

Adoration 12:30 - 1:30 pm Tuesday

12:30 - 1:30 pm Thursday

12:30 - 1:30 pm Thursday

3:00 - 3:40 pm Saturday

1st & 3rd Sunday 6:00 pm Mass in Urdu

<p>Saturday 8/14/21 - 4:00 PM</p> <p>† Robert Foley † Robert Mittler † William Murphy, Sr. † Ralph Rapello † Mary Lynch † Laurence Keefe & Family † Anna & Joseph Mottolose † SSgt James O'Heaney † SFC Ace Malone</p> <p><i>St. Maximilian Kolbe</i></p>		<p>Sunday 8/15/21 - 9:00 AM</p> <p>For the People ("Pro Populo") Sung Mass Assumption of the Blessed Virgin</p>		<p>Monday 8/16/21 - 7:00 AM</p> <p>† Stephen Zakens (36 Ann) † Nora Radigan † Antonio Nicotina <i>St. Stephen of Hungary</i></p>	
<p>Tuesday 8/17/2021 - 12:00 PM</p> <p>† Julia Micare & Family † Frank DeSorbo</p> <p>12:30 - 1:30 Confession & Adoration</p>		<p>Wed 8/18/21 - 7:00 AM</p> <p>† Charles Mendel & Son † Rosie McManus † Irene Pardo</p>		<p>Thursday 8/19/21 - 12:00 PM</p> <p>† Cecelia N Sanz Special Intention</p> <p>12:30 - 1:30 Confession & Adoration 6:30 Bible Study <i>St. John Eudes</i></p>	
<p>Friday 8/20/21 - 12:00 PM</p> <p>† Margaret McCary † Paul DeMarco</p> <p>12:30 - 1:30 Adoration <i>St. Bernard</i></p>					

Mass intentions with a † indicates that the person is deceased.

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

Baptisms

Collection News

Regular \$8,688
School \$ 779
8/22 Catholic Home Missions

From the Deacon's Bench Today is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. What does this Feast Day mean? We believe that Mary was assumed into heaven both body and soul. This was a belief going all the way back to the early Church. It was made an infallible teaching by Pope Pius II in 1500. The world had just finished two world wars, Communism and the nuclear arms race was a threat, and it appeared a third world war might be starting in Korea. The Pope was responding to a world in need for reaffirmation of the dignity and sacredness of the human body. Pius gave an exhausted world hope by reminding us that Mary is fully involved with the plight of the human condition. This proclamation had an immense impact throughout the world for people of all faiths, not just Catholics. Swiss Psychoanalyst Carl Jung (who was not even Catholic) called Pius's proclamation the greatest theological statement of the 20th century. The Muslim faith considers Mary one of their 29 prophets (as is Jesus and John the Baptist), because of her miraculous birth and death. The Assumption of the body and soul of Mary gives the world hope. It mends the separation between heaven and earth, and our bodies and spirit.

Faith Formation Please keep our students and families in your prayers as they continue to prepare for First Eucharist and Confirmation. First Eucharist Celebrations will continue through August at various weekend Masses. Confirmation has been scheduled for Sunday, November 7th at 2pm at the Cathedral. All Faith Formation families should continue to check your emails for information and program updates throughout the summer months. If you would like to learn more about our program or volunteer opportunities, please email us at faithformationbsc@gmail.com.

Help Wanted we are looking for a new Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE), who would have full administrative responsibility for the parish faith formation program for children in Grades K-10 and their families, as well as sacramental formation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. The CRE is responsible for developing, planning, budgeting for, and directing programs and curricula for Grades K-10. The CRE also leads the catechists, other volunteers, and parents of our children, develops teams and provides trainings, serves as a catechetical resource person, and ensures that all catechists and volunteers who work with children have completed the requirements for a safe environment. This CRE will also be responsible for communicating and coordinating with the other leaders of faith formation at our Shrine of our Lady of the Americas and with the other parishes in the City of Albany.

Upcoming

Bible Study - Are you interested in learning more about God's Word? Then come join Fr. Charles and Seminarians Franklin and Dominic Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the church. All are welcome and invited. We will discuss the August 8th readings. This Thursday we will explore: Revelation 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56. Copies of readings will be provided or bring your Bible.

Rosary 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.

During October, Month of the Rosary, we will be praying the Rosary, beginning 1/2 hour before each weekend Mass.

Made for More Do you have a body? Then the upcoming event at St. Clement's in Saratoga is right for you! Christopher West and Mike Mangione lead an evening of music and conversation exploring *why* we were made by God and *what* we were made for and God's of us, body and soul. Christopher and Mike are insistent that we were *Made for More*. Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021, 7:00-9:30pm. Tickets are available at Blessed Sacrament office, \$25. TOBInstitute.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



BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL NEWS

Summer Office Hours Tuesday through Thursday from 9 to 1.

We welcome Kristine Ruddy to Blessed Sacrament School as our Director of Advancement. Kris comes to us with great experience and knowledge of the Development world and is here to assist us with soliciting support and donors for our students. We are so

very pleased to have her as part of the Blessed Sacrament Family!!

Unbelievably we are more than halfway through the summer, and so very excited to open our arms wide to our students on September 8!! To prepare for that, we would graciously accept donations of pens, pencils, binders, crayons and notebooks!!! Everything to make the school year great!!

As always, we cannot thank you enough for your tremendous support of the mission of our school, to meet the needs of our students, spiritually, academically, physically and emotionally.

We are hiring for teaching positions during the summer months! We are also hiring for substitute teachers for an "as needed" basis throughout the school year. Please email resume to Principal Maureen Daurio at mdaurio@blessedsacramentschool.net.

Food Pantry The Pantry is open Mondays 10-11:30. We could use canned stew, hash and pork and beans. We are always in need of feminine hygiene items, adult incontinence underwear, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.

The **Hannaford Fight Hunger Bag** program has selected Blessed Sacrament as the recipient for the August and October promotion. For every \$2.50 Fight Hunger Bag purchased at the Hannaford on Maple Avenue in Voorheesville, Blessed Sacrament will receive \$1.00.

The Boutique PLEASE NOTE: **Masks are now required to when donating or shopping.** The Blessed Sacrament Boutique is open for shopping Saturdays from 9 am – 12 pm. Donations will still be accepted Tuesdays and Fridays 9 am – 12 pm through the Central Avenue entrance. The Boutique could use linens, small kitchen appliances, dish and glassware sets, and various household goods.

Over 50 Club Next meeting Monday, September 13. For more information call Anne Snyder at 518-869-5247 or 518-238-8557 (cell)

Rosary Guild Have a great summer and "See You in September."

Holy Names Society Next meeting Wednesday, September 1. Additional raffle tickets are available at the office annex table located at the parking lot entrance. All men of the parish are invited and welcomed.

Catholic Connections The website ignitumtoday.com, features many young Catholic writers seeking to explore doctrine and write about healthy Catholic lifestyles and sharing faith experiences.

49th Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration will be held Saturday, October 30th, 2021 at 2:00 PM at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will celebrate the Mass at 2:00 PM and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area at the Cathedral immediately following Mass. Please register through the parish office or by email to Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org.



The August School Bucks Newsletter is out and we are in Second Place. You can help us get back to first place by shopping at Colonie Center and turning in your receipts. With your help we can move up and win the top prize of \$8,000; second prize is \$4,000.

The original receipts need to be recorded in the Management Office within 60 days of purchase, or we will register them for you. Simply send your receipt (only originals are accepted) to the parish office or drop them in the collection. If you would like your receipts back, please provide a self-addressed envelope. Receipts may also be dropped in the box at the security desk or management office door. Eligible purchases include curbside pickup, the Post Office, restaurants & BJ's Brewhouse. As always, **we cannot thank you enough for your continued support.** Tell your family & friends too!

Bonus Points Stores for August

- ◆ 3x: Champs, Bath and Body Works, Kay Jewelers, Five Below
- ◆ 4x: Five Guys, Time and Time Again, Victoria's Secret, Auntie Anne's

Regal Cinemas are 100 bonus points still!

Our Annual Family Festival This year's Family Festival will be a Virtual Festival Event on Saturday, September 25th. However, there will still be plenty to partake in! We will be having a Chicken BBQ from 3:30 until 5:30 PM with take-out provided by Big Dave's BBQ. Dinners will be sold for \$12 each. Gift Baskets will be auctioned online. Bidding on the baskets will run from September 20th thru September 25th. And of course, we'll have the big raffle! Join us on Facebook Live and on WOPG 1560 AM or 89.9 FM from 5:00-6:30 PM for interviews with parish and school families, teachers, priests, a song or two, and the announcement of the basket winners and the live raffle drawing.

Volunteer needed: The Community of Mary, Mother of Mercy, a non-profit organization with a ministry to senior priests, is seeking a Catholic with experience in bookkeeping or accounting to volunteer for a few hours each month with bookkeeping tasks. If you can help, please email communityofmary@gmail.com or call Louise Schrecongost at (518) 428-5744.



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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - (PART-TIME)

The Shrine church is hiring a part-time Administrative Assistant to support the Chaplain and Pastoral Associate. The Administrative Assistant extends hospitality and welcome to all in the parish and the community. The Administrative Assistant will assist with communications, maintain records, oversee financial donations, and assist the Chaplain and Pastoral Associate as needed. Bilingual in English and Spanish preferred; 15 hours per week; availability for 2 hours on Sunday preferred, not required. If interested, please contact Blessed Sacrament at blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com to request an application.

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, you can support our parish in the same way that you pay for other services. We are on our way to setting up e-giving in all categories. Right now you can use online giving for the regular weekly collection. Over the next few months we will begin to add other categories to the website - school, Diocesan collections, Holy days, etc. Set up is safe and easy.

<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.