

# CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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Established 1902



Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 5, 2021

**Weekend Masses** 4:00 pm Saturday

9:00 am Sunday

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

**Weekday Masses** as scheduled in bulletin

**Adoration** 12:30 - 1:30 pm Tuesday

12:30 - 1:30 pm Thursday

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

12:30 - 1:30 pm Thursday

3:00 - 3:40 pm Saturday

<p align="center"><b>Saturday 9/4/21 - 4:00 PM</b></p> <p>✠ Ercole Fioravanti      ✠ Helen Calderone ✠ Margaret McCarg      ✠ Ethel Eastland ✠ Catherine &amp; Arthur Rabatoy      ✠ David Lee Espinoza ✠ Rose &amp; Nicholas Soldevere</p>		<p align="center"><b>Sunday 9/5/21 - 9:00 AM</b></p> <p align="center"><b>For the People</b> <b>("Pro Populo")</b></p>		<p align="center"><b>Monday 9/6/21 - 9:00 AM</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Labor Day</b></p> <p>Janice &amp; Robert Mittler (Ann) ✠ G. Pat Curran</p>	
<p align="center"><b>Tuesday 9/7/2021 - 12:00 PM</b></p> <p>✠ Matt &amp; Catherine Opalka &amp; Family</p> <p align="center">12:30 - 1:30 Confession &amp; Adoration</p>		<p align="center"><b>Wed 9/8/21 - 7:00 AM</b></p> <p>✠ Sr. Mary Coons, RSM Diola Esposito (Bday)</p> <p align="center"><i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></p>		<p align="center"><b>Thursday 9/9/21 - 12:00 PM</b></p> <p>✠ Katherine Robillard</p> <p align="center">12:30 - 1:30 Confession &amp; Adoration 6:30 Bible Study <i>St. Peter Claver</i></p>	
				<p align="center"><b>Friday 9/10/21 - 9:00 AM</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Our School Student Mass</b></p> <p align="center">✠ Joan Heyden</p>	

Office is closed Monday 9/6 in observance of Labor Day.

Mass intentions with a ✠ indicate that the person is deceased.

### Funerals

### Baptisms

Stella Pappalardi Regular \$4,516  
Jasper Joyce Fuel \$ 250

### Collection News

This weekend, we will hold a second collection for relief for the earthquake in Haiti, as requested by Bishop Ed with all the U.S. Bishops. Next weekend's second collection will be for fuel.

**From the Pastor** The apostle James, into today's second reading, gives us advice that can be reduced to "don't judge a book by its cover". Jesus' actions, healing the deaf and the mute, also can be read to convey this message. And nowadays there is a lot of discussion of racial stereotyping and pre-judgment. This is something that we, as Christians, must be aware of, and protect ourselves and others against falling into. We have as foundational in our theology the common brotherhood of all humans. This is a starting point for all our relationships. Not suspicion, not hate. Even the Jewish point of view of dividing humans into Jewish and Gentile (non-Jewish) is abrogated. Although we have our differences, we must remember that God the Father created all, and Jesus the Christ came to redeem all.

**Faith Formation** The 2021 First Eucharist Celebrations concluded last weekend. We ask that you keep all of them and their families in your prayers. Please also keep our Confirmation students, their sponsors and their families in your prayers as they continue to prepare for Confirmation on Sunday, November 7th at 2pm at the Cathedral. All Faith Formation families should continue to check your emails for information and program updates. Details regarding this upcoming year's program will be communicated soon. In the meantime, we encourage you to register through the link emailed to all current families. If you did not receive the email, 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).

**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** Winners are 1st place Mary Lou Faragon; 2nd place Mary O'Brien. Next meeting October 4 at 7 pm. 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** Our first meeting in 18 months is Thursday, September 23 @ 12:30 pm in the Forman Room. We will be having our collection for Comfort Bags. Come join us for lunch and bring your friends. All women of the parish are invited and welcomed.



## BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you for your tremendous generosity in your donations of school supplies for our students!!! They will be put to good use when our doors open for the 2021-2022 School Year!

On Wednesday September 8, 2021 we officially begin our 105th year of faith-centered academic excellence here at Blessed Sacrament School!!! This would simply be never possible without

your support and your prayers!!! We thank you for all that you give in time, talent and treasure.

Welcome to Miss Jaelyn Welch (a BSS alum) as our new Kindergarten teacher, and to Ms. Carolyn Strauch as our ELA Teacher for grades 5-8!!!

Our faculty will be beginning their next school year with a couple days of preparation, set-up, and retreat. Please keep them in your prayers!

**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 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.

**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 bulletin, flyers, Facebook posts, etc.

**Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs**, Auriesville, in recognition of National Day of Remembrance for the Unborn, will be praying the Rosary at 10 am at the Monument to the Unborn. Mass will be celebrated at 11 am.



**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 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

3x: Lids, Unique Boutique, Vendor Square, Five Below

4x: H&M, Carter's, Claire's, Five Guys



**Our Annual Family Festival** This year's Family Festival will be a Virtual Festival Event, but 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. Tickets for the BBQ will be available after the Masses starting this weekend thru Sept. 18/19 or by contacting the parish office. Deadline for purchasing tickets is Sept 20. 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! By next weekend we will have a flier available explain how to bid on line and by phone, along with a list of prizes up for bidding.

### RCIA

The RCIA Team is ready for another year of preparing people to become Catholic. However, all are welcome to join in the discussions on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30. If you're curious about, or versed in, any of these topics, please join us!

- Sep. 22 Tour of the Church
- Sep. 29 Prayer
- Oct. 6 Mass/Church Practices
- Oct. 13 Baptism & Confirmation
- Oct. 20 Eucharist
- Oct. 27 Reconciliation/ Anointing

There are several other dates/topics schedule and they will be listed here as the date(s) approach.

## Support Blessed Sacrament Financially



Blessed Sacrament's organ has been repaired! Those wishing to donate towards the repairs, the sound system, or the furnace are encouraged to make donations in the name of Blessed Sacrament to the Re-Igniting Our Faith Foundation. [re-ignitingourfaith.org](http://re-ignitingourfaith.org)

Now, you can support our parish in the same way that you pay for other services. We have e-giving for the regular weekly collection, and Holy Days and special collections coming soon.

<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.

[TheBishopsAppeal.org](http://TheBishopsAppeal.org)