

**PARISH MINISTRY NEWS**

**\*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 officers attend). April raffle winners and prizes: \$200, 1<sup>st</sup> = Linda Loparco; \$50, 2<sup>nd</sup> = V. L. Jr. Associates; and \$25, 3<sup>rd</sup> = Erik Ferrari. Any parishioner may request tickets to be mailed or get them from the officers or in the rectory.

\*Spring into spring by discovering great literature and delicious tea! Join us at the Pine Hills Branch of the Albany Public Library on Wednesdays at 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!

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

\*Please note that the **Knights of Columbus** meet on the third Wednesday of each month at the Ancient Order of Hibernians, 375 Ontario St., Albany, at 7:30 p.m.

\*Join us on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle, Delmar, as we welcome Bishop Edward Scharfenberger, who will address "**The Vision of Pope Francis.**" Drawing from the Holy Father's speeches, encyclicals, and various other writings, Bishop Ed will speak about what he understands to be the essence of Francis's evangelical mission. This event will include time for questions and answers, a Holy Hour, and Confession. This talk is part of the "Furthering Your Faith" catechetical series. These events are free of charge and open to all ages.

\*The Albany Christ Child Society's annual **Luncheon and Fashion Show** will be on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Italian American Community Center, Washington Avenue Extension, at 10:30 a.m. The fashion show is presented by J. Jill. Help support the society's mission to help infants and children through its many programs. For information and to make a reservation, please contact Cathy Pastore at (518) 669-4446.

\*The monthly liturgy presented by the **Catholic Charismatic Renewal** of the Diocese of Albany takes place on the second Wednesday of each month. The next liturgy is scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup>. Mass will begin at 7 p.m. at Christ Our Light, 1 Maria Dr., Loudonville, with celebrant Fr. Gary Gelfenbien.

**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)

**FOOD PANTRY**

\*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.

\*We proudly announce that in March 2024, our food pantry served **271 households** — which included 209 children, 483 adults, and 81 seniors. Thanks to your constant support, we are able to serve community needs!

\*Items currently needed at our food pantry include: **personal hygiene items, shampoo, soap, menstrual products, toothbrushes, and 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 in God's love? We need **Spanish-speaking volunteers!** Please let our parish office know if you feel called to 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 School Bucks**



Don't forget to register your receipts after shopping at Colonie Center Mall!

**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**

**Easter:** \$11,092; **Regular:** \$1,757; **Flowers:** \$46; **Holy Land:** \$616

*Thank you so much for your prayerful support!*

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**7 APRIL  
2024**

**DIVINE MERCY  
SUNDAY**



**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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**STAY CONNECTED**

Parish Website: [blessedsacramentalbany.org](http://blessedsacramentalbany.org)  
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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.*

<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>Rosary Guild Members Living &amp; Deceased ✠ Walter &amp; Jeanette Piescik ✠ Linda Zeoli 2 pm Adoration &amp; Confession 3 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:30 pm Mass <b>6 PM — URDU</b></p>
<p><b>MONDAY, 4/8/24 — 7 AM</b></p> <p>✠ Edgar &amp; Dorothy Unser</p> <p><i>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord</i></p>	<p><b>TUESDAY, 4/9/24 — 12 PM</b> <i>12:30-1:30 p.m., Confession &amp; Adoration</i></p> <p>✠ Katie Lynch Farrell ✠ Casey Ryan Lynch ✠ John &amp; Mary Lynch ✠ Donald Partyka ✠ Lillian M Coleman ✠ Agostinho Ribeiro</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY, 4/10/24 — 7 AM</b></p> <p>♥ Christina Kim</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY, 4/11/24 — 12 PM</b> <i>12:30-1:30 p.m., Confession &amp; Adoration</i></p> <p>✠ David Tenney (2<sup>nd</sup> Ann)</p> <p><i>Memorial, St. Stanislaus</i></p>
<p><b>FRIDAY, 4/12/24 — 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>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></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.

## DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

As we gather to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, we're reminded of the boundless love and compassion that our Lord Jesus Christ has for each of us. It's a day when we reflect on the infinite mercy that flows from the heart of our Savior — a mercy that knows no limits and reaches out to embrace even the most hardened sinner. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus's powerful words: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." These words are a call to action for each of us. They remind us that we are called to be instruments of God's mercy in the world, to go forth and share the love and forgiveness that we ourselves have received. But to truly embrace this call to mercy, we must first recognize our own need for it. We are all sinners in need of God's forgiveness and grace; yet, sometimes we may find it difficult to accept, to let go of our past mistakes and embrace the new life that Christ offers us. This is where Divine Mercy Sunday comes in. It's a reminder that no sin is too great for God's mercy to overcome. We are invited to come before the Lord with humble and contrite hearts, confess our sins, and receive the gift of his mercy and forgiveness. But Divine Mercy Sunday is not just about receiving mercy; it is also about extending mercy to others. As we reflect on God's great love, we are called to share that love with others, forgive those who have wronged us, show compassion to those in need, and be a source of healing and reconciliation in our world. In the words of St. Faustina, the great Apostle of Divine Mercy, "The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy." Let us never forget the depth of God's love for us — a love that knows no bounds and extends to all, regardless of past mistakes or shortcomings. On this Divine Mercy Sunday, may we open our hearts to receive God's mercy anew — and may we be channels of that mercy to all we encounter. May we become instruments of God's peace and reconciliation in our world, bringing healing and hope to all those in need. ~Fr. Kyle



## Divine Mercy Sunday

*Eternal Father,  
I offer You the Body and Blood,  
Soul and Divinity of Your  
dearly beloved Son,  
Our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
in atonement for our sins  
and those of the whole world.*

### THIS 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

### NEXT 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

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\*Registration for our **2024-2025 school year** is open! Please contact us for more information. We would love to have your family be part of ours!

\*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!

\*We hope that everyone had a joyous, blessed **Easter** and a fun, restful, and safe **spring break**! School resumes on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Due to the observance of the solar eclipse, we'll dismiss at noon that day.

\*Congratulations to March **Student of the Month** winners (including Deacon Gerry, who won Staff Member of the Month!).

### FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY



\*While regular sessions ended last month, registered families will continue to receive access to **monthly resources**, which include activities and information specific to each month in our Church's liturgical year.

\*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 still open for youth entering Grades 6-12 who are interested in attending **Camp Breakaway** at Pyramid Life Center in Paradox on June 29<sup>th</sup>-July 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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).

### CATHOLIC CONNECTIONS

Easter lasts 50 days, ending with Pentecost! Check out the podcast "The Characters of Easter": <https://tinyurl.com/444xcb9e>.



### COMMUNITY NEWS

\*The **National Day of Prayer** takes place yearly on the first Thursday in May. This year, it falls on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The 2024 theme is "Lift Up the Word ... Light Up the World." Look for more information about National Day of Prayer activities happening in Albany this year.

\*St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, LaGrangeville (Dutchess County) is hosting a **Vatican International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles** from April 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. First-class relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis and St. Manuel González García will be available for veneration. For more information, call (845) 227-1710 or visit <https://saintkateriparish.com>.

\*April is **National Child Abuse Prevention Month**. Visit our diocesan "Hope and Healing" webpage here: <https://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 Albany Diocese.

\*Saying "yes" to God and building God's kingdom are themes of this summer's **Vacation Bible School** at Christ the King Church, Albany. "Keepers of the Kingdom" 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 activities will be offered: singing, outdoor games, arts and crafts, service projects, Bible adventures, prayer, and more! Young people in Grades 6 and older are eligible to serve as VBS leaders. To register (the cost is \$30 per family; payment arrangements can be made), visit online: <https://tinyurl.com/3zsk9kwh>.

### 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 who joined us for our Easter liturgy in Urdu on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>!*

*Wishing you a joyous Easter season!*



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

From *The Word Among Us*: Ideas for how families can sustain the Easter spirit during all 50 days of this joyous season!

Use a special candle at family meals to recall the light of Christ | Every day, read together from the Easter story: Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20-21 | Plan fun family activities — one for every week of Easter | Put up a banner that proclaims, "He is risen!" | Was anyone received into the Church during your parish's Easter Vigil? Have them over | Add an "alleluia" song — or three alleluias — to your grace before meals | Put on an Easter play. Invite relatives and friends to a performance | Make a poster of a life-giving cross. Add paper flowers and leaves to it throughout Easter | Celebrate new life by doing something as a family to support unborn children and their parents | Keep fresh flowers around | Use the old Easter greeting and response: "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!" | Visit a lonely neighbor or do some other family act of kindness to express thanks for the resurrection | Talk about baptism. Tell family stories