

**PARISH MINISTRY NEWS**

\*The **Over 50 Club** will meet on April 1<sup>st</sup>. No fooling! Bring your lunch, beverage, and something to share. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will be available. For more information, please call Anne Snyder at (518) 869-5247.

\*The **Rosary Guild's Baby Shower and Luncheon** will be Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at noon in the school hall. Albany's Christ Child Society makes layettes for new mothers in need. They need blankets, sweater sets, Pampers diapers, onesies, and baby outfits size 0 to 3 months up to 9 months. You can bring baby items to the Rectory during the week or to Masses on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

\*Join us at the Pine Hills Branch of the Albany Public Library, Wednesdays @ 12:30, for Round IV of **Tea & Short Reads**, our little book club. The stories themselves are available, under the "Events" menu on our website.

April 10 — *The Evil Eye* by Mary Shelley

April 17 — *When Great Trees Fall* by Maya Angelou

April 24 — *The Appropriation of Cultures*, Percival Everett

May 1 — *The Book of the Dead* by Muriel Rukeyser

May 8 — *The Gilded Six-Bits* by Zora Neale Hurston

May 15 — *Middle Passage* by Robert Hayden

\*We'd like to bring back a craft table for our next **Family Festival** on September 29<sup>th</sup>. We need to know if we can expect enough donations for a craft booth. If you're able to donate your creations, please call the rectory at (518) 482-3375 or the school at (518) 438-5854 or drop a note in the collection basket. Also, we'd like to create some new game booths for our next festival. If you have carpentry skills and would be able to donate your time, please let us know!

\***Holy Name Society:** All parish men are invited to our April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting at 7 p.m. in the church basement's "Forman Room" (only four officers attend). Gene Loparco will mail tickets for April. Any parishioner may request tickets to be mailed or get them from the officers or in the rectory.

\*March 25<sup>th</sup> marked the fourth anniversary of the launch of **Walking with Moms in Need**. To celebrate this exciting milestone, we're sharing a series of weekly videos offering insight and tips on some of our most popular topics. Each short video will provide answers to common questions and ideas for overcoming obstacles that we often receive from parish leaders and volunteers. Keep an eye on your inbox for new videos to help your parish in its efforts to increase support for pregnant and parenting mothers in need. Together, we look forward to the day when any woman facing a challenging or unexpected pregnancy — or parenting in difficult circumstances — can turn to her local Catholic church to be connected with the resources and support she needs. To sign up for e-mails, watch the videos, and learn more, visit <https://www.walkingwithmoms.com>.

**UPCOMING DATES**

- 4/6 - "Awesome April" Spring Raffle and Chicken Parmesan Dinner, 5-7 p.m.
- 4/7 - Divine Mercy Sunday, 3 p.m. Chaplet followed by 3:30 p.m. Mass
- 4/7 - Rosary Guild baby shower
- 4/22 - Earth Day
- 4/28 - First Eucharist, 9 a.m. Mass
- 5/18 - Deacon Anthony Onu Ordination, 10 a.m. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
- 5/19 - Fr. Anthony Onu's First Mass @ Blessed Sacrament 1:00 pm, reception to following



**FOOD PANTRY**

**Currently needed: personal hygiene items, shampoo, soap, menstrual products, toothbrushes, and toothpaste.** Our food pantry is open Mondays and Thursdays, 10-11:30 a.m. We currently need Spanish-speaking volunteers! If you can help, please let our parish office know!

**THE BOUTIQUE**

**We are currently looking for children's clothes (especially girls' clothing).** The Boutique is open on Saturdays, 9 a.m.-noon, and accepts donations on Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m.-noon. Right now, we're accepting all seasons clothing. We cannot accept Christmas items now.



**Colonie Center School Bucks Program**

Don't forget to register your receipts when shopping at Colonie Center

**April Bonus Points Opportunities**

**3X:** Nordstrom Rack, Zales, Regal Cinema, Sbarro

**4X:** PF Changs, H&M, Five Below, Cinnabon

**1,000 bonus points for each Regal Cinema visit receipt handed in!**



**OFFERTORY REPORT**

**Regular: \$6,531; Easter Flowers: \$105**

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

*Our parish bulletin is provided by:*



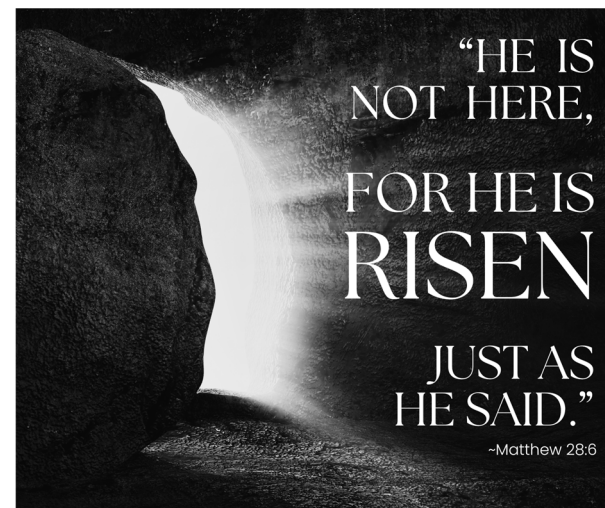
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**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH**

607 CENTRAL AVE., ALBANY, NY 12206

*I am  
the resurrection  
and the life.*

*- John 11:25*



**31 MARCH  
2024**

**EASTER SUNDAY  
THE RESURRECTION  
OF THE LORD**

<p><b>SATURDAY, 3/30/24 — 7:30 PM</b></p> <p>Pro Populo "For the people of the parish"</p> <p><i>Easter Vigil</i></p>	<p><b>SUNDAY, 3/31/24 9 AM</b> Tony &amp; Shirley Collier Dawn Crouch Silue Kanigui <b>11 AM</b> Mary Ellen Kalled <b>4 PM — URDU</b> <i>Easter Sunday</i></p>
<p><b>MONDAY, 4/1/24 — 7 AM</b></p> <p>✠ Laura Till ✠ Jack &amp; Brian Cromie</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY, 4/2/24 — 12 PM</b> <i>12:30-1:30 p.m., Confession &amp; Adoration</i></p> <p>✠ Helen &amp; Stephen Zakens ✠ James B Ryan ✠ Frances Weir</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY, 4/3/24 — 7 AM</b></p> <p>✠ Mary Fenn</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY, 4/4/24 — 12 PM</b> <i>12:30-1:30 p.m., Confession &amp; Adoration</i></p> <p>✠ Barbara Kirby Fealey ✠ Bianca Audino</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY, 4/5/24 — 12 PM</b></p> <p>♥ Michael Anthony Sparks ✠ Jon Klob</p>	<p><i>Please note: Mass intentions with a ✠ indicate that the person is deceased; ♥ indicates that the person is alive.</i></p> <p><i>If you are having a Mass offered and would like to bring up the gifts, please see an usher before the liturgy begins.</i></p>
<p><b>SATURDAY, 4/6/24 — 9 AM</b></p> <p><b>4 PM</b></p> <p>Pro Populo "For the people of the parish"</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY, 4/7/24 — 9 AM</b></p> <p><b>2:00 PM - ADORATION &amp; CONFESSION</b> <b>3:00 PM - DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET</b> <b>3:30 PM — DIVINE MERCY MASS</b></p> <p><b>6 PM — URDU</b> <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i></p>

**COLLECTIONS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT**



Refinishing Gymnasium Floor ██████████ 58% paid; need \$2,540  
 Parking Lot Paving & Painting ██████████ 73% paid; need \$3,795  
 Become a Blessed Sacrament School Angel & sponsor tuition for a school student, in full or partial, \$5,000/year.

*In case of an emergency requiring the ministry of a priest, outside parish office hours (and especially in danger of death), please contact the priests at (518) 482-3375. If no one answers, please leave a message.*

## AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

We have become accustomed to hearing the word "Passover" and attributing to it a general sense of comfort and protection. Certainly, as the Jewish people celebrate Passover, they remember God's protection of them and His leading them to the Promised Land. But this is because of the inherent danger they had been living through.

Passover is understood, then, as comfort and protection for us vulnerable people in the midst of a dangerous world full of hazards, peril, and uncertainty. It is the joy of being rescued from all sorts of evils that regularly threaten us. We find ourselves being *passed over* by the angel of death, and we find ourselves — with the guidance and protection of God — *passing over* the threats that imperil us.

When the disciples came with Jesus into Jerusalem at Passover, enjoyed the Last Supper with Him, and even went to the garden with Him, they did not fully understand where He was going or the route He was going to be taking. He had to pass through the most difficult of circumstances: false accusations, a rigged trial, abandonment by friends, mockery, execution, and death. The disciples didn't realize the depths He was going to pass over to, nor also the heights He would pass over to, from death to life ... to glory!

All of us have to deal with the evils of the world. They don't spare God, and they don't spare us. We know that these circumstances and more afflict our world globally and afflict our little worlds of our lives and neighborhoods. But as Christians, we have confidence! We have faith that what afflicted Jesus, though it afflicts us, will not destroy us! We will pass over it or through it and enjoy the Resurrection.

Without this celebration, without remembering Jesus' Passion and Resurrection, and without God's help to live out these truths in our daily lives, despair, desperation, and depression could reign in us. But instead, we must live as people infused with the life of God that is won for us and shared with us through the Resurrection ... through Easter!

### POPE FRANCIS'S APRIL INTENTION

*We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture and for the end of discrimination they experience in different parts of the world.*

### NEWS FROM OUR URDU COMMUNITY

*Please join us for our Easter liturgy in Urdu on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 4 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament! Wishing you a blessed Easter season!*



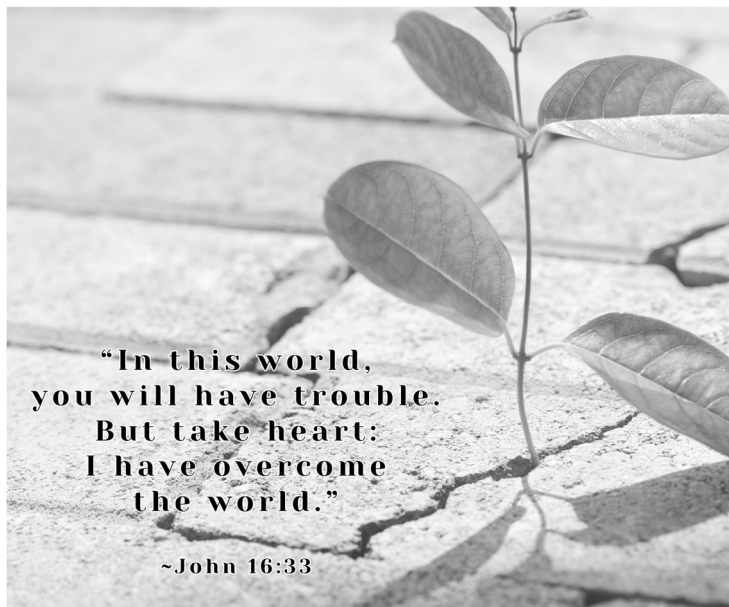
**SHRINE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS**  
A MISSION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

**Fr. Francis O'Connor, Chaplain**  
**Rev. Mr. Miguel Fabian, Deacon**  
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**Confesora Franco, Faith Formation**  
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[www.ourladyoftheamericas.org](http://www.ourladyoftheamericas.org)

**Masses:** Sundays, 9 a.m. (English) and 11 a.m. (Spanish);  
Fridays, 6:30 p.m. (with Adoration)



**"In this world,  
you will have trouble.  
But take heart:  
I have overcome  
the world."**

~John 16:33

### THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

**FIRST READING:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43  
**RESPONSORIAL:** Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
**SECOND READING:** Colossians 3:1-4  
**GOSPEL:** John 20:1-9

### NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

**FIRST READING:** Acts 4:32-35  
**RESPONSORIAL:** Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24  
**SECOND READING:** 1 John 5:1-6  
**GOSPEL:** John 20:19-31

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**From our family to yours ...  
wishing you a joyous and blessed Easter season  
as well as a restful, fun, and safe Spring Break!  
We'll see you on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> when school resumes!**

\*Huge thanks to SUNY Albany for bringing its **STEM makerspace** to our school on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>! Our students loved the robots, 3D printers, and "makey-make kits"!

\*Do you have your tickets yet for the first-ever **Central Albany Catholic Schools Reunion**? This event is Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 5-7 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament School. There will be hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. The cost is a \$20 donation at the door. Bring old photos and/or yearbooks and catch up with your old friends. It'll be a night to remember!

\*2024-25 school year registration is open call school for information.

### FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

\*Wishing all our Faith Formation families a blessed Easter! Last Sunday was our last regular session of the year, but our candidates for First Eucharist and Confirmation will continue their preparations until their ceremonies. First Eucharist will take place on April 28<sup>th</sup> during the 9 a.m. Mass. Confirmation will be scheduled by the bishop's office for sometime in the fall. Please keep all these candidates and their catechists in your prayers.

\*Registration is now open for youth entering Grades 6-12 who are interested in attending Camp Breakaway at Pyramid Life Center in Paradox, NY, on June 29<sup>th</sup>-July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. Find more information here: <https://www.pyramidlife.org/breakaway2024/>. The camp is a beautiful way to experience self-discovery and the healing power of nature — and God Himself.

\*If you are interested in learning more about the Faith Formation program, registering for next year's classes, or volunteering, e-mail us at [faithformationbsc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationbsc@gmail.com).

### ANNUAL SPRING RAFFLE



*Our school will have its annual spring raffle with a \$1,500 grand prize and two runner-up prizes of \$500 each! The proceeds will go toward offsetting school tuition costs. Tickets are available before and after Masses and at the parish and school*

*offices: \$5 each or five for \$20. Raffle winners will be drawn on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at our Chicken Parmesan Dinner. Please make checks payable to "Blessed Sacrament School." Tickets for the dinner (\$15) are on sale now, and checks should be made payable to "Blessed Sacrament School." The dinner, by 2SHEA Catering, will be held Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m. at the school gym.*



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### COMMUNITY NEWS

\*Albany's Christ Child Society is hosting a **Red Wagon Luncheon and Fashion Show** on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Italian-American Community Center, 257 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany. Coffee and pastries at 10:30 a.m., followed by the Fashion Show at 11 a.m., lunch at noon. Please call (518) 669-4446 for information and reservation(s).

\*Save the dates: the **Step Up Men's Conference** will take place the second Saturday in August (August 10<sup>th</sup>) at St. Edward the Confessor, Clifton Park. The **Unleashing Love Women's Conference** is scheduled for the third Saturday in October (October 19<sup>th</sup>), also at St. Edward's.

\*Calling all **St. Rose alums!** We are inviting you Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> to campus to celebrate the 103-year history of The College of Saint Rose. If you have ideas for this event and/or are willing to assist on a committee, e-mail [HonoringSaintRose@strose.edu](mailto:HonoringSaintRose@strose.edu).

\*You are invited for food, fellowship, and fun between young adults (ages 18-39) and older generations (ages 65 and up) to discuss "**Who Is My Neighbor?**" On Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 50 Pine Rd., Saratoga. Breakfast will be served (no cost; free-will offering). Contact Trip Gagnon at [trip611@aol.com](mailto:trip611@aol.com) for information. Register here: <https://forms.gle/FZKKJhyZxEOyFgF97>.

\*Kings, queens, knights in shining armor, castles, dragons ... "**Keepers of the Kingdom**" is the theme for this summer's Vacation Bible School at Christ the King Church, 20 Sumter Ave., Albany. Children age four through Grade 5 are eligible to participate. From 9 a.m. to noon each day (7/22-26), there will be a variety of activities to help equip kids for challenges they might face in today's world and to help them say "yes" to God. To register (the cost is \$30 per family; payment arrangements can be made), visit online: <https://tinyurl.com/3zsk9kwh>. For questions, call (518) 464-4776.

\*Knights of Columbus meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at AOH, Albany, at 7:30 p.m.