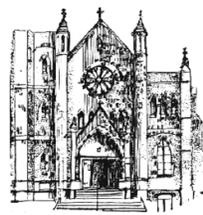
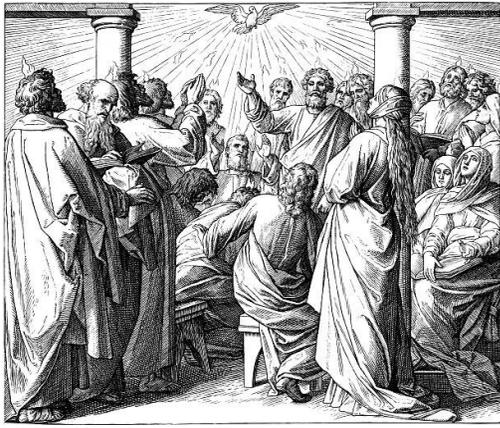


CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

607 Central Avenue
Albany, New York 12206-1918



Established 1902



Pentecost

June 5, 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

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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Saturday 6/4/22 4:00 PM

✠ Tito Greci
✠ Josephine Foley
✠ Mary Ellen Kalled
✠ Francis & Ruth Zell
Eduardo Del Portal

Sunday 6/5/22 9:00 AM

For the People
("Pro Populo")

Monday 6/6/22 7:00 AM

Jim & Kathy Smith

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Tuesday 6/7/22 - 12:00 PM

✠ Mary Mansion

12:30 - 1:30 Confession & Adoration

Wednesday 6/8/22 - 7:00 AM

✠ William McVeigh

Thursday 6/9/22 - 12:00 PM

12:30 - 1:30 Confession & Adoration
St. Ephrem

Friday 6/10/22 - 12:00 PM

✠ Robert Mittler
Alexis Hope Arango (bday)
Anthony Michael Sparks

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

Funerals:

William McVeigh

Baptisms:

Keegan Skinkle
Sawyer Joyce
Oziel Michael

Confirmations:

Lauren Almonte
Francesca Almonte

Upcoming Events:

6/6: Over 50 meeting at 12:30 p.m. (please bring a dessert to share)

6/7: Hope grief meeting, 6 p.m. in the church

6/12: Fr. O'Connor's anniversary Mass, 11 a.m.

10/1: Family Festival

From our seminarian, Anthony Onu:

Every year on the Sunday of Pentecost, in the college seminary I attended, one of my experiences was to see how different people led the prayers of the faithful in different languages. These people were selected to pray in their languages, symbolizing the diversity of our school and the Church. One thing that the gift of the Holy Spirit does for us is that it unites us as one people of faith despite our differences. In the first reading from Acts of the Apostles, we see how the disciples were speaking in their own languages. The disciples were able to understand each other because they were united in one Spirit and bound in one love. The early Christians were not preoccupied with their backgrounds but rather with their common origin and destiny. They knew that they were created by and baptized in the same God and Spirit.

The reception of the Holy Spirit does not depend on our differences, not our race, political affiliation, economic status, denomination, age, gender, or profession. It does depend on our openness to the promise of the Father. The early Christians celebrated their diversity, knowing full well that they were called from different walks of life. They understood that unity did not mean uniformity but was based on their sacramental baptism as sons and daughters of the same God. They were united in their call to discipleship and their faith in the person of Jesus. They understood their common origin and destiny. Diversity, for them, was the beauty of the creative act of God.

As we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit this Sunday, let us allow the spirit of God to transform us to understand that what unites us as the human family is greater than what divides us. The spirit we receive today is the Spirit of love, acceptance, openness, oneness, and inclusion. It is only the Spirit of God that will heal what divides us and bring us together as one people united in origin and destiny. Happy Pentecost Sunday!

Faith Formation:

*June resources were sent out this week to all registered families and will be the last of the monthly resources until Fall. As we conclude this year, we are looking ahead to next year and plan to transition back to meeting in person at least twice a month. We will continue to provide family resources and sacramental programs for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. If you and your family are interested in joining our program this coming fall, or if you have any questions, please e-mail us at faithformationbsc@gmail.com.

*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. Our teens will experience a movement of great joy through engaging speakers, powerful worship, and Christian fellowship. Any help to offset transportation costs would be gratefully appreciated.

Emotional support Are you feeling stressed by the COVID-19 pandemic? You are not alone. Call the New York Project Hope Emotional Support Helpline (available seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.) at 1-844-863-9314 or visit online for help and resources: <https://nyprojecthope.org>.

College can be debt free Albany's Christ Child Society invites you to an evening of possibilities and strategies on Thursday, June 9th at 6:30 p.m. in St. Madeleine Sophie's Parish Hall (3500 Carman Rd., Schenectady). Please consider bringing a donation of a new or gently used book or layette item for the Christ Child Society. For more information about the National Christ Child Society, visit <https://www.nationalchristchild.org/>.

Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for June

For families: We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart. The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost. Understood in the light of the Scriptures, the term "Sacred Heart of Jesus" denotes the entire mystery of Christ, the totality of his being, and his person considered in its most intimate essential: Son of God, uncreated wisdom; infinite charity, principal of the salvation and sanctification of mankind.

~from CatholicCulture.org



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!

*On June 3rd, Grades 5 through 8 attended a field trip/retreat to the **St. Kateri Shrine in Fonda** accompanied by Father Dan, Father Charles, Anthony, Deacon Gerry, and Kelly Hession. The students attended class, prayed together, and even visited the archaeological site! It was a wonderful experience!

*Our **Eighth-Grade Graduation** will take place on June 14th at 6 p.m.

New sacristans Attention all weekday noon Mass-goers: training is available for new sacristans to help before our daily Masses. Please contact the parish office for more information if you would like to help.

Over 50 Please join us on Monday, June 6th 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!

Food Pantry Our food pantry is open Mondays and Thursdays, 10 to 11:30 a.m. We have been unable to obtain the following items and would welcome donations of: toothbrushes, coffee, and stuffing. Thank you for your support!

The Boutique The Boutique is open for shopping on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon and accepts donations on Tuesdays and Fridays from 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 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!

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 9th and tending the garden throughout the growing season. Please contact Renee at (518) 577-3915 for information and/or to volunteer.

Holy Names Society Congratulations to Ronald Guiry, who won our \$200 first prize, and to Stephan Drushsky, who won our \$50 second prize! Our next Holy Names Society meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 6th. All men are invited.

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>.

Catholic Connections CatholicMom.com is a great website to visit and look up faith-based ideas for summer fun. Check it out here: <https://www.catholicmom.com/articles/2015/05/14/faith-based-ideas-for-a-fun-summer>.

Amen app The Amen app offers a Christian approach to mindfulness. A digital way to connect with Jesus 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. For more information, visit online: <https://amenapp.org/>.



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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
- ◆ "Like" our Facebook page: Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church (Sunday Masses are livestreamed here)
- ◆ Our YouTube Channel: Blessed Sacrament Church, Albany, NY
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- ◆ myParishApp - text **app** to **55321**

Prayer for Pentecost

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created; and You shall renew the face of the earth.

Film series Blessed Sacrament and St. Vincent's will once again sponsor the summer's *Faith in Film* series at the Madison Theatre on Madison Avenue. We get together every other Tuesday at 7 p.m. for a film and discussion of its Christian themes. This year, our first film is *The Princess Bride* on June 21st, followed by *Lilies of the Field*, *Fences*, *The Flowers of St. Francis*, *Selma*, and *Waking Ned Devine*. Admission is free, but free-will donations are accepted.

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



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!

June 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		\$52,000 100% 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

Regular: \$4,163
Ascension: \$919

*Thank you to everyone who gives so generously to support our school, parish, and community!
God bless you!*