

PARISH MINISTRY NEWS

***Holy Name Society** raffle news: 1st \$200 prize = Jerry Karl; 2nd \$50 prize = Kathy Schmitz-Morfe; 3rd \$25 prize = Michael Breen. Our next drawing and meeting is Wednesday, November 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. 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 address.

*There will be a **Blessing of Animals** at 2:30 p.m. (dismissal time) on Wednesday, October 9th at Blessed Sacrament School. Bring your animal (or favorite stuffed animal!) for a special blessing from Fr. Yusko and Deacon Gerry!

FOOD PANTRY

*We proudly served **284 households** during the month of September! That included 256 children, 467 adults, and 96 seniors.

***Our current needs are:** The Food Pantry’s cupboards are almost bare so any donation is appreciated. Sr. Patricia needed an emergency delivery from the Regional Food Bank.

*Our food pantry is **open** Mondays and Thursdays, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

THE BOUTIQUE

*Our thrift store is open on Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon, and accepts donations on Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon.

Doing some shopping at Colonie Center Mall? Please save and turn in your receipts to help our students at Blessed Sacrament School! Monetary prizes will be awarded to participating schools based on their total points, and first prize is \$8,000! We receive 2 points per \$1 spent. Fill out the School Bucks form and place it in the drop box at the mall’s security desk along with your original receipts, or show original receipts at the mall’s management office. You can also bring receipts to our parish or school offices. Find out more online at <https://shopatcoloniecenter.com/school-bucks/>.

October 2024 Bonus Points:

- 3x:** P.F. Chang’s, H&M, Sephora, and Regal
- 4x:** Nordstrom Rack, Five Below, Famous Footwear, and Cinnabon

Bonus opportunity: You’ll receive 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! Click here to see their wishlist: <https://tinyurl.com/4tc6khh>.

Our parish bulletin is provided by:



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HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

***Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons**, 2600 Albany St. in Schenectady, will host its Fall Open House for prospective students and families on Wednesday, October 23rd from 5:30-7 p.m. Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons school 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 for the open house, please call (518) 393-3131, ext. 107.

*Join us this fall (October and November) for discussions of Christian themes in short stories, poems, and essays! **Tea & Short Reads** will meet at 12:30 p.m. at 12 Rosemont St., All Saints Church parish offices, in the “Upper Room.” Parking is available in the lot from Brevator Street (and limited parking on Rosemont). Tackle the reading on your own, then come to discuss over a cup of tea. (Snacks to share are welcomed but by no means expected!) The readings are available for free on our parish website: <https://blessedsacramentalbany.org/tea-short-reads/>. The next Tea & Short Reads is happening on October 9th and will feature *Tobit* from the Hebrew scriptures. The complete schedule is listed on our church website.

*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. McKibben is an environmental activist and founder of Third Act, a community of Americans over age 60 who are determined to change the world for the better.

*One day only: Tuesday, October 22nd from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. is **Boscov’s “Friends Helping Friends”** shopping pass day! This one-day shopping card will give you 25 percent off the lowest sale prices in-store and online. Customers can also register to win a \$100 Boscov’s gift card at each store! Each shopping pass costs \$5, and you can pick up yours in our parish or school offices!

*Albany’s Christ Child Society invites you to get a head start on your holiday shopping by visiting our **Holiday Extravaganza event** on Saturday, November 16th from 12-6 p.m. in St. Madeleine Sophie’s Parish Center, 3500 Carman Rd., Schenectady. Our vendors will include Mary Kay, Tupperware, Santa’s Sweets, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Dee’s Bombs, Cruisin’ Creations, Longaberger, Sweet on You, Theresa Girzone jewelry, and Annabelle Designs. Products will be available and ready for holiday giving. Free admission and complimentary refreshments as well as prize drawings throughout the day are part of the event. Albany’s Christ Child Society is dedicated to serving children in need of resources regardless of race or creed. Our challenge is to overcome poverty one child at a time. We are part of a national organization of 5,500 members. Hope to meet you at our event ... and happy shopping! For more information, contact Annette Guido at Aguido1@nycap.rr.com or (518) 356-6903.

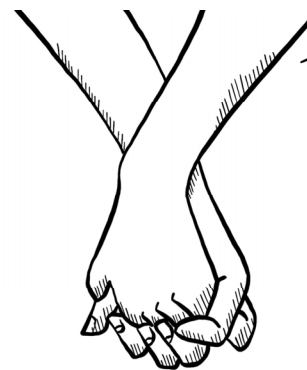
OFFERTORY REPORT

Regular collection: **\$3,822**

Thank you so very much for your constant prayerful support of our parish, school, community, and world!

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Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.
- MARK 10:9



6 OCTOBER 2024

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<p>BAPTISMS</p> <p>FUNERALS</p> <p>WEDDINGS</p>	<p>SATURDAY, 10/5/24 — 9 AM</p> <p>4 PM</p> <p>☩ Mary & Tony Schmitz ☩ Joseph Igoe ☩ Ruthe Brown</p> <p><i>Memorial, St. Faustina Kowalska</i></p>	<p>SUNDAY, 10/6/24 — 9 AM</p> <p>☩ Donald, Mary & Mary Ellen Ford ☩ Amelia & Benny Lattanzio ☩ Gordon Beauchemin ☩ Elaine Mendal Allen</p> <p>6 PM — URDU</p> <p><i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>
	<p>MONDAY, 10/7/24 — 7 AM</p> <p>☩ Jack & Brian Cromie</p> <p><i>Memorial, Our Lady of the Rosary</i></p>	<p>TUESDAY, 10/8/24 — 12 PM</p> <p><i>12:30-1:30 p.m., Confession & Adoration</i></p> <p>☩ Katie Lynch Farrell ☩ Casey Ryan Lynch ☩ John & Mary Lynch ☩ Donald Partyka ☩ Helen Zakens (51st Ann)</p>
	<p>WEDNESDAY, 10/9/24 — 8:15 AM</p> <p>☩ Laura Till ☩ Frank DeSorbo</p>	<p>THURSDAY, 10/10/24 — 12 PM</p> <p><i>12:30-1:30 p.m., Confession & Adoration</i></p> <p>☩ James Feeney ☩ Elvira Cosentino ♥ Virginia Cromie</p>
	<p>FRIDAY, 10/11/24 — NO MASS</p>	<p><i>Please note: Mass intentions with a ☩ indicate that the person is deceased; ♥ indicates that the person is alive.</i></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, 10/12/24 — 4 PM</p> <p>☩ Joseph & Frances Bologna ☩ Shirley Francis ♥ Michael Anthony Sparks</p>	<p>SUNDAY, 10/13/24 — 9 AM</p> <p>☩ Louis Mineau ♥ Matsui Cromie Family</p> <p>6 PM — URDU</p> <p><i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></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 & 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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Download myParishApp: Text app to 55321

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

I had the privilege of participating in a planning meeting for a new initiative with the NYS Department of Corrections, to help make a smooth transition for people coming home from prison, to help them to grow, so as not to return to being behind bars.

The department has worked with these individuals and their families and employers to ensure a healthy and supportive environment once they return to the outside world, where they can often feel like they are in the wilderness, because of the changes that constantly take place in society that they are isolated from in prison. But now the chaplains' office is developing a partnership with these individuals' faith communities!

Here is how they hope it will work: a few months before being released, the prisoner's chaplain (Jewish, Muslim, Catholic, etc.) will help him to find the mosque, church, or community closest to where they will be living, and have a few video calls with the parish and its volunteers. These people are responsible for being welcoming, of praying with and for them, of maybe sitting next to them in the pew on Sunday, of being like a buddy or a godparent, of sharing the spiritual practices that are important to their lives.

Giving former prisoners not just family and economic supports is essential, but spiritual support, of welcoming them home to the life of the Body of Christ, of helping them in their relationship with God, is immeasurable, as it serves the person not only for a time here on Earth, but for their eternal soul. While this program is not yet ready to go, when DOCCS does roll it out, we, and many faith communities will need to be ready to welcome who comes to us. This is true, of course, also of visitors, immigrants, neighbors, and whoever God decides to throw in our path.



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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

Did you know that every Sunday evening at 6 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament, we offer a Mass in the Urdu language? Come join us!

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS (10/5-10/6)

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24
RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 128:1-6
SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:9-11
GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS (10/12-10/13)

FIRST READING: Wisdom 7:7-11
RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 90
SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-13
GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-30

DIOCESAN UPDATES

*If you're wondering how to help the victims of Hurricane Helene, Catholic Charities USA has established a Hurricane Helene Relief Fund. For more information and to donate, visit <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/>. 100 percent of donations received will go toward helping those affected.

*The "Unleashing Love" Diocesan Women's Conference, "Awakening Our Hearts to Share God's Love," is Saturday, October 19th at St. Edward the Confessor, 569 Clifton Park Center Rd. Keynote speakers are Bishop Scharfenberger, Laura Phelps, and Fr. Roger Landry. The event will include three presentations, Reconciliation, Adoration, the Rosary, Mass, lunch, and drinks. For conference information and registration: <https://www.rcda.org/UnleashingLove>.

*Miscarriage is a sensitive subject, and studies show that up to four in 10 women have experienced the death of a preborn child. On Sunday, October 20th at 2 p.m., St. Edward the Confessor Church in Clifton Park will hold a **Mass for Hope and Healing** for those who have endured a stillbirth or miscarriage. This Mass is open to everyone.

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FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

We'll discuss the second Beatitude, "Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted" (Matthew 5:4) at our next **family Faith Formation gathering** on Sunday, October 20th. Everyone who would like to explore the Catholic faith in a deeper way — including parishioners and parish visitors — is invited to participate!

(Haven't registered yet? No problem! Here's our online form: <https://www.bsc-ffym.org/register>)

• Our **Confirmation Mass** (for candidates who worked with Ms. Meghan and were part of our program last year) is Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at All Saints Catholic Church, Albany. Rehearsal for Confirmation will be the evening before (Monday, December 2nd) at 6:30 p.m. at All Saints. Candidates and sponsors need to attend the rehearsal.

• Are you interested in helping with our **2024 Christmas Pageant**? This year, Faith Formation will collaborate with Blessed Sacrament School to perform the nativity story on Sunday, December 15th at 11 a.m. Please contact our office at (518) 438-5854, ext. 119, or faithformationbsc@gmail.com if you and/or your child would like to participate in any way! We will also have a celebratory reception after the pageant.

• Catechists and any other Faith Formation or ministry volunteers are invited to attend a wonderful faith-enrichment event called "**Continuing to Be Blessed by You.**" It will take place on Monday, November 11th from 7-8:30 p.m. at Christ Our Light, 1 Maria Dr., Loudonville. Topics included at this event will be "telling the story of God's closeness," sharing best practices, and "What questions aren't our young people asking?". Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Lisanne Jensen at the contact information above!

*On behalf of Bishop Scharfenberger, you are invited to attend an upcoming free event at Siena College on October 10th-11th. "**Earth's Cry, Humanity's Call: A Symposium on Integral Ecology**" is a two-day symposium on sustainability and integral ecology with a variety of speakers and sessions being offered. View the bishop's message on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/SBALALK1XvI>. To learn more about the symposium or register to attend in person or virtually, visit <https://www.siena.edu/centers-institutes/laudato-si/earths-cry-humanitys-call-a-symposium-on-integral-ecology/>. Although this event is free to attend, registration is required.

*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.

*The **Over 50 Club** will meet on Monday, October 7th at 12:30 p.m. in the church hall. Bring your lunch, beverage, and something to share. We will discuss our December Christmas gathering. For more information, contact Anne Snyder at (518) 869-5247 or send her a text at (508) 238-8557.



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*Wednesday, October 2nd was an absolutely gorgeous day for us to visit the **Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville!** BSS students in Grades 5-8 joined with the middle schoolers from St. Thomas the Apostle (Delmar), All Saints (Albany), and Mater Christi (Albany) for this retreat field trip to explore the lives of martyrs St. René Goupil, St. John LaLande, and St. Isaac Jogues as well as St. Kateri Tekakwitha, who was born in the area. Students visited the ravine, museum, gift shop, heard a special talk about lacrosse from Deacon Gerry, enjoyed lunch outdoors, and even played some soccer. We are sincerely grateful for all of your financial contributions to help make this faith-filled and educational trip possible!



*In honor of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, a **Blessing of Animals** will take place at the school on Wednesday, October 9th at dismissal time. Students can bring an animal or their favorite stuffed animal to receive a blessing from Deacon Gerry and Fr. Yusko!

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NY GIANTS RAFFLE TICKETS

Prize includes - 4 Ticket in Section 103 to the Giants game and includes Reserved Parking

Each ticket is \$25

If you purchase 4 tickets, we will add in a 5th ticket for free!

The live drawing will be pulled on November 26, 2024.

\$1,000 Package Value

*Tickets can be purchased online, in the back of church after mass on Sunday, or by emailing the rectory -- blsedsacramentalb@gmail.com or the school info@blessedsacramentschool.net

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

1:00PM KICKOFF @ METLIFE STADIUM

SCAN TO PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS ONLINE!