





**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!

\*Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> will be our **Field Day** for Grades Pre-K 3 through 8. Pre-K 3 through Grade 1 will be doing their activities here at school while Grades 2 through 8 will be enjoying the day at Westland Hills. This field day is happening in large part due to the generosity of the CDTA!

\*To commemorate the **Memorial Day** holiday, school will be closed from Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

\*Upcoming date: **Eighth-Grade Graduation**, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m.

**Respect Life Synod Listening Session** Please join us for the first and only diocesan Respect Life Synod listening session with Bishop Ed via Zoom on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:45 p.m. Your anonymous responses to discussion questions during this session may be recorded for the diocese to help guide the future. Please RSVP by May 30<sup>th</sup> to Renée Morgiewicz: [renee.morgiewicz@rcda.org](mailto:renee.morgiewicz@rcda.org). To join the meeting, visit: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83511590260>. Meeting ID: 835 1159 0260. Dial in by your location for audio: (646) 558-8656. For more general information on the Synod in the Diocese of Albany: [www.rcda.org/about-us/bishop-edward-b-scharfenberger/synod](http://www.rcda.org/about-us/bishop-edward-b-scharfenberger/synod)

**Catholic Connections** You will understand the weekly readings even more after listening to these podcasts: "Lanky Guys." They provide a lighthearted exploration of the connections in the Sunday readings for Mass. Find the podcasts and more information here: <http://www.lankyguys.org/>.

**Food Pantry** The pantry is open Monday and Thursday, 10 to 11:30 a.m. We could use the following items: toothpaste 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** Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm. 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!

**Divine Mercy Chaplet** The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed on the second, third, and fourth Tuesdays of each month after the 12 noon Mass. Instructions and prayer cards will be offered. Also, we pray the Rosary on the first Tuesday of each month after the noon Mass.

**Garden of 'Eatin'** This community-style garden is looking for plant donations. They are specifically looking for zucchini, peppers, celery, zinnias, and marigolds. This garden also serves our own SMJC soup kitchen. They would also welcome help with planting on June 9<sup>th</sup> and tending the garden throughout the growing season. Contact Renee at (518) 577-3915 for information and/or to volunteer.

**Men's Conference** Our Albany diocese is hosting the Step-Up Men's Conference on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> 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>.

**Stay Connected!**

- ◆ Visit and bookmark our website: [blessedsacramentalbany.org](http://blessedsacramentalbany.org)
- ◆ "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](mailto:blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com)
- ◆ myParishApp - text **app** to **55321**

**Matrimony** Are you engaged? Congratulations! Or have you been married only civilly and not had your marriage blessed by God in the Church? We'd love to help with that, too! Please contact us six months in advance of your planned date so we may have time for adequate preparation for this new state of life and the vows that you'll be making. We have a new process, involving married couples sponsoring and working with engaged couples through marriage preparation. Couples who would like to help may apply by calling the office or Deacon Gerry.

**New Parishioners** Let us know how to reach you: mail, phone, and/or e-mail. Also, would you like to receive *The Evangelist* or weekly parish support envelopes? E-mail us at [blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com](mailto:blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com) or place your information in the collection at Mass.

**Russell Sage Boys' Basketball Camp** Russell Sage is offering a basketball camp open to boys ages 8-16 during summer break (June 27<sup>th</sup> through July 1<sup>st</sup>). For more information or questions, please contact Coach Brian Barnes at (518) 292-1969 or send an e-mail: [barneb@sage.edu](mailto:barneb@sage.edu).

**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.



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 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!**



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

**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	\$3,848
Easter	\$550
School	\$1,135

Thank you for giving so generously to support our school, parish, and community! God bless you!