

**PARISH MINISTRY NEWS**

\*There will be a reception at the school after **Fr. Anthony's first Mass** on May 19<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for help with setup, serving, and cleanup as well as donations to offset the cost of food. If you can help, please contact our parish office!

\*Our next session of **Tea & Short Reads** will take place on April 17<sup>th</sup>! Join us at the Pine Hills Branch of the Albany Public Library on Wednesdays at 12:30. The stories are available under the "Events" menu on our website:

- 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

\***Holy Name Society:** All parish men are invited to our May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting at 7 p.m. in the church basement's Forman Room (only four attended last meeting). April raffle winners and prizes are as follows: \$200, first prize = Linda Loparco; \$50 second prize = V. L., Jr. Associates; and \$25 third prize = Erik Ferrari. Any parishioner may request tickets to be mailed to them or obtain them from officers or at the rectory.

**FAMILY FESTIVAL**

\***Carpenters needed:** We have some ideas for a few new booths for our Family Festival in September. If you have carpentry skills, we will supply the materials. Please contact the rectory at (518) 482-3375.

\***Craft booth:** We will have a craft booth at our Family Festival in September. If you crochet, knit, quilt, sew, or make any other specialty items, start now! We will continue to keep you updated in the bulletin. Any questions, please call the rectory at (518) 482-3375.

**FOOD PANTRY**

\*We need **size 5 and 6 diapers!** Sr. Patricia also anticipates the need for **infant clothes and baby items.**

\*Other items currently needed include: **personal hygiene items, shampoo, soap, menstrual products, and toothbrushes/toothpaste.**

\*The food pantry is open Mondays and Thursdays, 10-11:30 a.m. Do you speak Spanish? Are you looking for a way to serve others? We need **Spanish-speaking volunteers!** Let our parish office know if you can help!

\*Our food pantry has once again been selected as a **Hannaford "Fight Hunger"** bag program partner! During May 2024, our food pantry will receive \$1 for each reusable Fight Hunger bag sold at the Hannaford store located at 5 Maple Rd., Voorheesville.

**THE BOUTIQUE**

\*The Boutique is not accepting men's suits until further notice. We are still in great need of **girls clothing**, though!

\*The Boutique is open Saturdays, 9 a.m.-noon, and accepts donations on Tuesdays & Fridays, 9 a.m.-noon. We cannot accept Christmas items at the moment.



**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

- **4/22** — Earth Day
- **4/28** — First Eucharist at our 9 a.m. Mass
- **5/2** — National Day of Prayer
- **5/12** — Mother's Day
- **5/18** — Deacon Anthony Onu's ordination, 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Albany
- **5/19** — Fr. Anthony Onu's first Mass, 1 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament, with a reception afterward
- **5/27** — Memorial Day (all parish offices closed)

**DIOCESAN NEWS**

"**The Power of One Hour**" video premieres on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 5-7:45 p.m. at the University of Albany's recital hall (Performing Arts Center, 1400 Washington Ave.). This video series and the study guide that accompanies it, produced by our diocese and Sheehan Productions, is designed to enrich the understanding and celebration of the Eucharist (as well as emphasize Jesus's Real Presence in Holy Communion). Parishioners, catechists, catechetical leaders, RCIA teams, adult Faith Formation, and more will find this video series a wonderful resource for catechesis! Light refreshments/food will be served at the premiere. For more information (RSVPs are not necessary but appreciated!), please send an e-mail to: [communications@rcda.org](mailto:communications@rcda.org).

\*April is **National Child Abuse Prevention Month.** Visit our "Hope and Healing" webpage: [www.rcda.org/hopeandhealing](http://www.rcda.org/hopeandhealing). The Hope and Healing Committee set a goal in Fall 2022 to share a message of healing in the seven regional vicariates of the diocese.

**Colonie Center School Bucks**

*Register receipts for BSS when shopping Colonie Center!*

**April Bonus Points Opportunities**

- 3X:** Nordstrom Rack, Zales, Regal Cinema, and Sbarro
- 4X:** PF Changs, H&M, Five Below, and Cinnabon

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

**OFFERTORY REPORT**

**Regular:** \$6,456; **Easter:** \$1,505  
**Coming up April 28:** Monthly School Support  
*Thank you so much for your prayerful support!*

*Our parish bulletin is provided by:*



208 N. Allen St., Albany, 12206 | (518) 489-0188  
[www.mcveighfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcveighfuneralhome.com)

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH**

607 CENTRAL AVE., ALBANY, NY 12206



**14 APRIL  
2024**

**THIRD SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**

<p><b>BAPTISMS</b> Flynn Whitman Vivian Whitman</p> <p><b>WEDDINGS</b> Tyler Coleman &amp; Jennifer Cusato</p> <p><b>FUNERALS</b> 4/11 - Bobby Hulsopple - Agnes Soule</p>	<p><b>SATURDAY, 4/13/24 — 4 PM</b></p> <p>✠ Robert Mittler ✠ Francis J Zell</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY, 4/14/24 — 9 AM</b></p> <p>Pro Populo "For the people of the Parish"</p> <p><b>6 PM — URDU</b> <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i></p>
<p><b>FIRST COMMUNION IS APRIL 28 AT 9:00</b></p> <p>Do you have unused first-communion-wear? We are looking for donations of first communion <b>dresses and suits this week!</b></p>	<p><b>MONDAY, 4/15/24 — 7 AM</b></p> <p>✠ Paul Citon ✠ Audrey Yvonne Santiago Villarosa</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY, 4/16/24 — 12 PM</b> <i>12:30-1:30 p.m., Confession &amp; Adoration</i></p> <p>Special Intention ✠ Helen Ingersoll ✠ William C Ingersoll ✠ Orlanda Maria Cosentino ✠ Elvira Cosentino</p>
<p><b>CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST</b>  <b>Weekend Masses:</b> Saturdays, 4 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m. (<i>English</i>) and 6 p.m. (<i>Urdu</i>)  <b>Weekday Masses:</b> As scheduled in the bulletin  <b>Reconciliation:</b> Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:30-1:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 3-3:40 p.m.  <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:</b> Tuesdays &amp; Thursdays, 12:30-1:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY, 4/17/24 — 7 AM</b></p> <p>✠ Bobby Hulsopple ✠ Agnes Soule Special Intention</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY, 4/18/24 — 12 PM</b> <i>12:30-1:30 p.m., Confession &amp; Adoration</i></p> <p>✠ Sam Hughes ✠ John Stevens Special Intention ♥ Zina Daboub (bday)</p>
<p><b>CONTACT US</b> 607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206  <a href="http://www.blessedsacramentalbany.org">www.blessedsacramentalbany.org</a>  <b>Office Phone:</b> (518) 482-3375  <b>Office E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com">blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com</a>  <b>Office Hours:</b> Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  <b>Submit Bulletin Items to:</b>  <a href="mailto:bulletin.blessedsacrament@gmail.com">bulletin.blessedsacrament@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>FRIDAY, 4/19/24 — 12 PM</b></p> <p>♥ Michael Anthony Sparks</p> <p><i>Please note: Mass intentions with a ✠ indicate that the person is deceased; ♥ indicates that the person is alive.</i>  <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>STAY CONNECTED</b>  "Like" Us on Facebook: <a href="http://www.facebook.com/blessedsacramentcatholicchurch">www.facebook.com/blessedsacramentcatholicchurch</a>  <i>(SundayMass livestreamed here)</i>  <b>Subscribe to Our YouTube Channel:</b>  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@BSCAlbany">https://www.youtube.com/@BSCAlbany</a>  <b>Download myParishApp:</b> Text app to 55321</p> <p><i>In case of an <b>emergency</b> 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.</i></p>	<p><b>SATURDAY, 4/20/24 — 4 PM</b></p> <p>Pro Populo "For the people of the Parish"</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY, 4/21/24 — 9 AM</b></p> <p>✠ Ginny McCarthy ✠ Mary Fenn ✠ Lazarus Onyeneke ✠ Sam George Hughes ✠ Robert DuBois</p> <p><b>6 PM — URDU</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</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, either in full or partial — \$5,000 for one year.

## FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH

In today's Gospel of Luke, Jesus greets his disciples with words of peace — but the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them, and they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet, the figure before them is *not* a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion.

Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts as their fears turn to joy and amazement. As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals — and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else.

Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift: forgiveness. The meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the scriptures. So too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus through the Word and the sacrament of the Eucharist.

As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus's forgiveness of sins. ~Deacon Gerry

### 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

*Thank you to everyone for your continued prayers, support, and encouragement! We also keep you in our prayers!*



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

**Fr. Francis O'Connor, Chaplain**  
**Rev. Mr. Miguel Fabian, Deacon**  
**Alejandra Saucedo, Pastoral Associate**  
**Debbie Klose, Organist**

**Confesora Franco, Faith Formation**  
273 Central Ave., Albany; (518) 465-3685

[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)



### THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

**FIRST READING:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

**RESPONSORIAL:** Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-9

**SECOND READING:** 1 John 2:1-5a

**GOSPEL:** Luke 24:35-48

### NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

**FIRST READING:** Acts 4:8-12

**RESPONSORIAL:** Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29

**SECOND READING:** 1 John 3:1-2

**GOSPEL:** John 10:11-18

### PARISH STAFF

**Rev. Daniel Quinn, Pastor**

[blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com](mailto:blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com)

**Rev. Kyle Gorenski, Parochial Vicar**

[kyle.gorenski@rcda.org](mailto:kyle.gorenski@rcda.org)

**Rev. Francis O'Connor, Shrine Chaplain**

**Rev. Dr. Gerald Ladouceur, Deacon**

[ladouceurg@aol.com](mailto:ladouceurg@aol.com)

**Ed Savoy, Music Director**

[blessedsacramentalbanymusic@gmail.com](mailto:blessedsacramentalbanymusic@gmail.com)

**Barbara Collen, Administrative Director**

[blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com](mailto:blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com)

### FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

**Meghan Pannone, Director**

**Shannon Crisafulli, Coordinator**

**E-mail:** [faithformationbsc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationbsc@gmail.com)

### WORKS OF MERCY

**Sr. Patricia Lynch, Food Pantry Coordinator**

**Jean Huber, Heidi Stack, Michelle Syrotynski,**  
**and MaryEllen Walsh, The Boutique**

**Sr. Maureen Joyce Outreach Center**

369 Livingston Ave., Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 462-9885



[www.BlessedSacramentSchool.net](http://www.BlessedSacramentSchool.net)

(518) 438-5854

[info@BlessedSacramentSchool.net](mailto:info@BlessedSacramentSchool.net)

**Alexandra Faith Morazán, Principal**  
**Andrea Roberts, Office Administrator**  
**Kristine Ruddy, Development Director**

\*Registration for our **2024-2025 school year** is open! We offer a strong educational foundation rooted in the Catholic faith for preschoolers through Grade 8. Please contact us for more information. We would love to have your family be part of ours!

\*We give a big thank you to **2Shea's** and to everyone who supported our **Chicken Parmesan Dinner** on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>! It was delicious!

\*Don't forget to grab your tickets for the first-ever **Central Albany Catholic Schools Reunion**, happening on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 5-7 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament School! You can buy tickets online at <https://tinyurl.com/2yrwm9ek>. At the reunion, 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 old friends. It'll be a night to remember!

\*There are many ways to support our school. Check them out here on our webpage: <https://blessedsacramentschool.net/support-our-school/>.

### FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY



\*While regular sessions ended last month, registered families will continue to receive access to monthly resources — and our sacramental candidates will continue preparations until their ceremonies. Please keep

**Norah, McKenna, Nicholas, Thomas, and Samantha** in your prayers as they prepare for their First Eucharist on April 28<sup>th</sup> during the 9 a.m. Mass. Also, a big thanks to **Michelle, Sean, and Juliana** for their help with the First Eucharist Retreat last weekend!

\*Registration is still open for youth entering Grades 6-12 who are interested in attending **Camp Breakaway** at Pyramid Life Center in Paradox, NY, from June 29<sup>th</sup>-July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Find more information online: <https://www.pyramidlife.org/breakaway2024/>. The camp is a beautiful way to experience self-discovery, 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).

### CATHOLIC CONNECTIONS



The feast of Pentecost will take place this year on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Pentecost marks 50 days after Easter, and you can read about the Holy Spirit descending upon the apostles in [Chapter 2 of Acts of the Apostles](#). Check out the blog on the Hallow website for "Scripture and Prayers for the Coming of the Holy Spirit": <https://hallow.com/blog/pentecost/>.



*Schedule a visit!*

*We'd love to get to know you and give you more information about our school.*

*Fill out the contact form at*

*<https://blessedsacramentschool.net/visit-bss/>*

### COMMUNITY NEWS

\*Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons School, located at 2600 Albany St., Schenectady, will host its **Spring Open House** for prospective students and families on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7 p.m. The school's students benefit from: small class sizes with dedicated teaching professionals; a competitive academic curriculum; a culturally diverse, safe, and secure community; and a values-based education in the Catholic tradition. To register, please call (518) 393-3131, ext. 107. You can also visit the school's website at <https://nd-bg.org>.

\*On Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, the **Capital District Chapter Columbiettes** will host their April Chapter Meeting at noon at Waterford Knights of Columbus Council, 76 Grace St., Waterford. The covered dish dinner and chapter basket raffle will be held at this meeting. The donation for the covered dish is \$5 per person. Each Auxiliary was asked to contribute a raffle basket with a \$30 value (or a \$30 cash donation and the chairperson will create a basket for them). All attendees are welcome to donate raffle prizes of any value! At this meeting, we will also continue collecting women's hygiene products to support the Capital Region Menstrual Health Group. If anyone needs raffle tickets for the basket raffle, they will be available at the meeting. We are also holding a Mother's Day Raffle from May 1<sup>st</sup>-May 31<sup>st</sup> with 31 chances to win! There will be a Monday-Friday \$25 daily prize, a Saturday-Sunday \$50 prize, and a grand prize of \$100 on Mother's Day! Please help make both of these raffles a success!

\*The New York Capital District Christian Women's Connection is sponsoring its "**Flowers in Bloom**" luncheon on Tuesday, May 14<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. Your reservation is necessary no later than May 8<sup>th</sup>, and cancellations are a must. Please call Nancy at (518) 320-2649 or Mae at (518) 895-8977 for reservations. The cost is \$17 inclusive (cash only). Our speaker will be Ann Van Hine, who will share a message titled "God's Presence and Peace in Times of Pain."