

PARISH MINISTRY NEWS

*An individual is looking for a ride to the **Respect Life** event on September 24th at Our Lady of Victory. If you are able to help, please contact our parish office!

*Tickets are now on sale for a chance to win four tickets to the **New York Giants vs. the New Orleans Saints** game on December 8th, 1 p.m. kickoff. Seats are in Level 1, Section 103. Reserved parking is included. Tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100 (a real value!). The raffle is to benefit our school, so please promote this in your workplace, club, family, friends, etc. Posters are available at all the church exits. Tickets are available by scanning the QR code on the poster at the parking lot desk, in the rectory, or at the school.

*Our **Family Festival silent auction** will be up and running on Sunday, September 15th! You can access the auction page at <https://new.biddingowl.com/blessedsacramentschool2024>. If you would like to bid but are unable to navigate the online bidding site, please call the parish office at (518) 482-3375. There will also be additional auction items on-site and assistance with online bidding on the day of the festival in the school gym. Raffle tickets are still available through September 28th. Tickets for the pulled pork dinner are \$12 and are available at the parking lot vestibule, at the rectory, or on the day of the event. It's not too late to donate items for the auctions and the craft table! Also, volunteers to help on that day and/or with setup are welcomed!

*Our **Rosary Guild's** September meeting will be Thursday, September 19th. Meet Fr. Stephen Yusko, our parochial vicar! We'll discuss this year's activities and have pizza for lunch. All women of the parish are welcome!

*The next **Holy Name Society (HNS)** meeting and raffle drawing is Wednesday, October 2nd. All parish men are invited to attend!

*Unfortunately, **spam e-mails** that look like they are from Fr. Dan seem to be circulating again! If you receive a message of this type (often with the words "Is your schedule open," "a request to handle," asking for money or a gift card, etc.), please know that Father would never send a message of this type. Just delete it! Always check the sender's address.

FOOD PANTRY

*We proudly served **271 households** during the month of August (including 235 children, 430 adults, and 93 seniors)! **Our current needs:** hash, jelly, tuna, tomato sauce, elbows, personal and feminine hygiene items, and diapers all sizes. Thank you to everyone who helped us raise **\$29** through Bloomin' 4 Good in August!

We are open Mondays and Thursdays, 10-11:30 a.m.

OFFERTORY REPORT
Regular collection: \$5,483; **Fuel:** \$1,957
 Second Collection this week - School Support
 Second 9/22 - Catholic University

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Fall is in the air ... and if you're shopping at Colonie Center Mall for new autumn outfits, home decor, or apple and pumpkin spice everything, save those receipts and turn them in to help the students at our school!

3x: Sbarro, Lids, FYE, and Famous Footwear
4x: Nordstrom Rack, Five Below, Regal, and H&M

Extra bonus point opportunity: 500 bonus points for every five or more items donated to the Ronald McDonald Charity House when you drop them off at the mall's Management Office!

COMMUNITY NEWS

*Fr. Frank O'Connor will lead **Lectio Divina prayer** at the monthly meeting of the Community of Mary, Mother of Mercy on Monday, September 16th at 7:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church. The Community of Mary, Mother of Mercy supports senior priests through prayer, friendship, and service. All parishioners are welcome! Lectio Divina translates to "divine word" and involves praying with scripture. Find peace and meaning through God's word!

*There will be a **book discussion** featuring *The Flag, the Cross, and the Station Wagon* by Bill McKibben at St. Vincent de Paul Church beginning Wednesday, October 23rd at 7 p.m. via Zoom and lasting for four weeks. Contact Dave Rowell at daverowellt2@gmail.com or (518) 726-4550 to get the Zoom link and study guide for the book.

The response to our request to help defray the cost of the bus for our October 2nd Auriesville Shrine field trip has been wonderful! If we receive donations in excess of the need for the bus for this trip, we will use these funds for future field trip transportation costs. Thank you so much for your generous and constant support of our school!

Auriesville Shrine Field Trip
Bus Cost — \$1,500

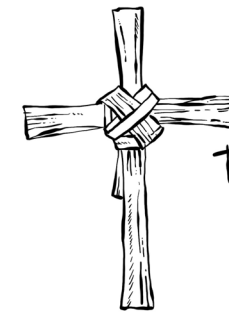
██████████ 100% Thank you!

2024-2025 School Year
Bus Expenses — \$4,000

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BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

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*Take up your cross,
and follow me*

-MARK 8:27-35

Please note that our Sunday 9 a.m. Masses on September 22nd and 29th will not be livestreamed.

<p>BAPTISMS</p> <p>FUNERALS</p> <p>WEDDINGS</p>	<p>SATURDAY, 9/14/24 — 4 PM ☩ Anthony Schmitz ☩ Emil 'Frank' Pukis ☩ Brett Mackay Thanksgiving for graces received for Luz Mercader All souls in Purgatory</p> <p><i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i></p> <p>MONDAY, 9/16/24 — 7 AM ☩ Joseph & Frances Bologno ☩ Irene Frias All Souls in Purgatory</p> <p><i>Memorial, Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian</i></p> <p>WEDNESDAY, 9/18/24 — 8:15 AM All Souls in Purgatory</p> <p>FRIDAY, 9/20/24 — NO MASS</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><i>Memorial, Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn and Paul Chõng Ha-sang and companions</i></p> <p>SATURDAY, 9/21/24 — 4 PM Pro Populo 'For the People'</p> <p><i>Feast of St. Matthew</i></p>	<p>SUNDAY, 9/15/24 — 9 AM ☩ Paul Ross All Souls in Purgatory</p> <p>6 PM — URDU <i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p> <p>TUESDAY, 9/17/24 — 12 PM <i>12:30-1:30 p.m., Confession & Adoration</i> ☩ Theresa Jefferson All Souls in Purgatory</p> <p>THURSDAY, 9/19/24 — 12 PM <i>12:30-1:30 p.m., Confession & Adoration</i> ♥ Michael Anthony Sparks All Souls in Purgatory</p> <p>SUNDAY, 9/22/24 — 9 AM ☩ Anne Rose Lemme ☩ Roberto Picciotto ☩ Loretta & Howard Miller ☩ Joe & Gert Recchia ☩ Martin & Kathleen Dolan All Souls in Purgatory</p> <p>6 PM — URDU <i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>
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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

FROM THE PASTOR: As we continue to discuss vocations this month, consider your own vocation. Whether it's marriage, or you're dating or engaged to your future spouse, how did you get here? Why are you committed to loving this particular person? There is a mysteriousness to our unchosen attractions that can't be denied; but even with them, we still have the choice to pursue that attraction, or simply to acknowledge it and to choose not to pursue it. If there are quirks that irk you, do they stop you from loving, or are they just little things to be dealt with personally, or as a couple? Every relationship, to some degree, is a love-hate relationship. Learning how to love any loved one or family member or friend is a long and sometimes difficult task. The same goes for people who are considering their future in a religious family, as a sister or brother in an order, such as in a monastery or convent, and it goes also for those being ordained deacons or priests. There are always those little things that we have to deal with. And regardless, whether or not we like a particular aspect of the Rule of St. Benedict, or of any other house of sisters or brothers, or the policies that govern life amongst the brotherhood of the priests, setting the rules aside, we will always have to work with other flawed human beings. They are children of God, of course, but also sinners from time to time. Loving or getting along with the actual person in front of us can be difficult. When a man becomes a priest, he joins a community of priests under the bishop as the father-figure, and he might not get along with all of his brothers. Is this a deal-breaker? Or, just like couples getting married, is he expected to stick to it through it all "in good times and bad, sickness and health"? Within all of these vocations, there is suffering to be had, and also great growth to be attained. God wouldn't call us to any of these vocations if it wasn't also a calling to something higher, to a deeper form of loving, to greater holiness, greater service, and greater satisfactions. It might all still be mysterious, but so is the mystery of Jesus' willingness to love and to suffer, and to deal with friends who might betray him, and to love them anyways, while sometimes being disappointed in and frustrated with them and other times to be proud of their successes.

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS (9/14-9/15)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:5-9a
RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 116:1-9
SECOND READING: James 2:14-18
GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-35

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS (9/21-9/22)

FIRST READING: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 54:3-6, 8
SECOND READING: James 3:16-4:3
GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

MORE NEWS AND UPDATES

*On Sunday, September 22nd at 1:30 p.m., the **Capital District Chapter Columbiettes** will host their chapter meeting at the Cohoes Council Knights of Columbus, 255 Remsen St., Cohoes. Capital District chapter president Linda Cotch will preside. If you have any questions, please e-mail klmajer@outlook.com or call (518) 272-8831.

***Life Chain Sunday** will take place on Sunday, September 29th from 2-3 p.m. Please join the Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe to stand in silent, prayerful witness to the sanctity of preborn human life on the public sidewalk on Central Avenue near the Wolf Road intersection at Colonie Center Mall. Signs will be provided for this interfaith event, visibly proclaiming that life is a precious gift of our Creator. Please call Mike at (518) 339-9594 for more information.

THE BOUTIQUE

*We greatly need **children's clothing!** We're open Saturdays, 9 a.m.-noon., and accept donations on Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m.-noon.

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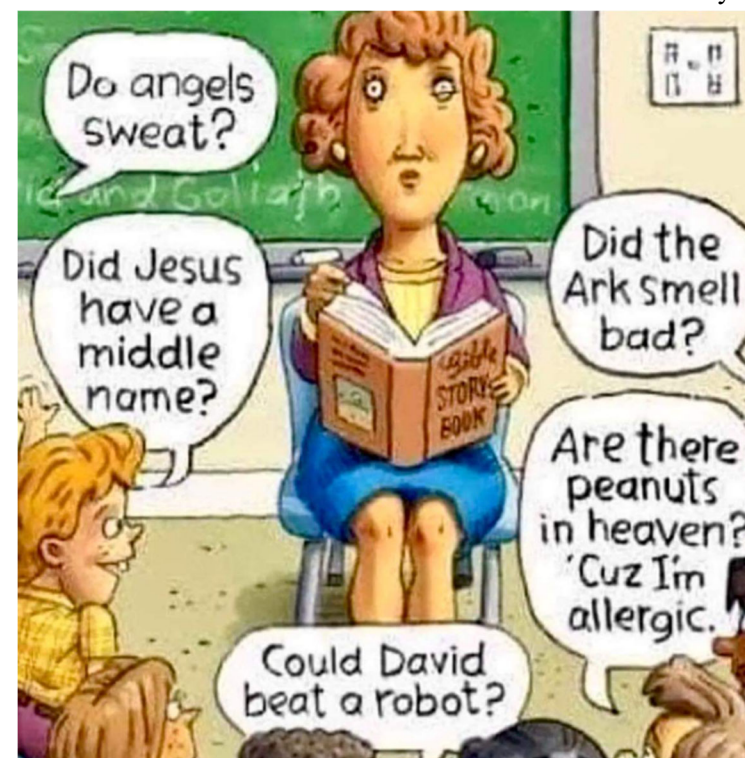
A huge welcome and thank you to everyone joining us for our first Faith Formation gathering this Sunday, September 15th! We're so glad that you're here!

If you haven't registered yet, don't worry! Find our form online: <https://forms.gle/HcMnNHBWcVQ2m9iW9>

This year's theme for Catechetical Sunday is "Lord, when did we see you hungry?" (Matthew 25:37). Pope Francis tells us that catechists are not only volunteers — they also have a *vocation* and a *mission*. Please keep all of our Blessed Sacrament catechists in your prayers (and thank them for their hard work!) as this new year of Faith Formation begins:

- Kindergarten/Grade 1 — **Beenish Maria**
- First Reconciliation/First Communion — **Rose Reed** with assistant catechists **Sue Fiorino** and **Bryan Paul Reed**
- Grades 3 and 4 — **Reeny Adriance**
- Grades 5, 6, and 7 — **Sean Hart**
- Grades 8 and 9 — **Adriana Colonno**
- Confirmation (this December) — **Meghan Platt**
- Confirmation (incoming candidates) — **Chris and Holly McKenna**

P.S. Here's a little catechist humor for Catechetical Sunday!



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*Our school is looking for **gently used toys** (geared toward ages 3-7) for aftercare. We would also love to have any play houses, play kitchens, etc. If you are able to donate items of this type, please contact our school or parish offices!

*Our community's **Family Festival** is taking place in just a few weeks! Please see the flyer below for information!



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Mass Schedule: Sundays, 9 a.m. (English) and 11 a.m. (Spanish); Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. (Spanish); Fridays, 6:30 p.m. (bilingual).

FROM OUR URDU COMMUNITY

We are so happy to be able to offer a Mass in Urdu every Sunday evening at 6 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church! Thank you to Fr. Tanveer and all the others who make this liturgy possible! If you have never experienced a Mass in Urdu, we would love for you to please come join us!