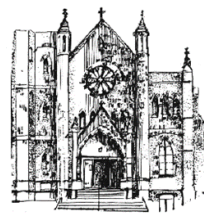


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Divine Mercy Sunday

April 24, 2022

Weekend Masses 4:00 p.m. Saturday
9:00 a.m. Sunday

Weekday Masses as scheduled in bulletin

Adoration 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Tuesday

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Thursday

Confession 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Tuesday

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Thursday

3:00 - 3:40 p.m. Saturday

Occasional Sunday 6:00 p.m. Mass in Urdu

<u>Saturday 4/23/22 4:00 PM</u> For the People ("Pro Populo")	<u>Sunday 4/24/22</u> <u>9:00 AM</u> ✠ William J Coleman ✠ Loretta & Howard Miller 3rd Order of St. Francis Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Guild		<u>3:30 PM</u> ✠ Nora Lou Prall	<u>Monday 4/25/22 7:00 AM</u> ✠ Helen Calderone <i>St. Mark, Evangelist</i>
<u>Tuesday 4/26/22 - 12:00 pm</u> ✠ Joseph Russo 12:30 - 1:30 Confession & Adoration	<u>Wed 4/27/22 - 7:00 am</u> ✠ Dan Qwarta	<u>Thursday 4/28/22 - 12:00 pm</u> ✠ Fr. Thomas J Mantica, MM (44 ann) 12:30 - 1:30 Confession & Adoration <i>St. Peter Chanel, St Louis Girgnion de Monfort</i>	<u>Friday 4/29/22 - 12:00 pm</u> ✠ Joseph & Frances Bologna ✠ Cesar Augusto Mansilla Michael Anthony Sparks Myra Godin (95 bday) <i>St. Catherine of Siena</i>	

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

Funerals

Shirley Norton

Baptisms

From the Deacon's Bench

One of the interesting things about being both ordained and also in the workplace is that many people come up to be with questions about faith. I see these as opportunities to evangelize and invite people back to church. Sometimes, however, I am a target for people who hate the Church, or religion in general. One such person told me that not only did Jesus not rise from the dead, but there is no evidence that Jesus even walked this earth. "Really?" I asked. "What do you base this on?" He said that in college he took an introductory course in the New Testament, and as his term paper he researched if Jesus even existed. He could find no evidence. I asked "You believe Jesus never existed because of a brief New Testament 101 course you took?" I went on to explain there was plenty of historical evidence Jesus actually lived, such as the writings of Josephus and Mary Magdalene. This person reminds me of Thomas from our Gospel. Did Jesus rise from the dead? Thomas needed proof, but for us it is a matter of faith, to believe based on our reason. During this Easter season we will be reading many first hand eyewitness statements in the Acts of the Apostles. All of them, except perhaps, John and Mary Magdalene, died for their belief. Jesus lives, and so shall we.

Faith Formation

Steubenville Youth Conference, Springfield, MA this July: This youth conference is one of the premiere Catholic conferences for teens. Rooted in the Holy Spirit and Catholic traditions, this conference brings teens worldwide together for an opportunity to grow in faith in a powerful and life-changing way. At the conference, teens will experience a movement of great joy through engaging speakers, powerful worship, and Christian fellowship. Mrs. Hession, seminarian Anthony Onu, 3 other chaperones, and 11 youth from Blessed Sacrament and Mater Christi will attend. Any help you can provide to offset transportation costs of \$250 per youth would be gratefully appreciated. Please contact Mrs. Hession if you have any questions at faithformationbsc@gmail.com.

We hope you had a blessed Easter. Please continue to join us every week at Mass. Also, pray for Nathaniel, Lucilia, Ronan, Avery, Brayden, Bihmama, Aleena, Camerin, Nicholas, and Ana, who will receive First Eucharist on May 1st at our 9 a.m. Mass. New things are coming! Our sacramental preparation will be working with parents closely, with preparation for children done not so much by grade level but by readiness. If you have any questions or would like to learn more

Please note: Fr. Quinn will be away this week attending classes.

Upcoming

- 4/24 - Third Order of St. Francis
- 4/28 - Capital District Columbiettes meeting, Knights of Columbus, Cohoes
- 4/30 & 5/7 - 10:00-1:00 - Drop-off for our Annual Garage Sale
- 5/1 - First Communion
- 5/1 - CROP Walk
- 5/2 - Over 50 Club, 12:30 p.m. (bring your own lunch and a dessert to share)
- 5/2 - Synod Listening Session, Christ Our Light
- 5/3 - HOPE Meeting, for those grieving a loss or experiencing depression
- 5/5 - *Good News & Cold Brews*, Young Adults St. Luke's, Schenectady
- 5/10 - *Real Talk Rosary*, Young Adults - St. Mary's, Crescent
- 5/13-14 - Garage Sale
- 5/15 - AOH Vocations Fundraiser, 3:00-6:00
- 5/20-22 - Rachael's Vineyard Retreat
- 10/1 - Family Festival

Hope Group

There will be a meeting of the Hope Group on Tuesday, May 3 at 6 pm in the church. All are invited to join in this meeting for conversation, led by Deacon Gerry, for discussion of loss, grief, and bereavement.

Can't make this meeting? Please join our next meeting on the first Tuesday of any month.

RCIA Our team is offering the final session in the current series this week. All are welcome to join in our sessions on Wednesday from 6:30-7:30. If you're curious about this topic, please join us!

Apr. 27 Mystagogy

Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for April

Healthcare Workers - We pray for healthcare workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL NEWS



Are you or someone you know interested in attending our School? We offer instruction for 3-year-olds through Grade 8. We are doing in-person tours on Mondays and Fridays at 10 a.m., and prospective students are welcome to shadow one of our students for a day. For more information, please call the office. Spots are filling fast!

Kitchen Garden Our students will be breaking ground and growing a Kitchen Garden after Easter break. We would love to have experienced gardeners help the children grow and nurture their plants. We would also welcome supplies such as: vegetable-grade compost, fruits and vegetables fertilizer, hand forks and trowels, shovels, watering cans, plastic plant pots/planters, seedling propagator, gardening gloves, pruners, stakes, twine, two rakes, two hoes, two forks, rubber boots (various sizes), spray bottles, and bags of stones.

Garage Sale Our annual Garage Sale to benefit the school is May 13th and 14th! May 13th is the presale from 6-8 p.m., and admission is \$5. Sale admission is free on May 14th from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. We will accept donations for the sale on Saturday, April 30th and Saturday, May 7th at the parking lot garages from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Drop-off restrictions: no stuffed furniture, no infant furniture, no electronics or computers; flat-screen TVs only. Other restrictions may apply and will be determined at drop-off. Pickup for larger pieces may be available; call the parish office at (518) 482-3375 with your name and phone number and someone will get back to you. We need volunteers on Thursday all day and Friday morning to set up and price and on Friday evening and Saturday to be salespersons and tally purchases. We could really use your help! Contact the parish office to volunteer (and hang posters around town).

Bulletin

Announcements are due one week prior to publication. We have a **NEW** system! Mail all bulletin notices to: bulletin.blessedsacrament@gmail.com.

Catholic Connections The **Amen** app is a Christian approach to mindfulness. A digital way to connect with Jesus Christ while navigating a busy lifestyle, it's an excellent fusion of mindfulness and prayer that encourages individuals to invite Christ into every facet of their lives.

CRS Rice Bowls Please return CRS Rice Bowls next weekend. Catholic Relief Services has been doing a lot for relief efforts in Ukraine. Bowls are still available at the entrances.

Rosary Guild Our Annual Baby Shower for the Christ Child Society will be held on Sunday, April 24th at 12 noon in the school hall. Items needed are: blankets, sweater sets, hooded towels, outfits, onesies (0-9 months), and Pampers diapers. Come join us for the shower and lunch. All women of the parish and friends are invited. If you can't attend and would like to donate, please bring baby items to church April 23rd/24th or drop them off at our parish office M-F, 9-4. Thank you!

Food Pantry The pantry is open Monday and Thursday, 10-11:30 a.m. We have been unable to obtain the following items and would welcome donations of toothbrushes and coffee. Throughout May 2022, Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry has been selected to receive a \$1 donation for every Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with the red circle sticker sold at the Hannaford located at 900 Central Ave., Century II Mall, Albany.

Holy Names Society Next meeting is Wednesday, May 4th. All men of the parish are invited to attend. The \$1 Raffle Tickets are available at the Rectory and Office Annex or from any HNS members.

The Boutique The Boutique is open for shopping on Saturday, 9 a.m.-noon and accepts donations Tuesday & Friday, 9-noon. We cannot accept books, some electronics, fabric scraps, or clothing that is need of repair or dirty. Please understand that unwanted items are a hardship and an expense to the church to dispose of. We will not accept winter items until August. Thank you for your donations that serve many people and help support the many ministries of Blessed Sacrament!



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MASS TIMES: SUNDAY 9:30 AM (ENGLISH) & 12:00 PM (SPANISH)
FRIDAYS AT 6:30 PM - MASS & ADORATION

April 30 - First Communion Retreat, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Stay Connected

- ◆ Visit and bookmark our website: blessedsacramentalbany.org
- ◆ "Like" our Facebook page: Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church (weekend Masses are livestreamed here)
- ◆ Our YouTube Channel: Blessed Sacrament Church, Albany, NY
- ◆ E-mail: blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com
- ◆ myParishApp - text **app** to 88202

Seminarian Anthony Onu is graduating from his master's degree program and is inviting us to his graduation. The ceremony is scheduled May 6, 2022 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester, New York. It will be livestreamed. Please call the office for information.

Seminarian Franklin Anyanechi's weekend assignment at Blessed Sacrament ends this weekend. As he leaves he would like to express his thanks for the hospitality and support of the parishioners and staff and asked for your prayers as he continues his studies. God bless you Franklin and thank you for all your help and dedication.

New Parishioner Let us know how to reach you, mail, phone and/or email. Also, would you like to receive The Evangelist or weekly parish support envelopes? Let us know that too. Feel free to email us the info at blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com or place information in collection when you attend Mass.

Thinking of Priesthood? Join some priests and seminarians for prayer, dinner, and discussion on April 25 at 6:00 PM. Call our parish office for more details or to sign up.



The School Bucks program runs Jan.-Dec. and earns points (= \$) for our school. If you shop at Colonie Center, keep your receipts, which can be registered at the Management Office in the School Bucks box at the Security Desk next to Five Guys, or at our parish office, and we will register them for you. The rules: we receive 2 points for every \$1 spent at Colonie Center. We need at least 4,000 points to be considered for a prize, and original receipts must be presented for credit within 60 days from purchase date. If you submit receipts to the parish office to register and want them back, let us know and we will mail them back to you.

Dining out, including the food court and BJs Brewhouse, are included. So, register or send us those receipts!

April Bonus Points

- 3x: 25Silver Boutique, Children's Place, L.L. Bean, Auntie Anne's
- 4x: Sbarro, Sephora, Claire's, Zales, Cinnabon

Any receipts for photos with the Easter Bunny are worth 200 points!

Collections & Financial Support



Scan the code to donate!
Recurring gifts, or just once!

New Furnace 2020		\$52,000 100% paid!
Parking Lot Paving & Painting 2021		\$2,450 of \$14,450 20% paid
Sound System Upgrades 2019-2022		\$7,388 of \$16,071 50% paid
Organ Repair 2021		\$23,00 of \$45,000 52% paid

Last Sunday

Regular \$628
Easter \$10,436

2nd Collection: School

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