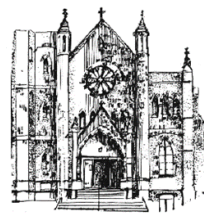
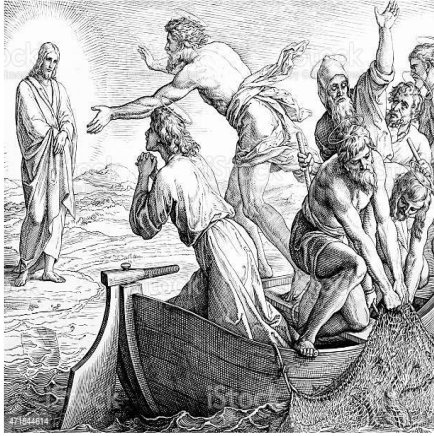


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Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2022

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

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

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

<u>Saturday 4/30/22 4:00 PM</u>	<u>Sunday 5/1/22 9:00 AM</u>		<u>Monday 5/2/22 7:00 AM</u>
For the People ("Pro Populo")	† Mildred & Ed Mannix † Rosemary Knorr † Juan Duarte † Frank Bishop	† Bill Faragon † Micky Kelly † Wayne Morris Matt Degn (bday)	St. Athanasius
<u>Tuesday 5/3/22 - 12:00 PM</u>	<u>Wed 5/4/22 - 7:00 AM</u>	<u>Thursday 5/5/22 - 7:00 AM</u>	<u>Friday 5/6/22 - 9:00 PM</u>
† Stella Milano † Paola Spadaro † Lisa St. Hilaire (5 Ann) 12:30 -1:30 Confession & Adoration Ss. Philip and James, Apostles	† Helen Zakens	† Betty Iglar (10 Ann)	School Student Mass All are Welcome † Frank DeSorbo † Anthony Lattanzio (5 Ann) Michael Anthony Sparks Kathy Esposito (bday)

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

Funerals

Baptisms

Chick Weir, Jr.

From Fr. Charles Onyeneke

It is a joy to see our young people receive their First Holy Communion. They will be receiving the biggest celebrity, Jesus our God and Savior, as the guest of honor into their hearts and lives, for the first time in Holy Communion. It means somebody very, very big is coming to stay with them, bless them, protect them, and guide them. I am so happy for them because they will be included among those who will share the banquet of Christ's sacrifice, calling God their Father in the midst of the Church. This is great Joy!

It is a joy all of us experience any time we receive Christ in the Eucharist. St. Thérèse of Lisieux illustrates that this joy flows from the certainty of being infinitely loved by God. And every time we receive the Eucharist, we receive a living reminder of God's love for us. We can say: I know I am loved, and I am precious to Him. And that certainty brings a joy that nothing can take away, because we are safe in the hands of Jesus. Without the Lord, without Jesus, the Bread of Life, we can do nothing.

Faith Formation

This weekend, we celebrate Nathaniel, Lucilia, Ronan, Avery, Brayden, Bihmama, Aleena, Camerin, Nicholas, and Ana as they receive First Eucharist during our Sunday 9 a.m. Mass. Please pray for them, their catechists, and their families.

May resources were sent out this week to all those registered and included a variety of information to help you and your children grow in faith. Please continue to check your e-mail for information and sacramental program updates. 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. Mrs. Hession, seminarian Anthony Onu, three other chaperones, and 11 youth from Blessed Sacrament and Mater Christi will be attending the Steubenville Youth conference this summer. Rooted in the Holy Spirit and Catholic traditions, the conference brings teens worldwide together for an opportunity to grow in faith in a powerful and life-changing way. Our teens will experience a movement of great joy through engaging speakers, powerful worship, and Christian fellowship. Any help you can provide to offset transportation costs of \$250 per youth would be gratefully appreciated. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our program, please e-mail us at faithformationbsc@gmail.com.

Please note changes in weekday Mass schedule this week.

Upcoming Events

- 5/7: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., drop-off for our annual Garage Sale
- 5/8: 6:00 pm Mass in Urdu
- 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 & 5/14: Garage Sale
- 5/15: AOH Vocations Fundraiser, 3-6 p.m.
- 5/16: "Pray: The Story of Patrick Peyton," 7 p.m., St. Matthew's (Voorheesville)
- 5/20-5/22: Rachael's Vineyard Retreat
- 5/20: St. Anne's Plant Sale, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- 5/21: Marian Retreat with Nikki Kingsley, 9 a.m. to noon, Mater Christi
- 5/22: 6:00 pm Mass in Urdu
- 10/1: Family Festival

Albany National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 5th

12 noon at West Capitol Park

Hope Group There will be a meeting of the Hope Group on Tuesday, May 3rd at 6 p.m. in the church. All are invited to join in this meeting for conversation, led by Deacon Gerry, for a discussion of loss, grief, and bereavement. Can't make this meeting? Please join our next meeting on the first Tuesday of any month.

Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for May

Faith-filled young people: We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

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!

Teacher Appreciation Week May 2nd through May 6th is Teacher Appreciation Week at Blessed Sacrament School! We LOVE our faculty and staff, and we are so very fortunate to have them guiding, nurturing, and educating our students every day!

Garage Sale Our annual Garage Sale to benefit the school is May 13th and 14th! May 13th is the presale from 6 to 8 p.m., and admission is \$5. Sale admission is free on May 14th from 9 a.m. to 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. to 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. 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! Please send all bulletin notices to: bulletin.blessedsacrament@gmail.com.

Catholic Connections Visit the website www.wordonfire.org, where Bishop Barron talks about topics in today's world and how to grow closer and deeper in your faith.

CRS Rice Bowls Please return CRS Rice Bowls this weekend. Catholic Relief Services has been doing a lot for relief efforts in Ukraine.

Rosary Guild Thank you so much for all of the beautiful baby items for Albany's Christ Child Society. Each year, they make hundreds of layettes for "mothers in need." Again, thank you for your help.

Food Pantry The pantry is open Monday and Thursday, 10 to 11:30 a.m. We still need a Spanish-speaking person to help translate on Thursdays. If you are available, even one Thursday a month, please call the office. 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. So far, shoppers and supporters have raised \$42 for our food pantry! Please consider purchasing a \$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag before April ends!

Holy Names Society The 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 Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon and accepts donations on Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 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 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

REV. FRANCIS O'CONNOR CHAPLAIN
REV. MR. MIGUEL FABIAN, DEACON
ALEJANDRA SAUCEDO, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE
DEBBIE KLOSE, ORGANIST
CONFESORA FRANCO, FAITH FORMATION

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- ◆ "Like" our Facebook page: Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church (weekend Masses are livestreamed here)
- ◆ Our YouTube Channel: Blessed Sacrament Church, Albany, NY
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- ◆ myParishApp - text **app** to 88202

Open House Academy of the Holy Names offers girls in grades 6-12 a college prep, faith-based, well-rounded experience to prepare them for a road to success. Please join us at our May 4 Open House at 4:30 p.m. to learn more about our programs, meet our talented educators and students, and see our beautiful campus. Register at www.ahns.org or 518-438-7895 x234

Russel Sage Spring & Summer Break Boys' Basketball Camp Russell Sage is offering basketball camps open to boys ages 8-16 during summer break (6/27-7/1). For more information or questions contact Coach Brian Barnes at 518-292-1969 or barneb@sage.edu.

Project St. Patrick There will be a fundraiser for vocations at the OAH Hall on Ontario St. on May 15 from 3 - 6 pm. It is a cookout with meats for Rolf's Pork store and Prinzo's rolls. There will also be a 50/50 and live entertainment on the patio.

Free U.S. Citizenship Class Wednesdays, May 4th through July 20th. 4 to 6 p.m. over Zoom. Register by calling (518) 512-9816 or e-mailing szaidspinner@gmail.com.



The School Bucks program runs January through December 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 the 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

May Bonus Points

- 3x: Arby's, Hallmark, 25 Silver Boutique, Nordstrom Rack
- 4x: Ulta Beauty, H&M, At the Pier Arcade, Aeropostale

Receive a service at Sephora and receive 500 bonus 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	\$4,649
Easter	\$1,946
School	\$876

Don't forget to return your CRS Rice Bowl containers if you haven't already!
Thank you!