

PARISH MINISTRY NEWS

*There will be a reception at the school after **Fr. Anthony's first Mass** on May 19th. 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 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.

*Our next session of **Tea & Short Reads** will take place on April 24th! 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 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 1st meeting at 7 p.m. in the church basement's Forman Room (only four officers attend). 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.

***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.

DIOCESAN NEWS

*You are invited to the upcoming diocesan **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** on April 27th from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Christ Our Light Church, Loudonville. Come experience the love of the Holy Spirit through song, praise, and petitions. Visit their website at www.albanycr.org.

*The RCDA Committee on Scouting is hosting its annual **Confirmandi Retreat** on Saturday, May 11th at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs, Auriesville. This year's retreat theme is "Afire!" and is open to all high school-aged youth in parish religious education or youth ministry programs. It fulfills the retreat requirement to receive Confirmation. The cost is \$10 per person (includes lunch). For more information and to register, visit <https://scoutingevent.com/364-83787>. Registration closes at midnight on May 3rd.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- 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*)

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, toothbrushes/toothpaste and coffee (no instant needed).**

*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!

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 and Fridays, 9 a.m.-noon. We cannot accept Christmas items at the moment.

Colonie Center's School Bucks Program

Here's how it works: after shopping and dining at Colonie Center Mall, save your receipts! For every dollar spent, our school will receive two points. Show your original receipts at the mall's Management Office (located past the bathrooms near Sephora) to accumulate points (or bring your original receipts to our parish office and we'll register them for you). Shoppers must specify to which participating school they'd like to allocate their earned points. The first-place winning school will receive \$8,000!



April Bonus Points Opportunities:

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

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

OFFERTORY REPORT

Regular: \$6,630; **Easter:** \$480
Our second collection on April 28th will be for School Support

Our parish bulletin is provided by:



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

<p>BAPTISM Lucas Warren Aumack</p> <p>FUNERAL 4/18 Patricia McCarthy 4/25 Thomas Foster</p> <p>WEDDING Kent Cameron & Keeley Gaffney</p>	<p>SATURDAY, 4/20/24 — 4 PM Pro Populo "For the people of the Parish"</p>	<p>SUNDAY, 4/21/24 — 9 AM ✠ Ginny McCarthy ✠ Mary Feen ✠ Lazarus Onyeneke ✠ Sam George Hughes ✠ Robert DuBois</p> <p>6 PM — URDU <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i></p>
	<p>MONDAY, 4/22/24 — 7 AM ✠ Paul Citon</p>	<p>TUESDAY, 4/23/24 — 12 PM <i>12:30-1:30 p.m., Confession & Adoration</i></p> <p>✠ Nancy Campbell ✠ Reagan Isabel Cassidy ✠ Maria DaSilva</p>
	<p>WEDNESDAY, 4/24/24 — 7 AM ✠ William Coleman</p>	<p>THURSDAY, 4/25/24 — 12 PM <i>12:30-1:30 p.m., Confession & Adoration</i></p> <p>✠ Frank Horn, Sr ♥ Rosario Balarin</p>
	<p>FRIDAY, 4/26/24 — 12 PM ♥ Anthony Michael Sparks</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>SATURDAY, 4/27/24 — 4 PM ✠ Sr. Mary Coons ✠ Gerald Miller ✠ Paul Citon ✠ Sebastian Paul ✠ Fr. Thomas J Mantica, MM</p>	<p>SUNDAY, 4/28/24 — 9 AM FIRST COMMUNION Pro Populo "For the people of the Parish"</p> <p>6 PM — URDU <i>Fifth 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.

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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Subscribe to Our YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@BSCAlbany>
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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.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Peter, in today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, refers to a man as "a cripple". Apparently, he didn't get the memo. We don't call people "cripples"; we don't define people or give them titles based on insignificant or often changeable attributes. Every title is too small for defining a human being! A person isn't merely a "cripple," nor even a "banker," "landscaper," "musician," "extrovert," "dog person," or "monster." Especially because things change: even the cripple, miraculously, is no longer a cripple! He is healed! However, there are some titles, based on significant and unchangeable realities, that we can use, and the (perhaps) most important one is the one John uses in his letter that we read today: "we may be called the children of God." This is because "we are God's children now...we shall be like him." This reality, that we are God's children, outshines any job title or derogative name or any other descriptor we apply to ourselves or others. It doesn't even matter how old we are: even if I were to reach 100, I should still understand myself to be one of God's children. I'm not merely one of his creations (though that's true), nor one of his subjects (though that is also true), but one of his children, and as such I have access to our Father's home.



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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 4:8-12
RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29
SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-2
GOSEL: John 10:11-18

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

FIRST READING: Acts 9:26-31
RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 22:26-28, 30-32
SECOND READING: 1 John 3:18-24
GOSEL: John 15:1-8

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!



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*Order your **school yearbook** now! The cost is \$25 (cash only, please). Payments can be made in our school's main office!

*Don't forget to grab your tickets for the first-ever **Central Albany Catholic Schools Reunion**, happening on Friday, May 31st 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 28th during the 9 a.m. Mass.

*Registration is still open for youth entering Grades 6-12 who are interested in attending **Camp Breakaway** at Pyramid Life Center in Paradox, NY, on June 29th-July 3rd. For more information, visit the website at <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.

CATHOLIC CONNECTIONS

Check out a new article on the website The Catholic World Report: "A Valuable Guide to the Thought and Theology of Benedict XVI": <https://tinyurl.com/ywvfvfj27>.

ALBANY'S CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

*The **Christ Child Society Albany Chapter** expresses profound gratitude to the Rosary Guild and parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Church for the most generous donation of items for infants in need. Among the items donated: 92 afghans and blankets; 6 baby sweaters; 19 baby hats; 87 onesies; 81 sleepers and outfits; 636 diapers, 26 hooded towels; cash; and numerous other items needed by infants. May God bless each of you for your kindness and generosity for babies in need!

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

*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 25th 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.

MORE COMMUNITY NEWS

*On Sunday, April 28th, 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 1st-May 31st 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!

*The New York Capital District Christian Women's Connection is sponsoring its "**Flowers in Bloom**" luncheon on Tuesday, May 14th 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 8th, 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."

*Saying "yes" to God and building God's kingdom are themes of this summer's **Vacation Bible School** at Christ the King Church, 20 Sumter Ave., Albany. "Keepers of the Kingdom" (knights, castles, dragons, kings, queens, etc.!) is for children entering preschool (age four) through Grade 5 this fall. From 9 a.m.-noon each day (7/22-7/26), a variety of faith-based activities will be offered: singing, outdoor games, arts and crafts, service projects, Bible adventures, prayer, and more! Also, young people in Grades 6 and older are eligible to serve as VBS leaders (planning and executing the activity stations for participants). To register (the cost is \$30 per family; confidential payment arrangements can be made), visit online: <https://tinyurl.com/3zsk9kwh>.