

**PARISH MINISTRY UPDATES**

\*Our church is looking for volunteers to bring **Communion to the homebound**. If you can help, please contact our parish office!

\*2024 **tax statements** are available! If you would like a copy of yours, please contact our parish office.

\*The **Rosary Guild's Baby Shower** will be held at noon on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. (This is a **correction** from the information in last week's bulletin.)

\***Holy Name Society (HNS)** raffle tickets (\$1 each) are always available at the parish office, from HNS officers, at weekend Masses, and by mail. Any *unused* raffle tickets may be returned to the rectory. The next drawing/meeting is scheduled for Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. All parish men are invited to attend.

**FOOD PANTRY**

\***Our food pantry currently needs the following items:** toilet paper, juice (64 oz.), macaroni and cheese, tuna fish, egg noodles, elbow pasta, and regular pasta. **Food pantry volunteers are also needed** from 9 a.m. to noon on Mondays and Fridays. If you can help, please contact our parish office!

**THE BOUTIQUE**

\*Shopping hours are 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays, with donations accepted on Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m.-noon. We cannot accept books, some electronics, fabric scraps, or clothing in need of repair or dirty. Unwanted items are an expense to the church to dispose of. **We need men's winter coats!**



**COLONIE CENTER SCHOOL BUCKS PROGRAM**

*How about a fun shopping trip to the mall to help get rid of the "winter blues"? Think spring!*

**February 2025 Opportunities to Support BSS:**

**3X:** Carters, Famous Footwear, Hallmark, Go Playland

**4X:** Regal, Five Below, H&M, L.L. Bean

**1,000 bonus points for every Five Below receipt turned in!**

Visit the School Bucks website:

<https://shopatcoloniecenter.com/School-Bucks/>

**HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITIES**

\*Our own Fr. Stephen Yusko will present a talk titled, **"The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony"** as part of the Furthering Your Faith Series on Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at St. Madeleine Sophie Church, 3500 Carman Rd., Schenectady. Eucharistic Adoration and Confession will be available immediately after his presentation.

\*On Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the **Capital District Chapter Columbiettes** will hold their March chapter meeting at Waterford Knights of Columbus, 76 Grace St., Waterford, at 1:30 pm. Capital District Chapter President Linda Cotch will preside. If you have any questions, please contact [klmajer@outlook.com](mailto:klmajer@outlook.com) or (518) 272-8831.

\*All Saints Church, Albany, is hosting a **pasta dinner and raffle** on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 5 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person or \$25 per family, which includes a pasta dinner with homemade sauce; wine, beer, or soda; and desserts. Tickets will go on sale February 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information, visit [www.allsaintscc.org](http://www.allsaintscc.org).

\*On May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar is sponsoring a bus trip to the **Sight and Sound Theatre** in Lancaster, PA, to see the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary production of "Noah." This trip will include transportation, a stop at an Amish shopping center, dinner at Miller's, one overnight at a hotel, tickets to the show, and lunch at an Amish restaurant. For more details about the trip and to make a reservation, please contact Barbara Ruggirello at [baruggirello@gmail.com](mailto:baruggirello@gmail.com).

\*A **Lenten retreat** with Fr. Roc O'Connor, SJ, will be held March 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> at the Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua. This event is open to men and women, and the cost ranges from \$250-\$310 depending on the room. For more information, please visit [www.notredameretreat.org](http://www.notredameretreat.org).

\*A Catholic men's conference titled **"Know the Lord"** will be held on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at Bishop Ludden Jr./Sr. High School in Syracuse. Register and find more details online at [www.ignitecatholicmen.org](http://www.ignitecatholicmen.org).

\*The *Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC)* Albany will present liturgical composer and songwriter **Dan Schutte** for a Lenten Evening of Song and a Lenten Retreat at Christ the King Church, 20 Sumter Ave., Albany, on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. and March 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. For information, visit online: [jvcusa.org/Schutte](http://jvcusa.org/Schutte).

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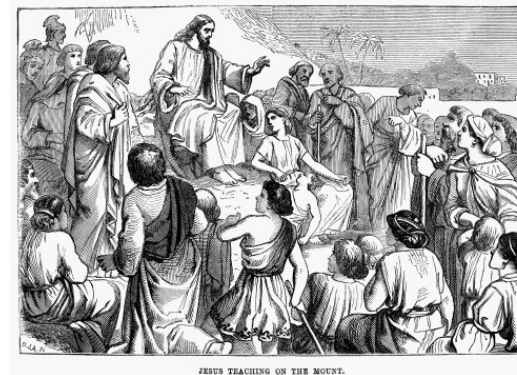
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**OFFERTORY REPORT**

**Regular:** \$5,010; **Fuel:** \$166; **The Evangelist:** \$100  
*Our second collection this weekend will go toward School Support.*

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH**

607 CENTRAL AVE., ALBANY, NY 12206



**16 FEBRUARY 2025**

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

<p><b>BAPTISMS</b></p> <p><b>FUNERALS</b></p> <p>Constance Duhamel Robert W Brady William Fitzgerald</p> <p><b>WEDDINGS</b></p>	<p><b>SATURDAY, 2/15/25 — 4 PM</b></p> <p>♥ Michael Anthony Sparks ✠ Edward O'Brien ✠ Michael Agneta ✠ Bill &amp; Jean Pfeiffer ✠ Sylvie Berrete ✠ Robert Foley</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY, 2/16/25 — 9 AM</b></p> <p>✠ Francesco Benincasa ✠ Elise Benincasa ✠ Carmine Benincasa ✠ Raymond Saint Cyr ✠ Pierre Ernest Fequire <b>6 PM — URDU</b></p> <p><i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>
	<p><b>MONDAY, 2/17/25 — 7 AM</b></p> <p>✠ Wes Ridenauer ✠ William Henderer Grogan Family ✠ Richard Francis (bday)</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY, 2/18/25 — 12 PM</b> <i>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m.</i></p> <p>♥ Bill C ✠ Mary E Barth</p>
	<p><i>Presidents' Day (parish and school offices closed)</i></p>	
	<p><b>WEDNESDAY, 2/19/25</b></p> <p><b>NO MASS</b></p>	<p><b>THURSDAY, 2/20/25 — 12 PM</b> <i>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m.</i></p> <p>♥ Bill C ♥ Michael Anthony Sparks</p>
	<p><b>FRIDAY, 2/21/25</b></p> <p><b>NO MASS</b></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><b>SATURDAY, 2/22/25 — 4 PM</b></p> <p>✠✠ Luigi Consentino ✠ Susan Marie Shea ✠ Mary Ellen Kalled ✠ Helen Delehanty (35 Ann) ✠ Timothy Sullivan</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY, 2/23/25 — 9 AM</b></p> <p>✠ Alessandra Suchocki ✠ Heidi Cushine-Huptick ✠ Cory Wickham ✠ Alan Boivin</p> <p><b>6 PM — URDU</b></p> <p><i>Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, Apostle</i></p> <p><i>Seventh 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 (Confession):** 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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**STAY CONNECTED**

**Parish Website:** [blessedsacramentalbany.org](http://blessedsacramentalbany.org)  
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*(Sunday Masses are livestreamed here)*  
**Subscribe to our YouTube channel:** <https://www.youtube.com/@BSCAlbany>  
**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 DEACON'S BENCH

Today's Gospel reading (Luke 6:17, 20-26) is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel between this text and the one in Matthew (Chapter 5) that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. This passage is the main canon of all Jesus's teachings.

There was no TV that could provide coverage of all that Jesus taught; therefore, it stands to reason that he would teach this main canon many times — but modified to appeal to certain audiences.

When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God. Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus's disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel. Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning.

*Rachel's Vineyard* is a retreat of healing and reconciliation for women and men whose lives have been touched by abortion. The retreat will be held May 30<sup>th</sup>-June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center, Niskayuna. The weekend will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service, and a Mass of Entrustment. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. The cost is \$195, which includes a private room, meals, and retreat materials. Financial assistance is available for those unable to pay the entire cost. For more information or to register, contact Pat Mousaw, (518) 222-1160 or Katie Bolibaugh, (518) 495-3574 or e-mail: [rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com).

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called "blessed." This is a Gospel of conflict that flies in the face of a Jewish people who believed that these groups were out of favor with God.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon: the Kingdom of God. ~Deacon Gerry

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.	Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.	Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.	Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.	Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

### THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS (2/15-2/16)

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-8  
RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 1  
SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20  
GOSPEL: Luke 6:17, 20-26

### NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS (2/22-2/23)

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23  
RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 103  
SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49  
GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

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## FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

\*Please note that the sacrament of **First Reconciliation** has been rescheduled for **Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30 p.m. in the church!** (We were unfortunately not able to have this event on February 1<sup>st</sup> because of bad weather.) Parents and children, please arrive at the church a little early if possible. We will have some prayers and readings beforehand as well as congratulations gift bags for the children afterward. Please keep our young people in your prayers as they experience God's unending love, forgiveness, and mercy!

\*Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> is our next **family Faith Formation** gathering! We will attend the 9 a.m. Mass, then move to the school gym for breakfast and the remainder of our sessions. The next Beatitude that we will discuss is "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God" (from the Gospel of Matthew, 5:9). Adults (parents) stay for our Faith Formation gatherings and have their own faith-sharing group! We look forward to seeing everyone in March!

\*First Communicants: please save the date of Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> after the 9 a.m. Mass for our **First Communion Retreat**. This event is for parents and children to participate in together and will last until approximately noon. BSS students who will receive First Communion are also invited (along with their parents). We will begin in the church and then visit activity stations in the school gym, including creating our First Communion banners!

\*Our **First Communion Mass** will be celebrated at 9 a.m. on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

\*Need to **contact our office**? Call (518) 438-5854, ext. 119, or e-mail [faithformationbsc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationbsc@gmail.com). Our office is located on the second floor of Blessed Sacrament School.



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\*Pictured above: Albany Bishop **Edward Scharfenberger** celebrated our school Mass on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>! What an honor to have him here with us!

\*We are excited to announce our new part-time music teacher, **Ms. Jill Wheat!** She will begin teaching on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Welcome to BSS!

\*Barring any additional snow days, we will also celebrate our **100<sup>th</sup> day of school** on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>!

\*Our school will be on **February Break** from Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> through Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.

\*For more information about how you can contribute financially to the 2025 **Beacon of Hope**, visit the website [fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/2025BOH](http://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/2025BOH). This year's goal is \$19,000. Make sure to click on Michelle Rosario's page: [fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/2025BOH/team/Rosario](http://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/2025BOH/team/Rosario). Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed so far!

\*BSS's **school store** is now open! Visit online for awesome new merchandise featuring our school's logo: <https://griffinspirit.itemorder.com/shop/home/>.



## FROM OUR URDU COMMUNITY

We proudly offer Mass in Urdu every Sunday evening at 6 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament! Please join us!



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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[www.ourladyoftheamericas.org](http://www.ourladyoftheamericas.org)

Mass Schedule: Sundays, 9 a.m. (English) and 11 a.m. (Spanish); *please note that there will be no Masses on Tuesdays or Fridays until Fr. O'Connor returns.*

Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany  
Office for Discipleship Formation  
CALL, FORM, SEND

*'Hope Does Not Disappoint'*  
**Winter Retreat Day**  
[for any parish ministry staff, vol's, etc.]  
**Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
[9-9:30 check-in & refreshments]  
at St. Matthew's Parish  
25 Mountain View St., Voorheesville NY  
with Deacon Gary Riggi

Gary Riggi is the Director and Spiritual Leader of City Mission at Schenectady's Williams Center, and has been liturgically serving at City Mission since 2008.

Under Gary's leadership and guidance, City Mission provides critical emotional and spiritual support every day to those it serves. Gary, a Catholic Deacon, and works with Mission's staff to ensure a robust spiritual focus for its efforts, which includes regular retreats, the involvement of parishes, and community activities working alongside the poor, helping to put flesh on the words of the Gospel.

Among Gary's spiritual counseling experiences, he has served as Director of the Joshua Foundation; he runs the Joshua Retreat House in Albany and conducts retreats; Gary is a Discipleship Formation, Spiritual Director, Director of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, and participant in their Hope and Healing Ministry.

For his dedication to helping the poor, under-resourced, and vulnerable in every community where he serves, Gary has been the recipient of the Office of the Aging Award for Schenectady County, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany's Evangelical Award, and a Schenectady Hero Award. Gary and his wife, Sharon, live in Albany and see the priestly parents of three sons and grandparents to two grandchildren.

Register at the link below or via form/email - by Feb 20th (for lunch\*)  
<https://webapps.rcda.org/ParishFaithFormation/>  
email Erin Muir - [erin.muir@rcda.org](mailto:erin.muir@rcda.org)  
or call 518-453-6670  
if any special dietary needs for lunch

send form & payment to [OR bring day off]  
Office for Discipleship Formation; Winter Retreat  
40 N. Main Ave., Albany NY 12203

Cost \$20/person  
Includes Lunch & refreshments

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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