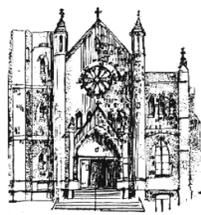


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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 9, 2022

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

Weekday Masses as scheduled in bulletin

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

Occasional Sunday 6 p.m. Mass in Urdu

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

<u>Saturday 10/8/22 — 4:00 PM</u>		<u>Sunday 10/9/22 — 9:00 AM</u>		<u>Monday 10/10/22 — 7:00 AM</u>	
✠ Marjorie Schultz	✠ William McDonald	For the People ("Pro Populo")		✠ Clyde Eidens	
✠ William (Bill) Bassotti	✠ Albert J. Anderson				
✠ Ruth Brown					
<u>Tuesday 10/11/22 — 12:00 PM</u>		<u>Wednesday 10/12/22 7:00 AM</u>		<u>Thursday 10/13/22 — 12 PM</u>	
✠ Katie Lynch Farrell	✠ Casey Ryan Lynch	Cesar Bas		✠ Robert Mittler ✠ Ralph Deso Christina Kim	
✠ John & Mary Lynch	✠ Cecelia Parkinson				
Andrew Kim				Friday 10/14/22 6 PM Adoration; 7 PM Mass	
12:30 -1:30 Confession & Adoration					
				✠ Joseph & Frances Bologna ✠ Mayer & Honikel Families Michael Anthony Sparks	

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

Funerals

Baptisms

Upcoming Dates

From Fr. Charles

God has blessed us with many magnificent things in our lives, including good parents, husband, wife, children, siblings, friends, and even material and spiritual things. Having upon us all these unmerited blessings, have we ever pondered, counted, and been grateful for them — and returned a joyful thanks to God?

Today's Gospel story tells us of a non-Jewish leper who returned to thank Jesus for healing him while the other nine Jewish lepers went their separate ways. Jesus told the returned Samaritan and the crowd rhetorically, "Your faith has saved you."

We are called to grow into that same vision of faith by simply saying "Thank you, God!" — or we can express the same vision of faith of the Samaritan by offering the grace before meals. By radiating God's love, mercy, and compassion to all we encounter, including our families and friends. By taking good care of our old and sick parents for the loving sacrifices they made in raising us. By sharing our time, talents, and material blessings with others. Because so much in life is a gift, which has its ultimate origin in God, the greatest giver.

Let us see all of life with the eyes of faith and respond to this recognition by praising and thanking God with all our hearts. Today, let us take a minute to say this beautiful thankful prayer:

"Lord, I do thank You for the countless blessings that You have bestowed upon me throughout my life. I thank You for the ways in which You have graced me, led, and healed me. Help me to see clearly all that You have done and continue to do for me. As I see these blessings, help me to daily express my gratitude in faith. Jesus, I trust in You."

Faith Formation

*Our next in-person session is this Sunday, and we can't wait to see everyone again! If you haven't registered yet, **it's not too late!** Contact us at the e-mail below. If you have registered, make sure to check your e-mail for the October Resource packet that was sent out last 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 16th! 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.

- 10/9 — RCIA session (sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation), 10 to 11 a.m.
- 10/10 — Columbus Day (**parish offices closed**)
 - 10/16 — RCIA session (Eucharist), 10 to 11 a.m.
- 10/16 — Third Order of St. Francis meeting (after Mass in the Chapel)
 - 10/16 — Mass in Urdu, 6 p.m.
- 10/23 — RCIA session (Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick), 10 to 11 a.m.
- 10/25 — Pastoral Council, 6:30 p.m., gym
- 11/7 — Over 50 Club chicken Parmesan dinner

Help wanted Blessed Sacrament Church is looking for a bookkeeper, part-time, with at least two years of bookkeeping experience and knowledge or ability to learn *Parish Data Systems* (PDS) and the *FACTS* system. If you are interested in applying, please submit your resume to blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com or call our parish office for more information: (518) 482-3375.

Rosary Guild Our next Rosary Guild meeting will be Thursday, October 13th at 12:30 p.m. in the church basement. This meeting will include our Comfort Bag collection for Albany's Christ Child Society. Subs will be served; all women of the parish are welcome.

HOPE Group Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Our parish is here to support you. Our HOPE group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the church and is led by Deacon Gerry. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 8th.

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."*



BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL NEWS

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***Trick-or-treat!** We are hoping to offer trick-or-treating for our young students at the school. We put together an Amazon wishlist of items that we would like to hand out to the children. Any items purchased from this list will be sent directly to us. (If you would prefer to purchase a bag of candy and drop it off at our parish office, you can do that, too!) Thank you for your consideration!

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3U91MY6A67EE6>

***Student Council meeting:** On Monday, October 3rd, we held our first Student Council meeting in more than two years! The council is currently under the leadership of Mr. Harrison, and we are incredibly grateful to him for his dedication to our students. Council members are currently planning their campaign speeches for our school election on October 17th. Stay tuned for election results! Also, each month the Student Council plans a school event. The first event that they have chosen to plan is a middle-school Halloween Dance!

***Recycling efforts:** Also on October 3rd was "e-Recycle Day"! We recycled broken Chromebooks, shattered monitors, and old SmartBoards. Thank you to Upcycle for providing this wonderful service!

***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 Catholic education for 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. The biggest 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 being 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. We especially need diapers (sizes 4 and 5), shampoo, toothpaste, dish and laundry detergent, and coffee. **The Food Pantry needs volunteers Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. to help with greeting people and packing bags.**

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 in 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 looking for children's shoes and clothes in size 4 and up.** They will begin accepting Christmas items November 1.

Holy Names Society Here are the winners of our recent raffle: 1st place (\$200), Linda Loparco; 2nd place (\$50), Steve (CDTA). Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 2nd. All parish men are invited to attend. \$1 raffle tickets are available at the rectory or at the lobby table on Saturdays at 4 p.m. or Sundays at 9 a.m. Also, you can e-mail Gene Loparco at loparco8888@yahoo.com or call (518) 456-4667 to receive tickets.

Pakistani-Indian Community

*On Sunday, October 16th, 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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- Please visit and bookmark our parish website: 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
- E-mail: blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com
 - myParishApp — text app to 55321
 - Parish bulletin: Lisanne Jensen, editor: bulletin.blessedsacrament@gmail.com

MAKE A DONATION



Children's literacy Albany's Christ Child Society will hold a drive-through Children's Book Drive on Saturday, November 5th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the driveway in front of the Faith Formation Office at St. Madeleine Sophie Church, 3500 Carman Rd., Schenectady. Children's board books, hardcover books, paperbacks, picture books, early readers, chapter books, and young-adult books are welcomed. Books in Spanish, Urdu, Mandarin Chinese, and Arabic are gladly accepted. Between Monday, October 31st and Friday, November 4th, there will be covered bins on the school's front porch as a collection point (checked regularly). Please contact Kathy Decatur if you have any questions: (518) 630-6226 or kat5809dec@aol.com.

Open house Explore the benefits of an all-girls' education! Join Academy of the Holy Names on Thursday, November 3rd at 5 p.m. for their Fall Open House for girls (Grades 6-12). The Academy is located at 1075 New Scotland Rd. in Albany. Register online at www.ahns.org or contact Ann Rento: (518) 438-7895, ext. 202, or arento@ahns.org.

Shopping pass Please consider helping Blessed Sacrament School by purchasing a 25% off shopping pass for Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" event. Passes are for Wednesday, October 19th from 8 a.m. until 11 p.m. The pass entitles you to a 25% discount on all purchases on that date at any Boscov's store. Passes are available at our parking lot entrance or rectory. Remember: save all receipts for October School Bucks!



The School Bucks program runs January through December and earns points (money!) for our school. If you shop at Colonie Center, please keep your receipts! They 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). Here are 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 our parish office to register and want them back, please let us know and we will mail them to you. Dining out, including the food court and B.J.'s Brewhouse, are included ... so register or send us receipts!

October Bonus Points:

- 3x: Hallmark, GNC, J. Crew Factory, and Grill & Wraps
- 4x: H&M, Statham's Cake, Lids, and Sephora

Offertory Report

Regular: \$5,831
Pakistani Relief: \$842

Our second collection this weekend will be taken up for "School Support." Thank you so much for your prayerful support of our parish, school, community, and world!

Collections and Financial Support



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

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)

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