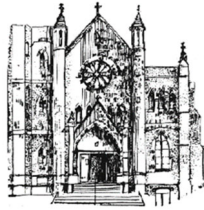


# CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

607 Central Avenue  
Albany, New York 12206-1918



Established 1902



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 28, 2024

**Weekend Masses** — 4 p.m. Saturdays; 9 a.m. Sundays; 6 p.m. Sundays (Urdu)

**Weekday Masses** — As scheduled below

**Adoration** — 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays

**Reconciliation (Confession)** — 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays;  
3 to 3:40 p.m. Saturdays

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<p><b>Saturday 1/27/24 — 4:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>Pro Populo</b> "For the people of the parish"</p>	<p><b>Sunday 1/28/24 — 9:00 AM</b></p> <p>♥ Tammy Forster ✠ Carmella DiCarlo ✠ Beverly J Sears ✠ Guy Obru</p> <p>✠ Michael A Michaela ✠ Nora Roback ✠ Frederick James Finn, Jr.</p> <p><b>6:00 PM — Urdu</b></p> <p><i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p><b>Monday 1/29/24 — 7:00 AM</b></p> <p>✠ Casper Eutline</p>	
<p><b>Tuesday 1/30/24 — 12:00 PM</b></p> <p>12:30-1:30 — Confession &amp; Adoration</p>	<p><b>Wed. 1/31/24 — 7:00 AM</b></p> <p>✠ Nolasco Bandlin ✠ Sean Meher</p> <p><i>Memorial, St. John Bosco</i></p>	<p><b>Thursday 2/1/24 — 12:00 PM</b></p> <p>✠ Hilah Greci ✠ Laura Till ✠ Laurence Gallo</p> <p>✠ Nikola Audino ✠ Bianca Audino ✠ Pierino Siorenza</p> <p>12:30-1:30 — Confession &amp; Adoration</p>	<p><b>Friday 2/2/24 — 12:00 PM</b></p> <p>♥ Michael Anthony Sparks ✠ Agostinho Ribiero ✠ Nora Prall</p> <p><i>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</i></p>

Please note: Mass intentions with a ✠ indicate that the person is deceased; ♥ indicates that the person is alive.

## Funerals

## Baptisms

### From the Pastor's Desk

The Jewish synagogue, in ancient times and today, is a place for prayer, but also a place for learning. With God especially, but with most fields of study, there is always more to learn, and always more that can be learned. To listen to a great teacher then, no matter how old we are, is a great privilege, and is an opportunity to expand our understanding, and if not our understanding (maybe we're just not getting it), at least our *wonder*. We can still expand in our appreciation of the wonders of the world without the having to comprehend it all. We can rest in the mystery. And this is why it's important that these were places of learning *and* of prayer, because our relationship with the truths of the universe isn't just a mental exercise of learning facts, but the sort of work that goes into a relationship. With a loved one we spend an entire life constantly getting to know each other better, and enjoying the ups and downs of life together. This is true of our relationship with God! It involves both our head and our heart.

Therefore, when Jesus enters in synagogue in today's Gospel reading, we see just how impressed the people were with Jesus. They were impressed at his teaching, the things he had to say and his explanations of the world and of their faith. They were also impressed by his power, of course. But they were also impressed by his personality, his way of being. They wanted to get to know him, to "follow" him (literally on foot, not simply online!), so that they wouldn't miss out on a life together with him.

These same opportunities are open to us! The relationship and the knowledge and the wisdom an the life spent together with our Lord.

### From Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

It was great to see everyone last week! Our next session is next Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, and as usual, we will begin with Mass at 9 a.m., move to the school for some snacks and breakout sessions, and end at 11:30 a.m. Please pray for our sacramental program participants, especially Norah, Jeremiah, McKenna, Thomas, Samantha, and Nicholas, who will be receiving their First Reconciliation next month. Watch your e-mails for February resources, which will include all things LENT, coming soon! If you are interested in learning more about the Faith Formation program, registering for classes, or volunteering, please e-mail us at [faithformationbsc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationbsc@gmail.com).



## Upcoming Dates

- 2/4 — Next Faith Formation session
- 2/7 — HNS meeting, 7 p.m.
- 2/14 — Ash Wednesday
- 2/19 — Presidents' Day (*parish offices closed*)

**Vocations** Fr. Brian Kelly, pastor of St. Ambrose (Latham) and Most Holy Trinity (Cohoes) has been appointed by Bishop Scharfenberger as the Vicar for Vocations.

**Lent at St. Vincent's** Planning is happening for Lent all around town! St. Vincent de Paul: "Faith on Film" movie series, Saturdays at 2 p.m.: 2/17, *Chocolat*; 2/24, *Grapes of Wrath*; 3/2, *St. Vincent*; 3/9, *Field of Dreams*; 3/16, *Brooklyn*; and 3/24, *Jesus of Montreal*;

"Learning to Walk in the Dark" Zoom-based book discussion group, Tuesdays, February 13<sup>th</sup>- March 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.

"Sin, Repentance, and Conversion" Zoom-based presentations by Fr. Ken Himes, OFM, Wednesdays, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.;

**Sisterhood of Salaam/Shalom Jewish/Muslim panel discussion**, Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:45-10:45 a.m.;

"Roots: Two Truths in One Heart; Two Peoples in One Land" presentation by Noor Awad and Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger on grassroots peacemaking efforts in Palestine and Israel, Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-9:30 p.m.;

**Dan Schutte Evening of Song**, Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30-8:30 p.m.;

**Day of Prayer**, Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30-noon;

**Stations of the Cross**, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 3 p.m.

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 18:15-20

**Responsorial:** Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 32-35

**Gospel:** Mark 1:21-28

## Weekly Updates from Blessed Sacrament School

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### ✠ Catholic Schools Week 2024 begins this Sunday!

It's a week to celebrate all that is wonderful about a Catholic education, including community, faith, unity, and fun! Highlights of this week at Blessed Sacrament School will include: Mass on Sunday at 9 a.m., an open house on Sunday from 10-11 a.m., an art show at the Empire State Plaza running all week, Sr. Patricia's food drive, ice skating, bounce houses, and much more!

★ **Beacon of Hope:** This year's recipient is Mrs. Danielle Donohue. Congratulations! Donations can be made online through the Beacon of Hope website: <https://igfn.us/vf/BOH2024>.

✠ **Food Drive:** As part of our Catholic Schools Week celebration, you can drop off nonperishable food items to our school office any time! BSS, All Saints, and Mater Christi students have an ambitious goal of collecting 3,000 items by Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>! Please see our Food Pantry bulletin text below for a list of currently needed items.

➤ **Save the Date:** Our first-ever Central Albany Catholic Schools Reunion will be held at BSS on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 5-7 p.m.! Be on the lookout for more details to come.

**Food Pantry** We're proud to announce that in 2022, we served a total of 1,760 households (1,168 children, 2,858 adults, and 548 seniors). In 2023, we served 2,761 households (2,059 children, 4,411 adults, and 864 seniors). Thanks to your continuous generosity, our food pantry was still able to serve the large increase in guests needing assistance! We're open Mondays and Thursdays, 10-11:30 a.m., and need Spanish-speaking volunteers. Please contact our parish office if you feel called to help! All nonperishable food donations are welcome, but right now we especially need *pasta, coffee, peanut butter, jelly, laundry soap, bar soap, and shampoo*. Also, this month, our food pantry will receive \$1 for every specially marked Bloomin' 4 Good flower bouquet purchased at the Hannaford in Windsor Plaza, Colonie (96 Wolf Rd.). *You only have a few more days!*

**The Boutique** We're open on Saturdays, 9 a.m.-noon, and accept donations on Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m.-noon. Please note that we cannot accept Christmas and spring/summer clothes at this time but currently have a great need for men's and children's winter coats!

**Women's Luncheon** The New York Capital District Christian Women's Connection is sponsoring its February 2024 luncheon on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at the Guilderland Elks Lodge, 3867 Carman Rd., Schenectady beginning at 11:30 a.m. and ending at approximately 1:30 p.m. Please be prompt. Your reservation is necessary no later than February 7<sup>th</sup>, and notifying about cancellations is a must. Please call Nancy at (518) 320-2649 or Mae at (518) 895-8977 for reservations. On the menu this month is a roast beef dinner with cherry pie, with an alternative choice of grilled chicken salad. The cost is \$17 inclusive (cash only). The speaker will be Jennifer Ebaugh from Evan City, PA, speaking about "Running to Win" (sharing about choices and consequences). As for the feature, again this year will be Steve Caporizzo, News 10's chief meteorologist. Music will be provided by Joe Kriss (Mr. Sinatra). All are welcome; bring a friend!

**Vacation Bible School** Grab your shiny armor and trusty steed ... and prepare for a fun and faith-filled week of "Keepers of the Kingdom" VBS at Christ the King (20 Sumter Ave., Albany)! The VBS is open to children entering preschool (age 4) through Grade 5 in Fall 2024, and the cost is \$30 per family. Activities will include Bible adventures, outdoor games, themed snacks, arts and crafts, service projects, prayer, and much more. Register here: <http://tinyurl.com/2p8cnaey>.

**Rachel's Vineyard** Hurting from an abortion? Experience Jesus's healing love on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat, May 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> at the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center, Niskayuna. The weekend will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, Reconciliation, a memorial service, and a Mass of Entrustment. Participation is strictly confidential. The cost is \$195; financial assistance is available. To register: (518) 222-1160 or [rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com).



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- 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
- myParishApp — text **app** to **55321**
- Parish bulletin: [bulletin.blessedsacrament@gmail.com](mailto:bulletin.blessedsacrament@gmail.com)

**Rosary Guild News** All are invited to attend our upcoming Rosary Guild annual Baby Shower on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at noon. More information is coming!

**RCIA Schedule** Here are our next upcoming sessions: February: 2/4, the Creed; 2/11, Lent; 2/18, the Rite of Sending/Rite of Election; and 2/25, the Samaritan woman at the well.

**Holy Name Society** Our next raffle drawing and meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. There will be a Valentine's Day third raffle prize of \$25. All parish men are invited to attend. Any questions, please call treasurer Gene Loparco at (518) 265-0242 or send an e-mail: [loparco88888@yahoo.com](mailto:loparco88888@yahoo.com).

**School Bucks Winners** Please come support our school when the School Bucks winners are announced on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. in Colonie Center Mall's main courtyard (by Boscovs).

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths." ~Proverbs 3:5-6*



### Colonie Center Mall School Bucks

After shopping and dining at Colonie Center Mall, place your original receipt(s) in the drop box at the Security Desk (located near the Regal entrance) or show your original receipts at the Management Office (located past the bathrooms near Sephora) to accumulate points for your school. Shoppers must specify which participating school to allocate the points to. **For every dollar spent at Colonie Center, your school will receive 2 points!** At the end of the year, 10 monetary prizes will be awarded to participating schools based on the schools' total points — and **first place earns \$8,000!** 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 would like to have them back, let us know and we'll mail them back to you. Dining out, including the food court and B.J.'s Brewhouse, are included.

### January 2024

**3X:** Sephora, Express Factory Outlet, Famous Footwear, and P.F. Chang's  
**4X:** H&M, Daily Thread, Five Below, and Cinnabon

**1,000 bonus points will be awarded for every Five Below receipt submitted!**

### Offertory Report

Regular: \$5,954  
Christmas: \$125

*Our second collection this weekend will be for fuel.*



### Urdu Community of Blessed Sacrament Church

*Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support! God bless you!*



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### Collections and Financial Support



Refinishing Gymnasium Floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	2% paid; need \$4,800
New Nativity Figures - Christmas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	100% paid
Parking Lot Paving & Painting	<input type="checkbox"/>	59% paid; need \$6,395