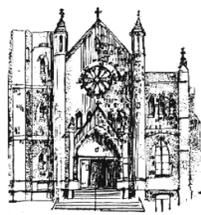


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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 18, 2022

Weekend Masses 4 p.m. Saturday

9 a.m. Sunday

Occasional Sunday 6 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 - 3:40 p.m. Saturday

Saturday 9/17/22 4:00 PM	Sunday 9/18/22 9:00 AM		Monday 9/19/22 7:00 AM
For the People ("Pro Populo")	† Deceased Members of the 3rd Order of St. Francis † Jean Fitzgerald † Joann Ricupero † Joe Camillo † Marjorie J. MyKeloff † Shirley Collier † Kathleen Purcell † James Murphy <i>Catechetical Sunday</i>		† Cecilia Sanz † Christopher McNeill Special Intention Health and Healing
Tuesday 9/20/22 - 12:00 PM	Wednesday 9/21/22 - 7:00 AM	Thursday 9/22/22 12:00 PM	Friday 9/23/22 - 12:00 PM
† Dorothea Bleakley 12:30 - 1:30 Confession & Adoration <i>Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang and companions, martyrs</i>	† Veronica Stefens <i>Feast of St. Matthew, apostle and evangelist</i>	† Felicia Heffernan † Charles 'Skip' Kilcullen † Frank Deso 12:30 - 1:30 Confession & Adoration	† Theda Brinker Michael Anthony Sparks <i>St. Pius of Pietrelcina, priest</i>

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

Funerals Glenn Smith

Baptisms Theodore Carcia
Madeline Chevalier

From the Pastor

Money is a wonderful tool. We can use it well, or not. Unfortunately, human nature is damaged in such a way that we can easily get in trouble with money. We see this same story play out throughout history, but to name just a couple of examples, we can look at the fascination with money that occurred during the industrial revolution, such that people cared more about it than their workers, or any financial crisis where people cared more about the money than their investors. The people in our readings today also do not use it well. In that first reading, Amos publicizes the way people have been acting: all they care about is money, they can't wait until their businesses can open again, and they fix their scales so they can rip people off. (Imagine going to the market and buying a pound of meat or cheese, to discover when you got home that you only have ¾ pound, because their scales had been rigged to rip you off. This is why they and all the gas pumps are inspected yearly by our Bureau of Weights and Measures.) So Amos warns these people that God is not going to look the other way, he's not going to forget the way they treat their neighbors.

Doing damage to people in one thing, but we can also neglect them. Not active harm, but passive neglect can also be damaging. We are taught to be our brother's keeper and to work against injustice. In what ways have we intentionally or unintentionally fixed out scales against our brothers and sisters or neglected to care enough to defend others when they are injured, even if I myself did no active harm?

Faith Formation

*If you registered for this year's Faith Formation program, you should have received an e-mail linking you to the first of our monthly resource packets. If you haven't registered yet, **it's not too late!** The first in-person session is scheduled for September 25th. Check your e-mail or contact us at the e-mail below to register.

*We are still looking for volunteers to assist with this year's program. If you feel called to share your faith, please reach out. A special thank you to those who have already volunteered — especially as we celebrate Catechetical Sunday, a day on which to acknowledge the dedication of those who serve as catechists in our parish family. We also honor parents and guardians on this day, because they are the true first catechists sharing the Catholic faith with their families.

*If you did not receive the registration e-mail, if you are interested in volunteering, or if you have any questions, please e-mail us at faithformationbsc@gmail.com.

Upcoming Dates

- 9/17 — Knights of Columbus to Auriesville
 - 9/18 — Ancient Order of Hibernians Pilgrimage to Auriesville; 12 p.m. BBQ, followed by a 3 p.m. Mass (*with Fr. Dan*)
 - 9/18 — Catechetical Sunday
- 9/18 — First RCIA session, 10 to 11 a.m.
- 9/18 — Third Order of St. Francis meeting, in the church following Mass (chapel)
 - 9/25 — First Faith Formation session
- 10/1 — Blessed Sacrament Family Festival
- 10/1- Christmas Fridays - 6 p.m. Confession/Benediction, 7 p.m. Mass
- 10/8 — Diocesan Marriage Jubilee, 4 p.m., Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
- 11/16 — Confirmation, 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Annual Family Festival We need baskets, jewelry, and gifts! Next to the raffle, the silent auction is the biggest money-maker of the festival. Last year, we had 40 silent auction gifts. This year, we hope to make it to 50. We are more than halfway there but only have a few more weeks to get the auction up and running online. You can either put together a themed basket or donate a new or previously owned item, such as jewelry, art, collectibles, etc. Please contact us ASAP!

Here is a preview of our scheduled festival activities:

- A **silent auction** through our parish website (September 18th through October 1st)
- **Raffle tickets** (available now through October 1st)
- A **chicken BBQ takeout meal** (on October 1st from 4 to 6 p.m.)
- **Fun activities in the school gym** (October 1st from 3 to 6 p.m.).



BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL NEWS

We are centered in the Catholic faith, focused on excellence in education, and offer instruction for three-year-olds through Grade 8. Interested in learning more? Please contact our office and schedule an in-person tour: (518) 438-5854 or info@blessedsacramentschool.net.

***Back-to-School Night** (for kindergarten through Grade 8) will take place on Tuesday, September 27th from 7 to 8:30

p.m. (Parents/guardians only; no students.) Meet in the school gym first, then proceed to your child's homeroom. Check your student's take-home folder for the flyer with complete information.

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 Conceptit Foundation, which will match all donations received for the school between September 1st and December 31st 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!

Praying the Rosary We are in need of people to lead the Rosary before each weekend Mass during the month of October. Please contact our parish office if you are able to help. October is the month of the Most Holy Rosary.

Catholic Connections National Migration Week (September 19th through 25th) is an opportunity to reflect on circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. More information: <https://justiceformigrants.org/take-action/national-migration-week/>.

Pakistani-Indian Community

*We will celebrate "Ziarat-e-Muqds Maryam" on Saturday, October 1st at Immaculate Conception Church, located at 732 U.S. Route 20 in New Lebanon.

*Fr. Francis Tanveer will celebrate Mass in Urdu at Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, September 18th at 6 p.m.

*As you may know, there has been severe flooding in Pakistan — and many parishioners want to help. We will be

taking 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 to come.



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MASS SCHEDULE: SUNDAYS, 9:30 AM (ENGLISH) AND 12:00 PM (SPANISH)
FRIDAYS, 6:30 PM ~ MASS AND ADORATION

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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- ◆ 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
- ◆ E-mail: blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com
- ◆ myParishApp - text **app** to **55321**

Come and See Discernment weekend for the Carmelite Sisters of the Aged and Infirm will be October 21st through 23rd at St. Teresa's Motherhouse, Germantown. Open to women ages 18 through 35. For more details, e-mail armaryod@stmhcs.org or call (845) 768-2303.

Faith in Film series If you attended any of the films in our series this summer, please join the organizing committee on Zoom for a general discussion on Monday, September 19th at 7 p.m. Please contact Meg McCarthy in St. Vincent's parish office to receive the Zoom link: (518) 369-3502 or e-mail: secretary@stvincentalbany.org

Rosary Guild Please note that the Rosary Guild's next meeting has been postponed until October. Please watch for details about an exact date to be announced.

Guest speaker St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville is honored to host guest speaker Nikki Kinglsey, a Christian convert and evangelist, on Thursday, September 29th at 7 p.m. Nikki offers a compelling story and shares her mystical experiences, which prompted her to reconsider her faith.

Basketball at Russell Sage A Sage Gators Fall Break Basketball Skills Clinic for boys ages 10 to 17 will be held on October 10th at Russell Sage College, Albany campus. For more information, please contact Brian Barnes at (518) 292-1969 or by e-mail barneb@sage.edu. You can download brochures at sagegators.com.



Blessed Sacrament is in first place!

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!

September Bonus Points:

- 3x: J. Crew, Lids, BoxLunch, Cinnabon
- 4x: Zales, Children's Place, H&M, and Sephora

Collections & Financial Support



New Furnace 2020		\$52,000 100% paid!
Parking Lot Paving & Painting 2021		\$3,455 (24% paid)
Sound System Upgrades 2019-2022		\$9,943 (61% paid)
Organ Repair 2021		\$28,030 of \$46,400 (60% paid)

(totals updated 9/18/22)

Offertory Report

Regular: \$5,675
Fuel: \$1,482

Our next second collection will be taken on September 25th and will benefit the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. It is the only higher education institution founded by U.S. Catholic bishops.

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