

PARISH MINISTRY NEWS

*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** will take place next Saturday, September 28th from 2-7 p.m. in our school gym. There will be new games for the kids and new booths for the adults, on-site auction items, and a craft table. We have many items currently up for bid at the online silent auction, too: <https://new.biddingowl.com/blessedsacramentschool2024>. If you would like to bid but are unable to navigate the online bidding site, call the rectory at (518) 482-3375 or there will be staff in the gym who can help you bid on Saturday. Raffle tickets are still available through September 28th. Tickets for the pulled-pork dinner are \$12 and are available at the parking lot vestibule, rectory, or on the day of the event. Also, volunteers to help that day are welcome!

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

*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 e-mail address in the message header.

FOOD PANTRY

*We proudly served **271 households** in August (including 235 children, 430 adults, and 93 seniors)! Our food pantry is open Mondays and Thursdays, 10-11:30 a.m.

***Current needs:** hash, chilli, tuna, spaghetti sauce & spaghetti, canned fruits & vegetables, personal and feminine hygiene items, and baby diapers all sizes.

THE BOUTIQUE

*Current need: **children’s clothing!** Our thrift store is open Saturdays, 9 a.m.-noon and accepts donations on Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m.-noon. Thank you for your support!

OFFERTORY REPORT

Collection: \$6,390; **Additional Fuel:** \$392; **School:** \$1,892

Thank you so much for your continued prayerful support!

Our parish bulletin is provided by:



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ALBANY DIOCESE UPDATES

*In October, our diocese will host “**Groomed**,” a one-man play performed by Patrick Sandford, a survivor of child sexual abuse. This event is an invitation to enter into the profound pain and eventual healing journey of a man who endured the unspeakable trauma of abuse at the hands of a trusted teacher. Siena College will host this performance on Sunday, October 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger Bacon Hall Auditorium. For more information, call (518) 453-6606 or send an e-mail: shepherd@rcda.org.

*An invitation from Bishop Scharfenberger: join us for a **free event at Siena College** on October 10th-11th: “Earth’s Cry, Humanity’s Call: A Symposium on Integral Ecology.” Topics will be sustainability and integral ecology with a variety of speakers and sessions being offered. View the bishop’s message about this subject at <https://youtu.be/SBALALK1XvI>. To learn more about the symposium or to register (both in-person and virtual options are being offered), visit <https://tinyurl.com/yep3mj75>.

*The “**Unleashing Love**” Diocesan Women’s Conference, “Awakening Our Hearts to Share God’s Love,” will take place Saturday, October 19th at St. Edward the Confessor, 569 Clifton Park Center Rd. Keynote speakers will be Bishop Scharfenberger and Laura Phelps (a national Catholic speaker, author, Walking with Purpose content creation manager, and podcaster). The event will include three presentations, Reconciliation, Adoration, praying the Rosary, Mass, lunch, and drinks. Conference information and registration: <https://www.rcda.org/UnleashingLove>.

*The **40 Days for Life Campaign in Albany** will begin on Sunday, September 22nd and end on Sunday, November 3rd. A peaceful prayer rally kickoff will take place outside the abortion center at the bus stop at 855 Central Avenue, Albany, on the 22nd from 4-5 p.m. Questions may be sent to alb40days@gmail.com. Learn more, get involved, and sign up for prayer times at 40daysforlife.com/Albany.

COMMUNITY NEWS

*Every first Friday of the month, a **nocturnal prayer service and benediction** will be offered at St. Francis of Assisi Church on Delaware Avenue. This event takes place from 7:15-8:15 p.m. with Fr. Charles Onyeneke as the celebrant. Please use the side entrance of the church (fully handicap accessible).

*Maria College (Marian Hall, 700 New Scotland Ave.) is hosting a “**Walk for Mercy**” to benefit Circles of Mercy and Maria College’s student scholarship fund. This event will be on Thursday, September 26th from 2-4 p.m. Admission is free; please RSVP by calling (518) 462-0899 or e-mail circlesofmercy@nycap.rr.com. There will be refreshments, walker T-shirts, and prize raffles.

*Mater Christi Parish, 40 Hopewell St., Albany, is hosting the **Fr. Doyle Memorial Golf Tournament** on Monday, September 23rd at Capital Hills Golf Course. Registration begins at 11 a.m. with the practice range open from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Golf is a four-person scramble format with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Register online by clicking here: <https://tinyurl.com/4852t48a>.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

607 CENTRAL AVE., ALBANY, NY 12206



**22 SEPTEMBER
2024**

**25TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

BAPTISMS

FUNERALS

WEDDINGS

SATURDAY, 9/21/24 — 4 PM

Pro Populo
'For the People'

Feast of St. Matthew

SUNDAY, 9/22/24 — 9 AM

✠ Anne Rose Lemme
✠ Robert Picciotto
✠ Loretta & Howard Miller
✠ Joe & Gert Recchia
✠ Martin & Kathleen Dolan
All Souls in Purgatory

6 PM — URDU

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, 9/23/24 — 7 AM

✠ Richard Francis
All Souls in Purgatory

Feast of St. Pius of Pietrelcin

TUESDAY, 9/24/24 — 12 PM

12:30-1:30 p.m., Confession & Adoration

✠ Brian Joseph Doyle
All Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, 9/25/24 — 8:15 AM

♥ Fr. Dan Quinn

THURSDAY, 9/26/24 — 12 PM

12:30-1:30 p.m., Confession & Adoration

✠ Barbara Stack

FRIDAY, 9/27/24

NO MASS

Memorial, St. Vincent de Paul

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.

SATURDAY, 9/28/24 — 4 PM

♥ Michael Anthony Sparks
✠ Stefana "Stella" Peabody
✠ Bill Bassotti

SUNDAY, 9/29/24 — 9 AM

Pro Populo
'For the People'

6 PM — URDU

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 & 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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(Sunday Masses are livestreamed here)

Subscribe to our YouTube channel:

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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.*

FROM OUR PAROCHIAL VICAR

As we enter the fourth and final week of our renewed "Called by Name" initiative, I am reminded of one of Christ's principal commands: "Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38). Upon looking at the crowds of men, women, and children flocking to him for health and healing, Jesus doesn't simply tell his disciples to speak with them, clothe them, or feed them; certainly, he asks his disciples to do these things — but what he primarily admonishes them to do is *pray* that the Lord will send laborers. This reveals something to us: first, the hunger that so many feel is not simply for food, clothing, or something temporal but for God and the salvation that comes from him. Second, this hunger is satisfied by the laborers that the Lord of the harvest sends out, through whom the people receive God through both Word and Sacrament. Third, only God can call and send these laborers forth. Fourth, it is incumbent upon all disciples of Christ to pray that this happens. As you discern who you feel may have a vocation to the priesthood and invite him to discern this call formally with the diocese by writing his name on the cards in the pews, I encourage you to continue praying for vocations. Include this as an intention when you receive Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass, when you pray your daily Rosary, and as you give up meat on Friday. Pray as an individual, as a family, and as a parish community that the Lord of the harvest may send laborers for his harvest. If we ask with faith, we will certainly receive. ~Fr. Stephen Yusko

Prayer for vocations: O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor in God's holy service. Amen.



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

Rev. Francis O'Connor, Chaplain
Rev. Mr. Miguel Fabian, Deacon
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Debbie Klose, Organist
Confesora Franco, Faith Formation

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www.ourladyoftheamericas.org

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 happy to offer a Mass in Urdu every Sunday evening at 6 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church! Thank you to Fr. Tanveer and all others who make this liturgy possible! Please join us!

THIS 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

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS (9/28-9/29)

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:25-29
RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-14
SECOND READING: James 5:1-6
GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

MORE COMMUNITY NEWS

***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) 545-7640 for more information.

*We invite all medical doctors, surgeons, nurses, researchers, and hospital administrators to the **White Mass** at Mater Christi Parish at 4 p.m. on September 28th. Bishop Scharfenberger, Fr. Stephen Yusko, and hospital chaplains will celebrate; a reception will follow. The Albany Chapter of the Catholic Medical Guild sponsors this event and is always looking for new members. Visit their website at <https://albanyny.cathmed.org/>.

*The **Third Order of St. Francis prayer group** will meet the third Sunday after Mass at Blessed Sacrament! Please join us!

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FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Sunday, September 22nd — Rose Reed's First Reconciliation/
First Communion class, 10-11:15 a.m. (in school Room #12)

Saturday, September 28th — Blessed Sacrament community
Family Festival, 2-7 p.m. in the school gym

Sunday, October 20th — **Faith Formation** large-group
gathering (attending the 9 a.m. Mass together, then moving
to the school gym for breakfast and the rest of Faith
Formation until 11:45 a.m.)

Sunday, October 27th — Rose Reed's First Reconciliation/
First Communion class, 10-11:15 a.m. (in school Room #12)

*Haven't registered for Faith Formation yet? No worries!
Just click this link for our online registration form:*
<https://forms.gle/HcMnNHBWcVO2m9iW9>.

MORE COMMUNITY AND PARISH NEWS

*Beginning Experience of the Hudson Valley is a Catholic
ministry that serves those who have lost a spouse due to
death, divorce, or separation. Their programs shepherd
people through the emotional devastation that remains. This
fall, they are offering two programs: **"In the Beginning ...
Coping with Life Alone"** (a one-day Zoom program on
Saturday, November 2nd from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.); register for
this event by calling (845) 220-7883 or (845) 325-3147; and

"Healing Weekend" (a 48-hour in-person retreat at
Graymoor Retreat Center in Garrison from November 15th
through 17th); contact Gloria at (646) 281-4790 or Phyllis at
(914) 261-5812 to register for this weekend.

***Catholic Central School's Golf Outing** is Monday,
September 30th. Get ready to be wowed with the beautiful
raffle items that have been generously donated. For detailed
information and to register, visit the webpage:
<https://tinyurl.com/mry37mwu>.

COLONIE CENTER MALL SCHOOL BUCKS

*If you happen to shop at Colonie Center, please save your
receipts and record them in the name of our school at the
Colonie Center Mall office on the first floor! The Capital
Region school with the most points by December 31st wins
\$8,000! Second place wins \$4,000, and lesser prizes follow!
Catholic schooling is an investment by parents, and we want
to help them in any way we can. We're more able to give
scholarships when we have the support of all our
community members, including Colonie Center.*

*Here are September's bonus points for the
School Bucks program:*

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

***Please note: you will receive 500 bonus points for every
5+ items donated to the Ronald McDonald House in
Colonie Center Mall's management office!**

Thank you so much for your continued school support!



*Centered in Faith,
Focused on the Future.*

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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 Saturday, September
28th! Please see the flyer below for more information. In
conjunction with our in-person festival, we are hosting an
online auction. Check out all the awesome prizes (all
proceeds go directly toward tuition assistance): [https://
new.biddingowl.com/blessedsacramentschool2024](https://new.biddingowl.com/blessedsacramentschool2024).

*We are also raffling off four tickets to the **New York
Giants** vs. New Orleans Saints football game on December
8th. Each raffle ticket is \$25, but if you purchase four tickets,
we will add in a fifth ticket for free! For more information
and to buy raffle tickets, visit [https://secure.myvanco.com/
YHAN/campaign/C-12WK1](https://secure.myvanco.com/YHAN/campaign/C-12WK1).



FAMILY FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH 2:00-7:00 PM

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL
605 CENTRAL AVE ALBANY, NY 12206

FEATURING

BOUNCE HOUSES - GAMES - PRIZES - BAKE SALE

- BIG Money Raffle tickets will be sold through the Parish and
School office. Tickets are \$1.00 each.

1st Prize - \$1,000
2nd Prize - \$500 (2 winners)
3rd - \$100 (5 winners)

- Specialty basket online raffle live September 16th to September
28. www.biddingowl.com/BlessedSacramentSchool2024

SCAN THE CODE TO THE ONLINE AUCTION



*We have happy news
to share! Our October
2nd middle school field
trip to the Auriesville
Shrine is now **fully
funded** thanks to your
amazing generosity and
kindness! We have
received \$1,985 toward
field trips, and we are
so incredibly grateful!
Middle schoolers from
BSS, All Saints, and
Mater Christi will
participate in this
wonderful, faith-filled
experience. Thank you!