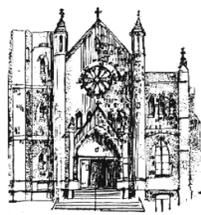


CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 4, 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

<p>Saturday 9/3/22 4:00 PM</p> <p>For the People ("Pro Populo")</p> <p><i>Memorial, St. Gregory the Great</i></p>	<p>Sunday 9/4/22 9:00 AM</p> <p>✠ Mary Ellen Kalled ✠ Ercole Fioravanti ✠ James Murphy ✠ Karen Elder ✠ Judith C Early ✠ Rose & Nicholas Soldevere ✠ Cosimo, Maria, Joann Ricupero</p>	<p>Monday 9/5/22 9:00 AM</p> <p>✠ Angela Pochman ✠ Donald Eldridge Nicole Tzitporah Sam Feinberg Jim Smith</p> <p><i>Labor Day</i></p>	
<p>Tuesday 9/6/22 - 12:00 PM</p> <p>✠ Fr. James Fitzmaurce</p> <p>12:30 - 1:30 Confession & Adoration</p>	<p>Wednesday 9/7/22 - 7:00 AM</p> <p>✠ Helen & Stephen Zakens (ann) ✠ James Bleakley</p>	<p>Thursday 9/8/22 12:00 PM</p> <p>✠ Nancy Rielly Janice & Bob Mittler (ann)</p> <p>12:30 - 1:30 Confession & Adoration <i>Feast of the Nativity of Mary</i></p>	<p>Friday 9/9/22 - 9:00 AM</p> <p>Michael Anthony Sparks</p>

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

Funerals Josephine Keegan

Baptisms

From the Deacon's Bench

In 1869 British philosopher John Stuart Mills wrote a classic book called "On Liberty." The book was about leadership in government and what models worked best for the people. He had theory in his book that stated a good form government could also be a "Benevolent Dictator" who treated people fairly and with justice. The dictator would let people live their lives and he would only interfere if necessary. This is just a theory, because as we know there are no benevolent dictators in the world today. But there was one shining moment when the world saw a great benevolent dictator, and that was King Solomon whom we read about in our first reading. He was the son of the great King David, and he ruled about 970-931 BC. Solomon was unlike any other monarch in history. He didn't pray for more riches or power. His only concern was for the people of Israel, so he prayed to God asking for the wisdom to be just and fair.

God answered Solomon's prayer and made him the most just king in history. You may be familiar with the story of two women who both claimed a baby was theirs. Solomon said that the baby would be cut in half, and both women would receive an equal share. The woman who was not the real mother agreed, but the real mother told Solomon to give her son to the other woman so he might at least live. Solomon then gave the child back to his birth mother.

I will never be as wise as King Solomon, but I do ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom and guidance to help get me through my day. We all have access to the Holy Spirit to help us when we are faced with an important decision. The Spirit, is that part of God that dwells inside us. It is that quiet voice that tells us what we ought to do. Listen to that soft voice.

Faith Formation

*Thank you to everyone who came to our **parish picnic!** We had a great turnout and are looking forward to many more fun gatherings to come! A special thanks to all the volunteers, including our Confirmation candidates, and the Holy Names Society who made this event possible. All leftover food was handed out in downtown Albany to those in need.

*If you registered for this year's **Faith Formation program**, you will receive an e-mail this week linking you to the first of our monthly resource packets. If you haven't registered yet, it's not too late. The first session is scheduled for September 25th. Check your e-mail for information about registering for this year's program.

*We are also looking for **volunteers** to assist with this year's program in a variety of ways. If you or anyone you know has a desire to share your faith, please reach out. Remember — God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies those called! Being involved in the Faith Formation process allows you to not only experience the joy of sharing God's love with our parish families but also deepens your own faith. If you did not receive the registration e-mail, if you are interested in volunteering, or if you have any questions at all, please e-mail us at faithformationbsc@gmail.com.

Upcoming Dates

- 9/5 — Labor Day (*parish offices closed*)
- 9/6 — HOPE Group meeting, 6 p.m. in the church (*led by Deacon Gerry*)
 - 9/7 — Holy Names Society meeting, 7 p.m. (*all men are invited*)
- 9/12 — Over 50 Club meeting, 12:30 p.m.
- 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
- 10/1 — Blessed Sacrament Family Festival

Please note that our parish offices will be closed on Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day.

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 50. We are over 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 but by September 9th. **A preview of festival activities:** a Silent Auction on our website from September 18th through October 1st; raffle tickets available now through October 1st; chicken BBQ takeout October 1st from 4 to 6 p.m.; and activities in the school gym October 1st from 3 to 6 p.m. More information to follow!

September Intention from Pope Francis: Abolition of the Death Penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.



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.

*We are currently accepting donations of **school supplies**, pens, pencils, crayons, notebooks, and binders. Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness!

*Our 2022-2023 academic calendar can be found on our school website as well as our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BlessedSacramentSchoolAlbany>.

Annual Tuition Assistance Drive With school starting soon, 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 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 1st and December 31st up to \$125,000! Please help us to 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.

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. Thank you so much for your continued 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. Thank you for your donations that serve many people and support our parish's many ministries!

RCIA Are you interested in becoming Catholic, missing one or more of the sacraments, or want to know more about the Catholic faith in general? Our *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (RCIA) ministry is here to accompany you wherever you are along your faith journey! Our group for 2022-2023 will be starting in mid September. Please contact our parish office if you are interested in joining us!

Catholic Connections In honor of this Labor Day weekend, check out The Catholic Labor Network's article about labor unions: <https://catholiclabor.org/unions-have-always-been-a-crucial-part-of-participation-by-workers/>.

"The Chosen" All Saints (16 Homestead St., Albany) is excited to present its first *Faith in Film* eight-week series starting Friday, September 9th at 5:30 p.m. There is no

Flood Victims in Pakistan As you may know, there has been severe flooding in Pakistan, and many of our parishioners, being from there, desire to help. We will taking up a voluntary collection of blankets, clothing, non-perishable food, and even money, to be sent through the Christian Fellowship Society in Pakistan. Please be attentive for more details.



Pakistani-Indian Community

Save the date! We will celebrate "Ziarat-e-Muqdsa Maryam" on October 1st at Immaculate Conception Church, 732 U.S. Route 20, New Lebanon. Also, Fr. Francis Tanveer will be celebrating Masses in Urdu at Blessed Sacrament on September 4th and 18th at 6 p.m.



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

Our parish is currently seeking Youth Group leaders. You'll work with two to three other adults to plan monthly activities for 12- to 20-year-olds in our church community. Please contact Teresa Crasto-Donnelly at teresacrasto@gmail.com.

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

Spam reminder We are aware that there is another e-mail appearing to be sent from Fr. Quinn requesting help with something. Please know that this message is **not** from Fr. Quinn. When in doubt, please check the sender's e-mail address to ensure that it comes from our actual parish account: blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com.

Holy Names Society Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 7th at 7 p.m. in the church. All parish men are invited. Any parishioner may request raffle tickets (a minimum of five). Please e-mail Gene at loparco8888@yahoo.com or call (518) 456-4667 with your address for the self-addressed stamped envelope and tickets. Tickets are also available at the church annex office desk before weekend Masses.

Over 50 Club The Over 50 Club will be meeting September 12th at 12:30 p.m. Our \$2 dues are due. We will also be signing up for our November 7th Chicken Parmesan dinner. Please call (518) 869-5247 for info.

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 29th. 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 or (518) 765-2805, ext. 14.



August results are in and 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, Sephora

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		\$2,875 of \$14,450 (20% paid)
Sound System Upgrades 2019-2022		\$9,733 of \$16,071 (60% paid)
Organ Repair 2021		\$23,000 of \$46,400 (49% paid)

(figures updated as of 6/30/22)

Offertory Report

Regular: \$4,461
Home Mission: \$1,013

Please prayerfully consider how you can support our parish, school, and community. Thank you for your generosity!