

PARISH MINISTRY NEWS

*The St. Patrick's Mass collection was donated to help pay for the **school gym floor refurbishing**. Thank you for your support!

*The **Rosary Guild's Baby Shower and Luncheon** will be Sunday, April 7th 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 6th or Sunday, April 7th.

*Join us at the Pine Hills Branch of the Albany Public Library for Round IV of **Tea & Short Reads**, our little book club. More information is available, as well as the stories themselves, under the "Events" menu on our parish 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 29th. 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 3rd 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.

*The **Over 50 Club** will meet on April 1st. 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.

Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday: Mass at 5:30 p.m., followed by Adoration; night prayer begins at 10 a.m.

Good Friday: Morning prayer, 9 a.m.; Reconciliation available from noon-2:30 p.m.; Stations of the Cross, 3 p.m.; Good Friday service, 5:30 p.m.

Easter Vigil: Morning prayer, 9 a.m.; blessing of Easter baskets, 11 a.m.; Easter Vigil, 7:30 p.m.

UPCOMING DATES

- 3/24 — Last Faith Formation session
 - 3/31 — Easter Sunday
- 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

FOOD PANTRY

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!

Current food pantry needs: spaghetti, personal hygiene items, shampoo, soap, menstrual products, toothbrushes, and toothpaste.

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 and have a great need for men's and children's items. We cannot accept Christmas items right now.



Colonie Center School Bucks Program

For every dollar spent at Colonie Center Mall, our school will receive two 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!** Dining out, including the food court and B.J.'s Brewhouse, are included. Please help support our school!

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3X: Sephora, Lids, P.F. Chang's, 25 Silver

4X: At the Pier Arcade, H&M, Five Below, Cinnabon

Also: 1,000 bonus points for each Easter Bunny

OFFERTORY REPORT

Regular: \$5,767; **Catholic Relief Services:** \$1,133; **Flowers:** \$85

Thank you for your generosity!

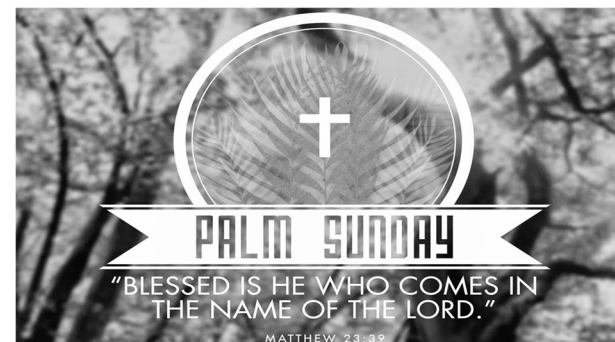
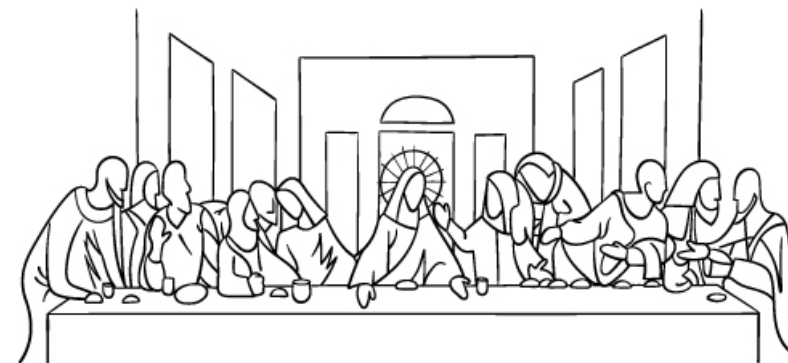
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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
Weekend Masses: Saturdays, 4 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m. (English) and 6 p.m. (Urdu)
Weekday Masses: As scheduled in the bulletin
Reconciliation: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:30-1:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 3-3:40 p.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

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*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.*



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

<p>SATURDAY, 3/23/24 — 4 PM</p> <p>Pro Populo "For the people of the parish"</p>	<p>SUNDAY, 3/24/24 — 9 AM</p> <p>♥ Jim & Linda Forster ♥ Simon Kim ✚ Peter Durkee ✚ Loretta & Howard Miller ✚ Joseph F Paolucci, Sr. ✚ Jane Fitzmaurice</p> <p>6 PM — MASS IN URDU</p> <p><i>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</i></p>
<p>MONDAY, 3/25/24 — 7 AM</p> <p>✚ James Smith ✚ Unborn Babies ✚ Rudolph Mostek</p>	<p>TUESDAY, 3/26/24 — 12 PM 12:30-1:30 p.m., Confession & Adoration</p> <p>♥ Chang-Ho Kim</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY, 3/27/24 — 7 AM</p> <p>✚ John J Connery ✚ Thomas Breslin ✚ Helen Bajakian</p>	<p>THURSDAY, 3/28/24 — 5:30 PM</p> <p>✚ Katie Lynch Farrell ✚ Mary F Connery</p> <p><i>Holy Thursday</i> Adoration will take place after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Night prayer will begin at 10 p.m.</p>
<p>FRIDAY, 3/29/24</p> <p>Good Friday Morning Prayer: 9 a.m. Reconciliation available: noon to 2:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross: 3 p.m. Good Friday service (Passion): 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>SATURDAY, 3/30/24</p> <p>Easter Vigil Morning Prayer: 9 a.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets: 11 a.m. Easter Vigil: 7:30 p.m.</p>
<p>SUNDAY, 3/31/24 9 AM</p> <p>✚ Anne Lemme ✚ Mary Ellen Kalled ✚ Dawn Crouch ✚ Silue Kanigui ✚ Tony & Shirley Collier</p> <p>11 AM Pro Populo - "For the people of the parish"</p> <p>4 PM - MASS IN URDU</p> <p><i>Easter Sunday</i></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>

COLLECTIONS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT



Refinishing Gymnasium Floor ██████████ 58% paid; need \$2,540

Parking Lot Paving & Painting ██████████ 73% paid; need \$3,795

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FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH

The events of Jesus's Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum — Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. In communities that celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with catechumens, these liturgies take on special importance because they invite the catechumens and the parish community to enter together into the central mysteries of our faith. These days are holiest of all days.

On this Palm Sunday, we read from Mark's Gospel. On Good Friday, we will read the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John. The story of the Last Supper is told in all four Passion stories. This was the Passover meal in which Jesus becomes the new Paschal Sacrifice. The Passover meal goes back to the time of Moses. The Jews were living in captivity under the Egyptians. God told Moses he would send an angel over the



region to take the firstborn son of the Egyptians. The Jews were to spread lamb's blood on their doors so the angel would "pass over" the homes of the Jews. The Jews then escaped across the Nile. They had to flee quickly, so their bread had no time to rise. This is why the Jews eat unleavened bread. We Catholics do the same, as our Eucharist is a flatbread. The escape from the Egyptians became Passover, a sacred meal the Jews celebrate each year, and this was the Passover meal the Apostles shared at the Last Supper. After this Last Supper, animals will no longer be sacrificed because Jesus became the new sacrifice who offers Himself for all. This is the same Last Supper/First Eucharist that the priest offers at Mass.

When the priest says the words Jesus said at the Last Supper, he does not just represent Christ. The priest *is* Christ (*in persona Christi* ... in the person of Christ). The Last Supper is an eternal event. When we are at Mass, we are not watching the Last Supper. We are in that upper room with Jesus and his disciples. The Mass is the actual Last Supper, a continuous salvific event that continues across all time, to today, and until Kingdom come. The Eucharist was not a one-time event that the priest reenacts. When we think of it this way, the Eucharist is the most significant event in our lives. Jesus is present in all the sacraments, but there is no other sacrament where we get to dine with Jesus and eat his flesh and blood. We are right there in that upper room! ~Deacon Gerry

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

AT THE PROCESSION WITH PALMS: Mark 11:1-10

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6-11

GOSPEL: Mark 14:1—15:47

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

GOSPEL: John 20:1-9

POPE FRANCIS'S MARCH INTENTION

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



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***Easter celebration:** We are looking to collect plastic eggs and a variety of candy for our Easter Egg Hunt on March 27th. We can collect items through March 26th. If you can donate, please drop off your items at our school or parish office. Thank you!

***Supplies needed:** We are currently in desperate need of markers, colored pencils, glue sticks, and tissues. If you can donate any of these items, please drop them off at our school or parish office.

***Central Albany Catholic Schools Reunion:** This event will take place on Friday, May 31st from 5-9 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament School. The cost is \$20. If you are an alumnus of any of the Catholic schools in the city of Albany, join with classmates and former faculty for an evening of reminiscing! Bring memorabilia, meet old friends, and have a bite to eat. Catering will be provided by 2SHEA's. A cash bar will be available. Online registration is preferred; please scan the QR code with your smart device.



FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

*We can't believe that this Sunday, March 24th, is the **last regular session of the year!** It has been a great year, and we are so grateful for our families and volunteers. Rose, Reeny, Sean, and Adriana — we couldn't have done it without you! Our candidates for First Eucharist and Confirmation will continue their preparations until their ceremonies. **First Eucharist** will take place on Sunday, April 28th 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, from June 29th through July 3rd. Find more information on the Breakaway website: <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, please send us an e-mail:

faithformationbsc@gmail.com

*May you all have a blessed Easter season!

ANNUAL SPRING RAFFLE

Blessed Sacrament 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 6th 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 6th from 5-7 p.m. at the school gym.

COMMUNITY NEWS

*You are invited to join us for a **pro-life Way of the Cross Vigil**, a nationwide event coordinated by the Pro-Life Action League (<https://prolifeaction.org/>), to occur locally in the public right-of-way in front of Planned Parenthood, Schenectady, on Good Friday, March 29th at 10 a.m.

*Calling all **St. Rose alums!** Save the date of Saturday, May 18th. We are inviting alums 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.

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

*The next meeting of "**Come As You Are,**" a Catholic discussion group for LGBT+ individuals and loved ones, will be Wednesday, March 27th at Christ the King Church, 20 Sumter Ave., Albany, from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Knights Chapel.

*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?**" This event will take place Saturday, April 13th 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 for more information. Register here: <https://forms.gle/FZKKJhyZxEoyFgF97>.

*Albany's Christ Child Society is hosting a **Red Wagon Luncheon and Fashion Show** on Saturday, April 27th at the Italian-American Community Center, 257 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany. The event will begin with coffee and pastries at 10:30 a.m., followed by the Fashion Show at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon. Please call Cathy at (518) 669-4446 for information and reservation(s).

NEWS FROM OUR URDU COMMUNITY

*We will have **Palm Sunday Mass** in Urdu this evening, March 24th, at 6 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament.

*Please join us for our 4 p.m. **Easter Sunday Mass** in Urdu on Sunday, March 31st!



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