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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 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 5/14/22 4:00 PM</u>		<u>Sunday 5/15/22 9:00 AM</u>		<u>Monday 5/16/22 7:00 AM</u>	
For the People (“Pro Populo”)		† Daniel Lockart † Msg. James G. Hart † Bianca Audino † Deceased Members of the 3rd Order of St. Francis		† Joseph & Frances Bologna † Suzanne Meher	
<u>Tuesday 5/17/22 - 12:00 PM</u>		<u>Wed 5/18/22 - 7:00 AM</u>		<u>Thursday 5/19/22 - 12:00 PM</u>	
† Shirley Norton		† Fr. Manual Rojas † John Doherty		† Cecilia Sanz † Frances Endrich	
12:30 -1:30 Confession & Adoration		St. John I		12:30 -1:30 Confession & Adoration	
				<u>Friday 5/20/22 - 7:00 AM</u>	
				Anthony Michael Sparks	
				t. Bernardine of Siena	

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

Funerals: Robert Powers

Baptisms: Landon Hollner
Anaël Bradley

From the Pastor's Desk

Please note: my article today may not be suitable for younger readers. –Fr. Dan

Despite this being the Easter Season, a season in which we celebrate new and eternal life, there has been a lot of discussion of death lately.

First, There is a violent war being fought between Russia and Ukraine.

Second, There is a group in New York State that is trying to gain legal standing, cultural acceptance, and help from medical professionals for killing themselves. It has never needed to be legal for one to kill oneself. People generally just do it. The insidiousness of this suicide movement is that its supporters see it as a duty of others, including the state and doctors, to help them to do it. But our healers must not also be killers. And our community cannot have an interest in the death of its members. It starts out being described as "mercy killings," but later it becomes, like many things in our community, boiled down to the numbers — and it's just cheaper in the long run to end someone's life now than to help them through the long haul (especially in the metrics of the insurers).

Finally, the leaked draft of the decision by the Supreme Court, while generally bad for the reputation of that governmental branch, has galvanized people on every side of the issue. There won't be any official statements on it by the Church until the judgment is final.

Regardless of political party affiliation, it might be good to remember the Catholic philosophical and theological approach to these issues: although the sciences deal with the facts, and can show that there is a distinct individual with its own DNA from the moment of conception, it is not by the sciences alone that we make moral judgments. We recognize that human life is valuable and worthy of protection because we have the capacity to love, and be loved, and because of the love God has for us. Regardless of whether court judgments stand or fall, or laws allow or prohibit, our beliefs are maintained: a woman who is pregnant and her child must be loved, assisted, and cared for. If women, especially single women who were not expecting to be pregnant, do not understand the love and security and help that others offer (especially we as Christians, who desire to follow the example of Jesus to love to the extremes, throwing caution to the wind), then — if she has no place to go — it is likely she will be tempted to resort to killing the new life within her.

From the Pope (From www.vaticannews.va/)

Last week, Pope Francis responded to some questions from Fr. James Martin, SJ:

What would you say is the most important thing for LGBT people to know about God?

Pope Francis: God is Father, and he does not disown any of his children. And "the style" of God is "closeness, mercy and tenderness." Along this path you will find God.

What would you like LGBT people to know about the Church?

Pope Francis: I would like for them to read the book of the Acts of the Apostles. There, they will find the image of the living Church.

What do you say to an LGBT Catholic who has experienced rejection from the Church?

Pope Francis: I would have them recognize it not as "the rejection of the church," but instead of "people in the church." The church is a mother and calls together all her children. Take for example the parable of those invited to the feast: "the just, the sinners, the rich and the poor, etc." (Matthew 22:1-15; Luke 14:15-24). A "selective" church, one of "pure blood," is not Holy Mother Church but rather a sect.

Upcoming Events

5/15: AOH Vocations Fundraiser, 3-6 p.m.

5/16: "Pray: The Story of Patrick Peyton,"
7 p.m., St. Matthew's (Voorheesville)

5/18: 12:00 School Spring Concert - Colonie
Center.

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 p.m. Mass in Urdu

5/26: Ascension Thursday - see schedule below

10/1: Family Festival

A Message from the Chancery

It is with great sadness that we report that Dorothy Sokol, Parish Life Director of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, passed to new life on the evening of Friday, May 6th.

Dorothy's funeral will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Delaware Ave. site (St. James).

Calling hours: Monday, May 16th from 10 a.m.

Funeral Mass begins at Noon.

https://www.danielkeenanfuneralhome.com/index.php/albany-funeral-home/obituaries-extended/sokol_dorothy_bunal

Dorothy was very beloved within her parish community, and she will be greatly missed.

Dcn. Michael McDonald will be caring for the parish at this time.

Ascension Thursday Masses, May 26th

Blessed Sacrament: 7:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

Shrine Church: 7:00 p.m., in Spanish

All Saints, Albany: 8:30 School, 9:00 Church

Cathedral: 7:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m.

Christ Our Light, Loudonville:

Christ the King, Westmere: 9 a.m.

Mater Christi: 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.

St. Vincent de Paul: 6 p.m.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL NEWS



Are you or someone you know interested in attending our School? We offer instruction for three-year-olds through Grade 8. We are conducting 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!

It's a busy week at BSS!!!!

On Monday, May 16 begins our A to Z Countdown of the last 26 days of school. Each day we will do something celebrating the letter of the day beginning with an Autism Awareness Art Project.

On Wednesday, May 18 we will be recording our Spring Concert which will be made available to watch on Facebook and on YouTube. The link will be published in next week's bulletin.

On Friday, May 20 grades 4-6 will be visiting Colonie Center to sing at Center Court between 12:00-12:30.

Thank you for your support that makes all of this possible!!!

Bulletin Items Announcements are due *one week* prior to publication. We have a new system! Please submit bulletin notices to: bulletin.blessedsacrament@gmail.com.

Catholic Connections "Ask Fr. Josh" is a podcast where you can ask or listen to questions about how the Catholic faith can help you navigate life. Fr. Josh will answer questions ranging from moral dilemmas and Catholic teachings to relationship advice. Find the podcast archives here: <https://media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-podcasts/askfrjosh/>.

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.

Holy Names Society Congratulations to our \$200 first-prize winner, Mike Strycharz, and to our \$50 second-prize winner, Joe Dobek! Thanks to everyone for your support. Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 1st. All parish men are invited.

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!

Pro-life Presentation "A Story of Christ's Healing Mercy," a talk by author, mother, and EWTN host Patricia Sandoval, will take place Saturday, May 21st at 6 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Albany. The Flame of Love Rosary will be prayed beforehand at 5 p.m. For more information, please call (518) 538-2000 or send an e-mail to: flameoflovevictoria@protonmail.com.

Project St. Patrick: There will be a fundraiser for vocations at the AOH Hall on Ontario Street on May 15th from 3 to 6 p.m. This event is a cookout, and there will also be a 50/50 and live entertainment on the patio.

Men's Conference Our Albany diocese is hosting the Step-Up Men's Conference on Saturday, August 20th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville. This conference will give men the tools needed to grow in holiness in their everyday lives. The event will include presentations from Fr. Donald Calloway and Fr. Roger Landry, Reconciliation, Adoration, Rosary, and 4 p.m. Mass. The purpose is to grow in relationship with Christ and establish a plan to bring this energy back to our families and parishes. Cost: \$50 per person (includes lunch); college-age and younger men are free. More information and registration: <https://www.rcda.org/StepUp>.



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MASS TIMES: SUNDAY 9:30 AM (ENGLISH) & 12:00 PM (SPANISH)
FRIDAYS AT 6:30 PM - MASS & ADORATION
ASCENSION THURSDAY MASS EN ESPANOL - 7:00 PM

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 (Sunday Masses are livestreamed here)
- ♦ Our YouTube Channel: Blessed Sacrament Church, Albany, NY
- ♦ E-mail: blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com
- ♦ myParishApp - text **app** to **55321**

Faith Formation: May resources were sent out 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-mails 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 attend the Steubenville Youth conference this summer. Rooted in the Holy Spirit and Catholic traditions, the conference brings teens from all over the world 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 help 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.

Movie night "Pray: The Story of Patrick Peyton" will be shown on Monday, May 16th at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew's, located at 25 Mountainview St., Voorheesville. Fr. Peyton was a chaplain for the Holy Cross brothers at the Vincentian Institute in Albany.



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 BJ's Brewhouse, are included ... so register or send us receipts!

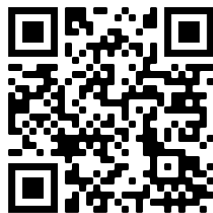
May Bonus Points:

- 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

Last Sunday



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

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

Regular \$4,639

2nd Collections:
5/15 - School Support
5/22 - Eastern European

Thank you to everyone who participated in CRS Operation Rice Bowl this year and turned in their containers!