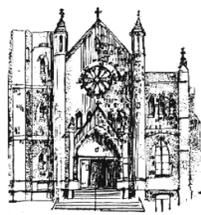


# CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 22 2021

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

**Weekday Masses** as scheduled in bulletin  
**Adoration** 12:30 - 1:30 pm Tuesday

**Confession** 12:30 - 1:30 pm Tuesday  
12:30 - 1:30 pm Thursday

<p align="center"><b>Saturday 8/21/21 - 4:00 PM</b></p> <p>† Catherine Schubert      † Helen Calderone † Antonio Nicotina      † Grace Roznowski † Rosemary Knorr (1st ann) † Florence, Joseph &amp; Richard Zabinski</p>		<p align="center"><b>Sunday 8/22/21 - 9:00 AM</b></p> <p align="center"><b>For the People</b> <b>("Pro Populo")</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Monday 8/23/21 - 7:00 AM</b></p> <p>† Rosario E Balarin † Alexis H Arango</p> <p align="center"><i>St. Rose of Lima</i></p>
<p align="center"><b>Tuesday 8/24/2021 - 12:00 PM</b></p> <p align="center">† Kevin Foley Rosario A Balarin &amp; Family</p> <p align="center">12:30 - 1:30 Confession &amp; Adoration <b>St. Bartholomew</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Wed 8/25/21 - 7:00 AM</b></p> <p align="center">† Asunta Wilson † Henry Wilson Goila Alva</p> <p align="center"><i>St. Louis / St. Joseph Calasanz</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>Thursday 8/26/21 - 12:00 PM</b></p> <p align="center">† Peter J Coleman † Mary Ellen Kalled † Ronald Burke</p> <p align="center">12:30 - 1:30 Confession &amp; Adoration 6:30 Bible Study</p>	<p align="center"><b>Friday 8/27/21 - 12:00 PM</b></p> <p align="center">† Mildred Lesch † Robert H Bradley Luz Mercader</p> <p align="center">12:30 - 1:30 Adoration <b>St. Monica</b></p>

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

Please note the parish office will open late on Monday, August 23. It will open at Noon.

## Funerals

## Baptisms

## Collection News

Regular	\$4,614
School	\$ 300
Assumption	\$ 524

## From the Pastor

The decision to be a Christian is not a decision that is taken lightly or on a whim. It's similar to the decision to be married. It is not to be done with the thought that if it doesn't work out, its undoable. Baptism, as with marriage, makes one a part of a new family: It's a decision that changes relationships: God is no longer just my creator, but my Father; Jesus is no longer just an historical figure, but is now my brother and my leader; and consequently the Church is no longer just one of many institutions or NGOs, but is the house that holds all of my brothers & sisters.

Similarly, marriage changes a friend into a spouse, my "other half", as "two become one". What was one becomes one-half, and the spouses cannot be torn apart without doing damage to what is now a whole. Unfortunately, the cheapening of divorce has caused the cheapening of the initial decision to marry, and the disposability of the marriage covenant means the disposability of a person, one's spouse. Instead, both Joshua & Jesus in today's readings ask the crowd to make a serious decision and stand by it: choose the covenant with God, and stick to it.

**Faith Formation** Please keep our students and families in your prayers as they continue to prepare for First Eucharist and Confirmation. This weekend we welcome Madison to her First Communion with the Lord. We hope she feels the presence of Jesus and the love of God on this special day and always. First Eucharist Celebrations will conclude at next weekend's 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. The link to the registration form for the coming year was emailed last week. If you did not receive the form, or would like to learn more about our program or volunteer opportunities, please email us at [faithformationbsc@gmail.com](mailto: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

**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](mailto:faithformationbsc@gmail.com).

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

**Please note:** This Tuesday, August 24, Fr. Brian Lenhart, newly at Mater Christi, will celebrate Noon Mass and confessions.

**Bible Study** - Are you interested in learning more about God's Word? Then come join Fr. Charles on Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the church entrance. All are welcome and invited. We will discuss the readings for the coming weekend Mass. Copies of readings will be provided, or you may bring your own Bible.

**Ancient Order of Hibernians** Communion Breakfast Oct. 17, beginning with Mass at 9:30 at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Americas and then to breakfast at the AOH hall, 375 Ontario St. The AOH is a Catholic & Irish member organization dedicated to Fraternity, Christian Charity, & Heritage.

**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.

**Over 50 Club** Next meeting Monday, September 13. Time to submit your annual \$2 dues. For more information call Anne Snyder at 518-869-5247 or 518-238-8557.

**Rosary Guild** "See You in September."

**Pakistani Community** 1st & 4th Sunday 6 -7 pm in Church will have a prayer service and will include praying the Rosary.



## BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL NEWS

### Summer Office Hours Tuesday through Thursday from 9 to 1.

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.

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 substitute teachers on an "as needed" basis throughout the school year. Please email resume to the principal at [mdaurio@blessedsacramentschool.net](mailto:mdaurio@blessedsacramentschool.net).

**Blessed Sacrament School Director of Advancement** - Kris Ruddy has joined the Blessed Sacrament School Team this year as our Director of Advancement. The Director of Advancement position was created to build upon such projects as our Angel Fund Tuition Assistance Program. Kris will be in charge of outreach to alumni, parishioners, and supporters from the Capital Region and beyond who believe in the mission and ministry of Blessed Sacrament School and would like to support it. Kris comes to us with fourteen years of very successful experience with a local organization in Development. Kris has already immersed our school in all that makes our school what it is and it is already off and running seeking new donors, grants etc. We welcome Kris to the BSS Family!!

**Food Pantry Beginning September** the Pantry will be open Mondays & Thursdays 10-11:30. With the additional day we could use a few more volunteers: call the parish office. 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 Boutique** 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.



**Bishop Scharfenberger invites you to a  
"Diocesan Day of Prayer & Celebration"  
For ALL the people of the Albany  
Diocese**

*Come Holy Spirit!  
Renew Our Strength,  
Reaffirm Our Hope*

**Saturday, Sept. 25th- 9 AM to 2 PM  
St. Edward the Confessor Church, Clifton Park**

To Register: <https://webapps.rcda.org/ParishFaithFormation>  
OR Call The Office of Lay Ministry & Parish Faith Formation (518) 453-6670  
There is **NO** cost for this event

The day will begin with a special prayer for God's strength, and an uplifting message from Father Bob Longobucco, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia. From this morning prayer, the day will continue with time to reflect more deeply on the gift of God's hope, led by Bob McCarty, well-known national presenter and former director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. Finally, the day will conclude with a Holy Hour and a recommitment to "go announce the Gospel of the Lord!"



**SHRINE CHURCH OF  
OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS**  
A MISSION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

273 CENTRAL AVENUE, ALBANY, NEW YORK 518-465-3685  
MASS TIMES: SUNDAY 9:30 AM (ENGLISH) & 12:00 PM (SPANISH)

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - (PART-TIME)

The Shrine church is hiring a part-time Administrative Assistant to support the Chaplain and Pastoral Associate, who will extend hospitality and welcome to all in the parish and the community, assist with communications, records, 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. Please contact Blessed Sacrament at [blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com](mailto:blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com).

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



The August School Bucks Newsletter is out and we are currently in Second Place. 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 original receipt to the parish office or drop them in the collection. If you would like your receipts back, please provide a self-addressed envelope. 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!

**FAMILY FESTIVAL**  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH  
BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH  
605 CENTRAL AVE ALBANY, NY 12206

BIG MONEY RAFFLE - DRIVE-THRU BBQ DINNER - ONLINE SPECIALTY BASKETS

**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., both online and by phone. 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. More details will be coming online, the bulletin and posted in the church vestibule.

**Repairs Complete!** As we have reported before, the organ was in need of repair. We are happy to announce that the repairs have been completed. As you may have noticed if you have been able to attend Mass in person, the air conditioning was not functioning properly. We are happy to report that this has also been repaired. The cost of these repairs were significant and we could use some help; if you are able, we would welcome a donation for either or both of these.

## Support Blessed Sacrament Financially



Blessed Sacrament's organ has been repaired! 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](http://TheBishopsAppeal.org).