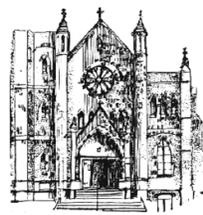


# CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

607 Central Avenue  
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## Blessing of the Animals

Tuesday October 4  
2:45 - at the  
Statue of St. Francis

Church of the Blessed Sacrament  
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## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 2, 2022

**Weekend Masses** 4 p.m. Saturdays  
9 a.m. Sundays

Occasional Sunday 6 p.m. Mass in Urdu

**Weekday Masses** as scheduled in bulletin

**Adoration** 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays  
and Thursdays; Fridays, 6 p.m.

**Confession** 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays

12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursdays  
3 to 3:40 p.m. Saturdays

Saturday 10/1/22 — 4:00 PM	Sunday 10/2/22 — 9:00 AM	Monday 10/3/22 — 7:00 AM
<p><b>For the People</b> ("Pro Populo")</p> <p><i>Memorial, St. Thérèse of Lisieux</i></p>	<p>† Mary Ellen Kalled      † Shirley Collier † Judith C Early        † William McDonald † Bernardo Martinez    † Ameial &amp; Benny Lattanzio Tammy &amp; James Forster    † Silue Kanigui</p>	<p>† Jean Heller Nestor &amp; Gloria Alva Susan Shin</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 10/4/22 — 12:00 PM</b> † Malcolm LaMore † Roland Mahony Simon Kim † Leo Onu</p> <p>12:30 -1:30 Confession &amp; Adoration <i>Memorial, St. Francis of Assisi</i></p>	<p><b>Wednesday 10/5/22 - 7:00 AM</b> † Helen Zakens (49 Ann)</p>	<p><b>Thursday 10/6/22 — 12 PM</b> † Harry Nelson † Donald Deda † Yong-Ki Joseph Kim</p> <p>12:30 -1:30 Confession &amp; Adoration</p>
<p><b>Friday 10/7/22</b> <b>6 PM Adoration, 7 PM Mass</b></p> <p>Michael Anthony Sparks</p> <p><i>Memorial, Our Lady of the Rosary</i></p>		

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

### Funerals

### Baptisms

Eider Josue Abrigo Pacurcu  
Amalise Bradley  
Eliana Marian Kelleher

### Upcoming Dates

- 10/2 — RCIA session, 10 to 11 a.m.
- 10/3 — Over 50 Club meeting, 12:30 p.m., church hall; bring lunch and a dessert to share
- 10/4 — HOPE Group meeting, 6 p.m.
- 10/5 — Holy Names Society meeting, 7 p.m.
- **10/7 — Friday 7 p.m. Masses begin**
- 10/8 — Diocesan Marriage Jubilee, 4 p.m., Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
- 10/9 — RCIA session, 10 to 11 a.m.
- **10/25 — Pastoral Council, 6:30 p.m., gym**

**From the Deacon's Bench** The question that the prophet Habakkuk asks God is a question that most of us have probably asked at some time: "How long, O Lord? I cry for help but you do not listen!"

At some point, we will all know emotional or physical suffering. We ask God to give us relief, but sometimes it doesn't come. God's answer to Habakkuk is the same answer for all of us: be patient and wait!

Be patient? Wait? But we need help *now*! God tells Habakkuk (and us) that everything will be restored. It will come — but it will be in God's time, not ours. It may not even come during our physical life but in the next life.

So... what can we do now? God tells Habakkuk that "the just one, because of his faith, shall live." Faith is the key. It gives us hope that our situation is temporary. Faith helps us to be patient, with the assurance that God will see us through. We may not see the result in our lifetime, but again, faith is the one thing that will help us transition from this finite, imperfect life into perfection with God.

This is God's promise to those who trust and have faith: "Fulfillment ... will sure come, it will not be late."

**From Fr. Charles** At an early stage of my life, my parents taught me how to pray the Rosary. They always tell me that the Holy Rosary is so powerful because it aids in increasing one's focus and attention, the ability to relax and unwind, and promotes a restful night's sleep. The Rosary can also help to remove anxiety and fear, depression and stress caused by life's challenges.

As I grew into an adult with a continual daily recitation of the Holy Rosary, I discovered that praying the Rosary brings me closer to God and allows him to actively help me to overcome daily challenges. It strengthens my empathy, compassion and tolerance towards others, providing assurance and guidance in times of despair and hopelessness and increases my willpower and desires for goodness. It helps me to overcome temptations and the urge to sin. As a priest, I discovered that the Holy Rosary is a Christ-centered prayer. It helps us to remember and concentrate on the life of Christ, his teaching, and his self-given sacrifice. It re-affirms our faith in the Incarnation, the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus, as well as our faith in the great gift of the Holy Spirit. So, during this month of October, the Church encourages us to say our Rosary daily, privately, in groups, or with our families. The Pope says "it is preferable we say the Rosary in union with our family. It is a prayer of and for the family, thus it certainly brings them closer together. It is important not to lose this precious inheritance. As a Christian community with one faith, we shall be praying the Rosary together on Tuesday and Thursday during adoration at 1:10 pm, and Friday also during adoration at 6:30 pm., Saturday at 3:30 pm, and Sunday at 8:30 am.

**Friday Masses** Please note that beginning in October, our Friday Mass time will change to **7 p.m.** We will precede Mass with an hour of Adoration, and during October (the month of the Rosary), we will pray the Rosary at 6:30 p.m. *If you can help with leading the Rosary before each weekend Mass during the month of October, please contact our parish office!*

**RCIA schedule** Our RCIA team is ready for a brand-new year! Sessions are held on Sundays, 10 to 11 a.m. If you'd like to become Catholic, are missing one or more sacraments, or want to learn more about our Catholic faith, all are welcome! Our upcoming sessions are as follows: October 2<sup>nd</sup> (Mass/Church practices); October 9<sup>th</sup> (Baptism and Confirmation); and October 16<sup>th</sup> (Eucharist).

### October Intention from Pope Francis

During the month of October, Pope Francis asks us to pray with him for "A Church Open to Everyone": "*We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity, and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.*"

To see each of Pope Francis's monthly intentions, visit online: [catholic-link.org/images/popes-intentions-2022/](http://catholic-link.org/images/popes-intentions-2022/)



**BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL NEWS**

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**\*Thank you for your support!** We are incredibly grateful to everyone who supported our school through this year's Blessed Sacrament Family Festival on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>! Your donations will go directly to the students of Blessed Sacrament School to pay for equipment, technology, tuition assistance, art supplies, and more.

**\*Why we do what we do:** "Our challenge is to create a compassionate and just world for the young people in our care, to ensure the future we leave to them is guided and formed by the best of what we have learned over the course of our own history." ~*Dr. Giovanni Virgiglio, Superintendent of Schools*

**Annual Tuition Assistance Drive**

With school starting, so does our annual Tuition Assistance Drive. Letters have gone out to our regular donors and alumni, but we also appeal to new donors — and everyone — to support the Catholic education of our children. It costs about \$9,500 to educate each child in our school for a year. Due to your generosity over the years, we have been able to keep tuition relatively low: a child in grades K-8 is \$4,700; a second child in the same family is \$1,900; and we ask \$235 for each additional child. Tuition for three- and four-year-olds in Pre-K is \$5,460. Of course, the biggest and most important expense that tuition pays for is our teachers. Right now, our teachers' salaries average is only \$39,000, and we would like to be able to pay more reasonable and competitive salaries in the future. **We have received a matching grant from the Mons Concept Foundation, which will match all donations received for the school between September 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> up to \$125,000!** Please help us make this goal! Families and businesses might also consider becoming part of our Blessed Sacrament Angel Program, which supports a specific child or family for multiple years.

MAKE A DONATION



**Food Pantry** Our food pantry is open Mondays and Thursdays, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Currently, we especially need diapers (sizes 4 and 5), shampoo, toothpaste, dish detergent, and coffee. **Also, the Food Pantry needs volunteers on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. to help with greeting people and packing bags — and every other Tuesday around 9 a.m. to help unload the truck.**

**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. **The Boutique is currently looking for children's shoes and clothes in size 4 and up.** They will begin accepting Christmas items sometime in late October. Thank you for your donations that serve and support many people!

**Catholic Connections** Looking for some daily prayers? Download the "Amen" app on your smart device. It's a source for daily prayers and calming readings.

**Divorce and annulment talk**, On Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at Christ the King (20 Sumter Ave., Albany), Deacon Timothy McAuliffe (from All Saints Church) will speak on the topic of "Annulments, Divorce, and the Church." All are welcome!

**40 Days for Life Campaign** Prayer, fasting, and witness will take place in front of the Abortion Center from September 28<sup>th</sup> through November 6<sup>th</sup>, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. In Troy: public sidewalk at 120 Hoosick Street; in Albany: the bus stop located at 855 Central Avenue.



**Pakistani-Indian Community**

\*On Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Francis Tanveer will celebrate Mass in Urdu at 6 p.m.

\*As you may know, there has been severe flooding in Pakistan, and many parishioners want to help. We will take up a voluntary collection of blankets, clothing, nonperishable food items, and money to be sent through the Christian Fellowship Society in Pakistan. Please watch for more details.



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FRIDAYS, 6:30 PM ~ MASS AND ADORATION

**Stay Connected**

- Please visit and bookmark our parish website: [blessedsacramentalbany.org](http://blessedsacramentalbany.org)
  - "Like" our Facebook page: [Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church](https://www.facebook.com/BlessedSacramentCatholicChurch) (Sunday Masses are livestreamed here)
  - View our YouTube channel: [Blessed Sacrament Church](https://www.youtube.com/BlessedSacramentChurch), Albany, NY
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- Parish bulletin: Lisanne Jensen, editor — [bulletin.blessedsacrament@gmail.com](mailto:bulletin.blessedsacrament@gmail.com)

**Pastoral Council meeting** Mark your calendars! Blessed Sacrament's Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the gym.

**Over 50 Club** The Over 50 Club will meet on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:30 p.m. in the church hall. Please bring your lunch and a dessert to share. P.S. you can still sign up and pay \$20 for the November 7<sup>th</sup> chicken Parmesan dinner! Please call Anne Snyder for more information: (518) 869-5247.

**Third Order of St. Francis** Please note that our next meeting of the Third Order of St. Francis will take place on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> after Mass in the Chapel.

**Zach Williams bus trip** St. Matthew's in Voorheesville is offering a bus trip to see Zach Williams in concert at the Oncenter Crouse Hinds Theatre in Syracuse, on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. The bus will leave St. Matthew's at 3 p.m. A pricing structure is available for seating, and all prices include round-trip bus transportation. For more details, please contact Peggy McQuade at [st.mattswelcome@gmail.com](mailto:st.mattswelcome@gmail.com) or by phone at (518) 765-2805, ext. 14.

**Come and See** Discernment weekend for the Carmelite Sisters of the Aged and Infirm will be October 21<sup>st</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Teresa's Motherhouse, Germantown. Open to women ages 18 through 35. More details: [srmmaryod@stmhcs.org](mailto:srmmaryod@stmhcs.org) or (845) 768-2303.

**Faith Formation**

\*Our first in-person session was last Sunday, and it was so great to see everyone! Thank you to all the families, catechists, and Fr. Quinn who made the morning a great success! We can't wait until the next session on October 9<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't registered yet, **it's not too late!** Contact us at the e-mail address below. If you have registered, check your e-mail for the October Resources, which were sent out this week.

\*It's also not too late to volunteer! If you feel called to share your faith, please reach out. A special thank you to the wonderful folks who have already volunteered! Please keep them and all of our families and students in your prayers — especially the students making their Confirmation on November 16<sup>th</sup>! May they receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the courage to continue to live out their faith!

\*If you are still interested in registering or volunteering, or if you have any questions at all, please e-mail us at: [faithformationbsc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationbsc@gmail.com).

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(totals updated 9/18/22)

**Offertory Report**

Regular: \$5,941  
Catholic University of America: \$781  
Additional School: \$187

Thank you so much for your prayerful and generous support of our parish, school, community, and world!