

**PARISH MINISTRY UPDATES**

\*The **Over 50 Club** will meet on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:30 p.m. in the church hall. Bring your lunch, beverage, and something to share. Any questions, please call Anne Snyder at (518) 869-5247.

\*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>.

\***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.

\*Here's an opportunity for Catholic singles to mingle, make new friends, and maybe even find a special someone: **"Sacred Sparks"** on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Lunch will be provided. Spaces are limited ... get your ticket today! 12-4 p.m., for Catholic men and women ages 21 to 39. Location: St. Thomas the Apostle School gym/cafeteria (43 Adams Place, Delmar). The event is free, but all attendees must register in advance: <https://tinyurl.com/5t4p43ru>. Please e-mail Casey with any questions: [vincelettecasey@gmail.com](mailto:vincelettecasey@gmail.com).

\*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 went 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).

\*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: [ivcusa.org/Schutte](http://ivcusa.org/Schutte).

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**OFFERTORY: SHARING OUR TREASURE**

**Regular:** \$5,084

*We need at least \$9,000 per week in our collections to cover expenses, not counting unexpected maintenance costs. Thank you for your prayerful giving as an act of worship!*

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH**

607 CENTRAL AVE., ALBANY, NY 12206



*Our diocese is exploring the future of All Saints Catholic Academy, Blessed Sacrament School, and Mater Christi School with some potential restructuring. A meeting is organized for 6 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 900 Madison Ave., Albany, for parents and school community members to learn more and provide potential solutions. Community feedback is invaluable and will be solicited at the meeting.*



**23 FEBRUARY 2025**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

<p><b>BAPTISMS</b></p> <p><b>FUNERALS</b></p> <p>Brian Welch</p> <p><b>WEDDINGS</b></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><i>Feast of the Chair of St. Peter</i></p>	<p><b>SUNDAY, 2/23/25 — 9 AM</b></p> <p>✠ Alessandra Suchocki ✠ Heidi Cushine-Huptich ✠ Cory Wickham ✠ Alan Boivin</p> <p><b>6 PM — URDU</b> <i>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>
	<p><b>MONDAY, 2/24/25 — 7 AM</b></p> <p>♥ Michael Anthony Sparks ♥ Luz Mercader</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY, 2/25/25 — 12 PM</b> <i>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m.</i></p> <p>✠ Joseph &amp; Frances Bologna ✠ Maria E 'Jean' Kennedy ♥ Rev. Francis O'Connor ♥ Kaitlyn Wilson Thompson</p>
	<p><b>WEDNESDAY, 2/26/25 — 8:15 AM</b></p> <p>♥ Bill C</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY, 2/27/25 — 12 PM</b> <i>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m.</i></p> <p>✠ Brendan Garrett ♥ Bill C</p>
	<p><b>FRIDAY, 2/28/25 — 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, 3/1/25 — 9 AM</b></p> <p><b>4 PM</b> ✠ Barney Bologna ✠ Edward Weingarden, Jr. ✠ Carol Phelan ♥ Bill C ♥ Kaitlyn Wilson Thompson</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY, 3/2/25 — 9 AM</b></p> <p>For the People Pro Populo</p> <p><b>6 PM — URDU</b> <i>Eighth 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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(Sunday Masses are livestreamed here)  
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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.*



## CHILDREN BLESS US BEYOND MEASURE

by Lisanne Jensen

As a long-time director of parish Faith Formation and now a religion teacher, I have the incredible privilege of hearing such beautiful and inspiring questions and observations from young people as they explore their faith more deeply. Sometimes their sayings make me giggle. Sometimes I don't know the answers to their questions (but I tell them that we can try to find out together!). Sometimes their comments are so thought-provoking that they completely stop me in my tracks. Colleagues often tell me, "I hope you're writing all these down, because you could publish a book!". Who knows — maybe I'll do that someday. But in the meantime, I thought that I would share some of the wonderful things that I've heard from children during my many years in ministry.

From a kindergartener: "Do angels in heaven get married and have babies?"

From a sixth grader: "Did Jesus ever get hot? When you see pictures of him, it looks like he's always wearing a long robe. You'd think that he would have gotten really warm because the weather where he lived was super hot. Didn't he ever wear short sleeves?"

From a middle schooler: "Poor Lazarus! He died and then Jesus brought him back to life, but then when he got old, he died again! That guy had to go through death twice! That really sucks!"

From a third grader: "Does God celebrate Lent? Actually, I think that he does. His Lent is probably our everyday."

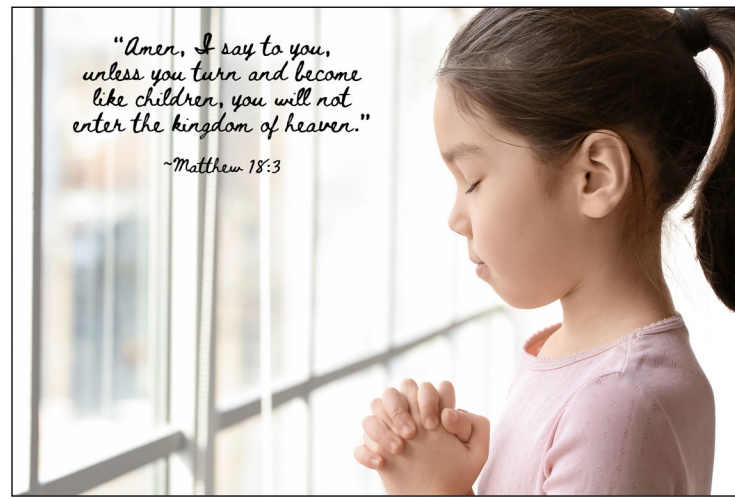
From a third grader, after studying the parable of The Good Samaritan: "I know there were two criminals who also died on crosses next to Jesus when he was crucified. Were those the two people who didn't stop to take care of the wounded man on the side of the road?"

From a third grader, after studying the Gospel passage where Simeon holds baby Jesus in the temple: "Wouldn't it have been really heavy to hold baby Jesus? Because he had the weight of the world."

From a second grader, trying to remember the Act of Contrition: "I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Jesus caught the sniffles and died. Thank you, Jesus. Amen!"

From a first grader: "Was Noah's wife named Joan of Ark?"

From a second grader: "Can we receive our First Communion



online instead?"

From a fifth grader: "Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem because Mary was pregnant and had a doctor's appointment."

From a fifth grader: "St. Valentine really got his head chopped off? Just like St. John the Baptist and St. Paul did? Wow, they sure liked chopping people's heads off back then."

From a sixth grader, after a lesson on the history of the Eucharist: "So when the shepherd had 100 sheep but one of them got lost, was it because they ate that lamb for their Passover meal? Is that why the shepherd couldn't find that other sheep?"

From a first grader, during a lesson on prayer: "I know what the Hail Mary is! We learned about it in football practice! You just try to throw the ball really, really far at the end of the game if your team is losing bad!"

From a third grader, during a discussion about Lent: "I know what Easter means. It means hope."

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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.

### THIS 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

### NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS (3/1-3/2)

FIRST READING: Sirach 27:4-7

RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 92

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

GOSPEL: Luke 6:39-45

**BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL**  
Your Neighborhood School

We are currently accepting new students for the 2025 academic year. Blessed Sacrament School is a premier Catholic Elementary School serving 3-year-olds through 8th grade. Bussing from surrounding districts available. Extended school hours available.

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\*We are *super* excited to announce that Blessed Sacrament School has won **first place** and the top prize of **\$8,000** in Colonie Center Mall's School Bucks program! The awards ceremony took place on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. BSS turned in \$553,468.56 worth of receipts, and we can't possibly express how grateful we are to everyone in our Blessed Sacrament community who made this award possible! The money will go directly toward supporting our school students. Please keep an eye on the School Bucks section of our church bulletin each week for information about how you can be part of this effort!

\*We hope that everyone enjoyed a fun and restful **February Break!** We will celebrate our **100<sup>th</sup> day of school** on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.

\*Employment news: we are excited to announce our new part-time music teacher, **Jill Wheat!** She will begin teaching on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, and we welcome her to our BSS team! Also, we extend our best wishes to **Katie O'Connor**, technology teacher and BSS alumna, who will be leaving as of February 24<sup>th</sup>. We wish her all the best!

\*BSS will be marching in the 2025 Albany **St. Patrick's Day parade!** More details to come!

\*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, and we really appreciate everyone who has given so far! Make sure to click on Michelle Rosario's page: [fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/2025BOH/team/Rosario](http://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/2025BOH/team/Rosario).

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



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**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.**