

PARISH MINISTRY NEWS

*The new 2024 diocesan evangelization initiative called “**Kindness Matters**” utilizes lawn signs to encourage people to step up and be kinder to one another. Showing kindness is a way to follow Jesus’s command to love our neighbors. The sign will direct people to a website, www.rcda.org/kind, providing resources and ideas to help us be kinder. This initiative will gain momentum one person at a time and with one small act of kindness at a time. Signs and sign posts will be readily available for BSC parishioners to take home after Mass. Our diocese would love to see pictures or social media posts using the hashtag #RCDaKind.

***Holy Name Society (HNS):** June HNS Winners: \$200 1st Prize = Mike Strycharz, \$50 2nd Prize = M L Faragon & \$25 3rd Prize = Eileen Guiry. May's \$200 Winner - Lynn Knuth, donated \$100 to HNS. NHS donated \$500 for the Monsignor Forman 8th Grad Award (18th). Next meeting is July 3rd at 6:30 pm (new time) - ALL parish men are welcomed! \$1 Raffle tickets may be obtained from any HNS Officer, in the parish office or at the Office Annex table after weekend Masses. Thank you for your support.

*Let us know if you are aware of any parishioner who is in a **hospital, rehabilitation or nursing facility, or has become homebound**. We want to reach out to them and keep them in our prayers! Please contact our parish office.

NEWS FROM OUR DIOCESE

***Walking with Moms in Need** is a nationwide, parish-based initiative to increase support for pregnant and parenting mothers in need. It works to connect any woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant, or parenting in difficult circumstances, with the resources she needs. Volunteers walk with moms throughout the motherhood journey. Click here to learn about resources available in the Albany Diocese: <https://www.rcda.org/walkingwithmoms>.

*Join us for “**Gala for Good**,” an event celebrating the Franciscans of Siena College and benefiting Catholic Charities of the Albany Diocese, on Thursday, June 20th from 5-8 p.m. at the Sarazen Student Union Center, Siena College, Loudonville. For an invitation, visit <https://www.ccrda.org/img/uploads/Events/GalaForGood-Digital-Invite.pdf> or call (518) 453-6650 for more information.

*Our diocesan Communications Office has been working with our new vocations team to enhance the **vocations webpage**, located at <https://www.rcda.org/vocations>. Check it out and share the link!

*Mater Christi seeks a part-time **administrative assistant** to support daily parish office activities. The successful candidate must be able to work collaboratively with the administrative assistant who is working on the opposite weekdays. This position requires being welcoming and maintaining strict confidentiality while performing a variety of office tasks. E-mail irina.clark@mcalbany.org for a more detailed job description and to submit a resume.

COLLECTIONS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT



Refinishing Gymnasium Floor 58% paid; need \$2,540
 Parking Lot Paving & Painting 73% paid; need \$3,795
 Consider becoming a Blessed Sacrament School “Angel”! Sponsor tuition for a school student, either in full or partial — \$5,000 for one year.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- 6/16 — Father’s Day
- 6/19 — Juneteenth (all parish offices closed)
- 7/4 — Independence Day (all parish offices closed)

FOOD PANTRY

*We were unable to order the following products this week: peanut butter, tuna fish, elbow macaroni, canola oil. This is in addition of our ongoing need for diapers, feminine & personal hygiene products and coffee. We can only get the very small size SpaghettiOs cans so the larger sized cans would be quite welcomed. Thank you for your continuous generosity to help our neighbors in need!!

*For every \$2.50 reusable “**Fight Hunger**” shopping bag sold during July 2024 at the Hannaford supermarket located at 900 Central Ave. (Century II Mall, Albany), our food pantry will receive \$1!

*Sr. Patricia would like to create a list of **backup volunteers** — including Spanish-speaking volunteers who could help serve the pantry on an on-call basis when someone is unable to help. Let our parish office know if you can help!

*The food pantry is **open** Mondays and Thursdays, 10-11:30 a.m. In May 2024, we served 257 households (193 children, 425 adults, and 85 seniors).

THE BOUTIQUE

*The Boutique is not accepting winter clothing, men’s suits, and Christmas items until further notice. We are still in great need of **girls’ clothing**, though. We are open Saturdays, 9 a.m.-noon, and accept donations on Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m.-noon.

Colonie Center’s School Bucks Program

*Here’s how it works: after shopping and dining at Colonie Center Mall, save and turn in your receipts! For every dollar spent, our school will receive **two points** ~ and the first-place winning school will receive **\$8,000!** This money would go a long way toward supporting our students in the classroom and beyond! Turn in your receipts to our parish office or at the mall’s office (by Sephora).*

June Bonus Points Opportunities:

- 3X: H&M, Express, Cinnabon, and Five Below
 - 4X: Sbarro, Regal, Lids, and 25Silver
- Also, receive 1,000 bonus points for each Regal receipt turned in!

OFFERTORY REPORT

Regular \$7,133

Catholic Communications \$1,270

This weekend’s second collection is for Catholic Charities. Next weekend’s second collection is for School Support.

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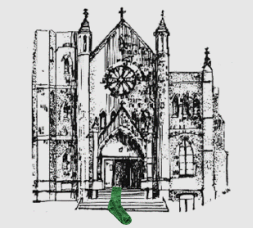
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“IF A KINGDOM IS DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF, THAT KINGDOM CANNOT STAND.

AND IF A HOUSE IS DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF, THAT HOUSE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO STAND.”

MARK 3:24-26



9 JUNE 2024

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<p>BAPTISMS</p> <p>Claire Christine Gorak Jacob Michael Ragone</p> <p>FUNERALS</p>	<p>SATURDAY, 6/8/24 — 9 AM <i>Votive Mass for the Immaculate Heart of Mary</i> For the intentions of Mary</p> <p>4 PM ☩ Josephine Foley ☩ Ruth Testa ☩ Ronald Stalpinski ♥ Helen Kim <i>Memorial, Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></p>	<p>SUNDAY, 6/9/24 — 9 AM</p> <p>Pro Populo ‘For the People’</p> <p>6 PM — URDU</p> <p><i>10th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>
	<p>MONDAY, 6/10/24 — 7 AM</p> <p>☩ Jack & Brian Cromie ♥ Christa Strain ☩ Esther Marie Krapf</p>	<p>TUESDAY, 6/11/24 — 12 PM <i>12:30-1:30 p.m., Confession & Adoration</i></p> <p>☩ Katie Lynch Farrell ☩ Casey Ryan Lynch ☩ John & Mary Lynch ☩ Donald Partyka</p> <p><i>Memorial, St. Barnabas</i></p>
<p>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.</p> <p>CONTACT US 607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206 Website: www.blessedsacramentalbany.org Office Phone: (518) 482-3375 Office E-mail: blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Submit Bulletin Items to: bulletin.blessedsacrament@gmail.com</p> <p>STAY CONNECTED Parish Website: blessedsacramentalbany.org “Like” Us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/blessedsacramentcatholicchurch (SundayMass livestreamed here) Subscribe to Our YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/@BSCAlbany Download myParishApp: Text app to 55321</p> <p>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>	<p>WEDNESDAY, 6/12/24 — 7 AM</p> <p>♥ Andrew Kim</p>	<p>THURSDAY, 6/13/24 — 12 PM <i>12:30-1:30 p.m., Confession & Adoration</i></p> <p>☩ Robert Mittler ☩ Elizabeth, Frank & Paul Bishop ☩ Anthony J LaFalce ♥ Michael Anthony Sparks</p> <p><i>Memorial, St. Anthony of Padua</i></p>
<p>FRIDAY, 6/14/24</p> <p>NO MASS</p> <p><i>Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i></p>	<p>Please note: Mass intentions with a ☩ indicate that the person is deceased; ♥ indicates that the person is alive. If you are having a Mass offered and would like to bring up the gifts, please see an usher before the liturgy begins.</p>	
<p>SATURDAY, 6/15/24 — 4 PM</p> <p>☩ Ruth Testa ☩ Frank Zickas ☩ Eleanor M Ryan ☩ Mary Lou Coleman Campbell</p>	<p>SUNDAY, 6/16/24 — 9 AM</p> <p>Pro Populo ‘For the People’</p> <p>6 PM — URDU</p> <p><i>11th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father’s Day</i></p>	

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

In today's Gospel reading from Mark, we find Jesus surrounded by a crowd with His own family seeking to intervene — convinced that He has lost His senses. Their concern, though understandable from a human perspective, reflects a failure to fully grasp the divine mission entrusted to Jesus. It's a reminder to us that even those closest to us may not always comprehend the path we are called to walk in obedience to God.

In response to the accusation that He is possessed by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, Jesus delivers a powerful rebuttal. He speaks of the impossibility of Satan casting out Satan, emphasizing the absurdity of such a notion. Instead, He reveals the true source of His authority and power: the Holy Spirit. Jesus's ministry is not aligned with the forces of darkness but is rooted in the divine will of His Father. Furthermore, Jesus takes the opportunity to redefine the concept of family. He looks around at those gathered and declares, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." In this statement, Jesus expands the boundaries of familial relationships beyond mere biological ties to encompass all who align themselves with the will of God. This proclamation challenges us to reconsider our understanding of kinship and community.

As followers of Christ, we are united by our shared commitment to do the will of God. Our bonds are forged not through ancestry but through our dedication to living out the Gospel values of love, compassion, and justice. In our own lives, we may encounter moments of tension between familial expectations and the call of discipleship. Like Jesus, we may face misunderstanding or opposition from those closest to us as we seek to faithfully follow God's will. However, let us take heart in the assurance that our true family is found among those who walk alongside us on the journey of faith.

As we reflect on this passage, may we be inspired to embrace a broader understanding of family, rooted in the love and obedience of Christ. Let us strive to cultivate relationships characterized by mutual support, encouragement, and a shared commitment to God's kingdom. And may we always remember that in Christ, we are bound together as brothers and sisters — called to do the will of our heavenly Father.

~Fr. Kyle



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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: Genesis 3:9-15

RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 130:1-8

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

GOSPEL: Mark 3:20-35

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 92:2-3, 13-16

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34



NEWS FROM OUR URDU COMMUNITY

Thank you so much for your continued support and prayers!

WORLD REFUGEE DAY CELEBRATIONS

On Thursday, June 20th, Russell Sage College, in partnership with USCRI-Albany, will host a family-friendly event to celebrate World Refugee Day from 4-7 p.m. at the Opalka Gallery on Russell Sage's Albany campus, 140 New Scotland Ave. Then, on Sunday, June 23rd from 2-5 p.m., RISSE will host a World Refugee Day fundraising event at their site, 715 Morris St., Albany. Tickets can be purchased online at rise-albany.org.

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*Our first-ever **Catholic Schools Reunion** on May 31st was a huge success! Thank you so much to our participants and sponsors for helping make the evening great! A date for next year's reunion will be made public this summer. Pictured at left: Katie O'Connor (BSS technology director), Patricia Fahy (NYS Assembly member), and Alexandra Morazan (BSS principal).

*Did you know that we offer an "Angel" program? If you are able, please consider the amazing gift of sponsoring tuition for one of our students, either in full or partial — \$5,000 for one year. Fr. Dan recently brought our "sponsor-a-student angel wings" to the back of the church! You can choose a "wing" (name of a student to sponsor) or make a general donation.

*Our brand-new month of June brings new opportunities for **School Bucks** and supporting BSS! Bonus points for June 2024 are: **3x** — H&M, Express, Cinnabon, and Five Below; **4x** — Sbarro, Regal, Lids, and 25Silver. **Extra bonus point opportunity:** 1,000 bonus points for every Regal receipt handed in! For more details, please see the weekly School Bucks section in our bulletin or contact our parish office.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

*Regular Faith Formation sessions have ended, but please watch your e-mail for summer events for our **Confirmation candidates!** It's important that Confirmation candidates continue their preparations over the summer to prepare for the sacrament, which will be scheduled by the bishop's office for sometime this fall. Please keep our youth and their catechists in your prayers!

***Camp Breakaway** registration is still open for youth in Grades 6-12, from June 29th to July 3rd. Experience Pyramid Life Center and its mission of community, self-discovery, and the healing power of nature and God Himself. Check out the website for more information and to register:

<https://www.pyramidlife.org/breakaway2024/>

*Interested in **learning more** about our Faith Formation program, registering for next year's classes, or volunteering? E-mail us: faithformationbsc@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC CONNECTIONS

*Experiencing **career difficulties** or facing a tough career decision? Check out the article, "7 Ideal Saints to Turn to for Particular Career Struggles": <https://aleteia.org/2024/04/11/7-ideal-saints-to-turn-to-for-particular-career-struggles>.

ST. ANTHONY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

St. Anthony of Padua is the patron saint of lost items. His feast day is June 13th. Hidden throughout the pages of this bulletin are various objects that people tend to misplace! Can you help St. Anthony? Check off each item that you find!



COMMUNITY NEWS

*On Sunday, June 9th, the **Capital District Chapter Columbiettes** will hold their June meeting at Our Lady of Victory Council, 55 N. Lake Ave., Troy. An initiation ceremony for new members will precede the meeting at 12:30 p.m. All candidates should arrive at noon. The Chapter Baby Shower will be held as well! Capital District Chapter President Linda Cotch will preside. *(Please note: family members can be present for the initiation ceremony; however, only Columbiette members may stay for the Chapter meeting.)*

*Family Promise of the Capital Region is currently hosting an online auction called "**Spring Into Action**"! Bidding is live and closes on Sunday, June 11th at noon. Family Promise's mission is to engage the community in support of families facing homelessness — providing temporary lodging, wraparound services, and the guidance they need to build a brighter future. This year's auction features more than 80 items! Visit the auction here: <https://tinyurl.com/4tb8v25y>.

*A gala to benefit Circles of Mercy and to honor The McCarthy Charities, Inc., will be held on Wednesday, June 12th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Italian American Community Center, 257 Washington Ave. Ext, Albany. There will be a reception featuring food and refreshments. This event is presented by the **Sisters of Mercy** of the Americas and the Board of Trustees of **Circles of Mercy**.

*Our Albany cathedral is presenting a special free event: "**Michael J. O'Loughlin in Conversation with Paul Grondahl**" on Thursday, June 13th at 6 p.m. O'Loughlin is the executive director of Outreach, an LGBTQ Catholic ministry, as well as an award-winning journalist and author of the book *Hidden Mercy: AIDS, Catholics, and the Untold Stories of Compassion in the Face of Fear*. Grondahl has been a writer for the *Times Union* newspaper since 1984.

*St. Pius X Church, Loudonville, is hosting a five-day **icon retreat** from June 24th-28th. Led by iconographer Veronica Royal, this unique workshop will focus on the timeless art of painting "Christ the Good Shepherd." The cost is \$750 per person with a \$200 non-refundable deposit to secure your spot. Whether you are new to the art form or have prior experience, Veronica's guidance will deepen your faith and refine your artistic abilities. To register, visit <https://form.jotform.com/241303554366049>.



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