

# CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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## Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 29, 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 5/28/22 4:00 PM</u>	<u>Sunday 5/29/22 9:00 AM</u>		<u>Monday 5/30/22 9:00 AM</u> <b>Memorial Day</b>
<b>For the People</b> ("Pro Populo")	† Gerald Miller † William J Moelsky, Sr. Tammy & James Forster Gloria A Alva	† Mickey Kelly † Colby DiSito Martha Glass	† Emilia Daboub
<u>Tuesday 5/31/22 - 12:00 PM</u>	<u>Wed 6/1/22 - 7:00 AM</u>	<u>Thursday 6/2/22 - 12:00 PM</u>	<u>Friday 6/3/22 - 7:00 AM</u>
Fr. Frank O'Connor 60 Anniversary of Ordination  12:30 -1:30 Confession & Adoration	† Mary Alice Kunkel Jim Smith  <i>St. Justin</i>	12:30 -1:30 Confession & Adoration <i>Sts. Charles Lwanga &amp; Companions</i>	Anthony Michael Sparks † Loretta Mitchell † Edward Carhart

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

### Funerals:

### Baptisms:

### Upcoming Events:

Please note that our parish office will be closed on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.

5/30: Memorial Day (*parish office closed*)  
6/1: Holy Names Society meeting, 6:30 pm  
6/2: Bishop Ed's Respect Life Synod listening session, 7:45 p.m., Zoom  
6/5: Pentecost  
6/6: Over 50 meeting at 12:30 p.m. (*please bring a dessert to share*)  
6/7: Hope grief meeting, 6 pm, in church  
6/12: Fr. O'Connor's anniversary Mass, 11 a.m.  
10/1: Family Festival

### From Fr. Charles:

Learning to forgive those who have wronged and hurt us in one way or the other is probably one of the greatest challenges in life. In Matthew 18:21-22, Peter asked Jesus, "How often must I forgive my brother?" This shows how difficult it is to forgive someone. Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times." In our lives, many people have wronged us in one way or another. Sometimes, we are consumed by hatred and crying for vengeance. Sometimes, it is hard to let it go and to forgive. The first reading emphasized the Martyrdom of Stephen, showing us how he bore witness to the forgiving love of Christ by his last prayer. Stephen offered his spirit to God and prayed for forgiveness for those who killed him; thus, he said, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." A Christian Martyr does not die consumed by hatred and crying for vengeance. His love for Christ overflows to those who persecute him. My dear friends, Stephen's prayer teaches us to let go of our anger and bad feelings toward those who have wronged us. Most times, I know it is hard to let go, but it is the only way to embrace inner peace of mind, grow spiritually, and to get more time to create the life we want. I know as life goes on, we tend to remember the incident or occasion that was hurtful. Then, let us offer the offender to God's mercy and pray for God's blessings upon him or her.

### Faith Formation:

\*The **June resources** will be sent out to all those registered and will be the last of the monthly resources until fall. We hope you found the information helpful as you and your children continue to grow in your faith. Please continue to check your e-mails for program updates. Registration for next year will be sent out in late summer.

\*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. Our teens will experience a movement of great joy through engaging speakers, powerful worship, and Christian fellowship. Any help that you can provide to help offset transportation costs 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](mailto:faithformationbsc@gmail.com).

### Catholic Communication Campaign

Next weekend, our special collection supports the **Catholic Communication Campaign**. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Fifty percent of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Albany to fund local communications efforts, while the other 50 percent supports projects around the world. In our diocese, your support enables our diocesan Communications Office to work with various departments, parishes, schools and organizations to promote their ministries. You have a direct hand in our efforts to spread the word about vocations, respect life, Catholic schools, youth ministry, special liturgies, and more. With your help, we are able to inform and inspire, educate and evangelize. Please give generously to this special collection.

**Memorial Day prayer** Gracious God: on this Memorial Day weekend, we remember and give thanks for those who have given their lives in the service of our country. You taught us that no love is greater than that which gives itself for another. We pray that You would have us all look to You for strength, comfort and guidance. In Jesus's name, Amen.



**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!

\*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 general Synod information for our diocese: [www.rcda.org/about-us/bishop-edward-b-scharfenberger/synod](http://www.rcda.org/about-us/bishop-edward-b-scharfenberger/synod).

**Catholic Connections** In honor of our Memorial Day holiday, here is a blog about priests serving in the military: "Memorial Day Memories," from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee — <https://www.archmil.org/Our-Faith/Blogs/Archbishop-Listecki/2022/JEL-20220524.htm>.

**Food Pantry** Please note that our food pantry will be closed on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day. Normally, the pantry is open Monday and Thursday, 10 to 11:30 a.m. We have been unable to obtain the following items and would welcome donations of: toothbrushes, coffee, and stuffing. 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 at 900 Central Ave., Century II Mall.

**Holy Names Society** Our next meeting is **Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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!

**Garden of Eatin'** This community-style garden is looking for plant donations: specifically, 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>.

**Over 50** Please join us on **Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>** at 12:30 p.m. in the church hall. Lunch will be provided, so please call Anne Snyder to confirm your attendance: (518) 869-5247. Bring a dessert to share!



**SHRINE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS**  
A MISSION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

REV. FRANCIS O'CONNOR, CHAPLAIN  
REV. MR. MIGUEL FABIAN, DEACON  
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MASS SCHEDULE: SUNDAY 9:30 AM (ENGLISH) & 12:00 PM (SPANISH)  
FRIDAYS AT 6:30 PM ~ MASS & ADORATION

WE WILL HAVE ONE BILINGUAL MASS ON SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH AT 11 A.M. IN HONOR OF THE 60TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY OF FR. FRANK O'CONNOR.

**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**

**Ignatian Volunteer Corps** IVC provides opportunities to serve the needs of people who are poor, to work for a more just society, and to grow deeper in Christian faith by reflecting and praying in the Ignatian tradition. An upcoming **IVC webinar** on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4 to 5:15 p.m. will explore "Reading the Signs of the Times: Causes and Challenges of Homelessness." There will also be an IVC informational Zoom session on Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at noon. For more information about IVC or to register for these events, please visit <https://ivcusa.org/>.

**Spam Reminder** We are aware that there is another e-mail appearing to be sent from Fr. Dan Quinn requesting gift cards. Please know that Fr. Quinn will never send you an e-mail requesting money or gift cards.

**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!

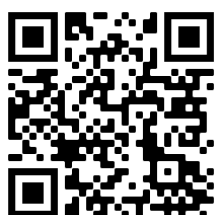
**May Bonus Points:**

- 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!**

**Collections & Financial Support**

**Last Sunday**



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

New Furnace 2020		\$52,000 <b>100% paid!</b>
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

Regular:	\$4,211
Easter:	\$425
Eastern European Churches:	\$875
School:	\$153

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