

**NEWS FROM OUR PARISH MINISTRIES**

\*If anyone has **First Communion attire** (white dresses for girls, accessories such as gloves/veils, boys' suits/dress shirts/dress pants, dress shoes, etc.) that they would like to donate to our Faith Formation program and school (especially if you happen to have First Communion attire for children who are a bit older), please contact Lisanne Jensen at [faithformationbsc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationbsc@gmail.com) or (518) 965-9199.

\*We are looking for volunteers to visit our **nursing facility parishioners!** We could use approximately 20 people. We would also like the folks who have volunteered in the past to contact our church office to confirm that they are still willing and available to help. We will be asking folks to visit between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

\*Our parish currently needs drivers for our **Transportation Ministry**. We have six people who need rides; one is even just across the street but the walk is a bit too far. 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 annual Baby Shower** and luncheon will be on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at noon in the school hall. The Albany Christ Child Society has made more than 700 layettes for mothers in need this past year! Items needed are: 0-9 months: sleepers, onesies, towels, diapers, blankets, and sweater sets. Items can be brought to Masses on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, or left at the rectory weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All women are welcome!

\*The **Holy Name Society (HNS)**'s next meeting and raffle drawing will be held on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m. All parish men are invited. Our rectory and HNS officers have the raffle tickets.

**FOOD PANTRY**

\***Our food pantry currently needs** diapers (all sizes) and personal hygiene items. **Food pantry volunteers are also needed** from 9 a.m. to noon on Mondays and Thursdays.

**THE BOUTIQUE**

\*Shopping hours are 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays, with donations accepted Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m.-noon. We cannot accept books, some electronics, fabric scraps, or clothing in need of repair or dirty. **We are no longer accepting winter clothing.**

**COLONIE CENTER SCHOOL BUCKS PROGRAM**

*Turn in your shopping receipts to our parish or school offices! Thank you for your continued support!*

**March 2025 Opportunities:**

- 3x: Bath & Body Works, Box Lunch, Regal, Kay's
  - 4x: Victoria's Secret, Famous Footwear, Sephora, Torrid
- 1,000 bonus points for every Sephora receipt turned in!**

Visit the School Bucks website:

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

**HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITIES**

\*As part of the **"Furthering Your Faith"** series, there will be a presentation on the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at St. Edward the Confessor Church, Clifton Park.

\*A niche altar to **St. Thorlak**, the unofficial patron saint of people with autism, is now on display at All Saints Catholic Church in Albany. It will be left up through April 6<sup>th</sup>, when those who identify as autistic or neurodivergent will gather after All Saints' 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass for a prayer of consecration in honor of Autism Awareness Month.

\*We are in a spiritual battle! How do we recognize the enemy? How do we win? Come learn more at a social event for young adults (ages 18-39) and older generation (ages 65+) to discuss the topic of **"Battling Spiritual Warfare"** on Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Corpus Christi Church's parish hall, 2001 Route 9, Round Lake. Bishop Scharfenberger will be the presenter. There is no cost, but a free-will offering will be available.

\*A Lenten retreat for **Catholic medical professionals** is scheduled for Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Pius X Church, 23 Crumitie Rd., Loudonville. To register, visit <https://forms.gle/MGV9aREx9SaQWR3MA>. For more information, e-mail [albanycma3@gmail.com](mailto:albanycma3@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).

\*Come join us at the monthly **charismatic healing liturgy** on Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at Christ Our Light Church, Loudonville. There will be prayer/praise music at 7 p.m. with Mass at 7:30 p.m.; healing prayer will follow. Fr. Kyle Gorenski will be our celebrant.



**FROM OUR URDU COMMUNITY**

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

**OFFERTORY: SHARING OUR TREASURE**

**Regular:** \$4,862; **School:** \$1,580

*We need at least \$9,000 each week in our collections to break even — not counting unexpected maintenance costs. Thank you so much for your prayerful giving as an act of worship!*

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**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH**

607 CENTRAL AVE., ALBANY, NY 12206



Please note that our 9 a.m. Mass this Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, will not be livestreamed.

<p><b>BAPTISMS</b></p> <p>Jack Hession Goodliffe Vivian Kay Ryan</p> <p><b>FUNERALS</b></p> <p><b>WEDDINGS</b></p>	<p><b>SATURDAY, 3/22/25 — 4 PM</b></p> <p>♥ Kaitlyn Wilson Thompson ♥ Bill C</p> <p>✚ Jack &amp; Brian Cromie ✚ Rose Ann DeSorbo ✚ Frank DeSorbo ✚ Judith Early</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY, 3/23/25 — 9 AM</b></p> <p>✚ Nick Maniscalco ✚ James J Murphy ✚ Paul Fitzgerald ✚ Veronica Fredrick</p> <p><b>6 PM — URDU</b> <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i></p>
	<p><b>MONDAY, 3/24/25 — 7 AM</b></p> <p>✚ Krisann Crouchley</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY, 3/25/25 — 12 PM</b> <i>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m.</i></p> <p>✚ James Smith ✚ Mari Bennitt (1st Ann)</p> <p><i>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord</i></p>
	<p><b>WEDNESDAY, 3/26/25 — 8:15 AM</b> <b>(SCHOOL MASS OPEN TO ALL)</b></p>	<p><b>THURSDAY, 3/27/25 — 12 PM</b> <i>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m.</i></p> <p>✚ John J Connery ✚ Mary Connery ♥ Michael Anthony Sparks</p>
	<p><b>FRIDAY, 3/28/25 — 12 PM</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><i>Stations of the Cross: 9 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 6 p.m.</i></p>
	<p><b>SATURDAY, 3/29/25 — 4 PM</b></p> <p>For the People Pro Populo</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY, 3/30/25 — 9 AM</b></p> <p>✚ Udile Paillout Fequire ✚ Wilson Jaques ✚ Luctor Metellus ✚ Ines Rene Metellus ✚ Enide Saintal ✚ Noral Andre ✚ Jackson Saintal</p> <p><b>6 PM — URDU</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</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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"Like" us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/blessedsacramentcatholicchurch](http://www.facebook.com/blessedsacramentcatholicchurch)  
(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.*

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**



## LENT: SLOWING DOWN AND REFLECTING

In French, the word *lent* means “slow.” How appropriate, as Lent is a wonderful time to take a step back and reflect on how you and God are doing — and to consider ways in which we can strive to be “the best version of ourselves” and grow closer in relationship with Him. A few years ago, an inspiring colleague of mine shared with me an Examination of Conscience based on The Lord’s Prayer, and I love it so much that I use it each year with our young people who are preparing to receive their First Reconciliation. It’s a great “checklist” for everyone, actually — even adults — and is especially fitting for our Lenten season!



### Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name.

Do I think about God every day?

Do I say my prayers?

Do I pay attention and participate at Mass?

### Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Am I kind to others?

Do I do what Jesus wants me to do?

Do I share with others?

Am I helpful to my family?

Do I show respect to my teachers and classmates/coworkers, etc.?

### Give us this day our daily bread ...

Do I remember to say thank you?

Am I sometimes greedy?

Do I appreciate the good things I have in my life?

Do I think of ways to help those who have no food?

Do I take things that don't belong to me?

### ... and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Do I say I'm sorry when I have been wrong?

Do I forgive and forget when someone does something bad to me?

Do I help solve problems between my friends or do I cause more trouble?

Do I say bad things about people who have hurt me?

### And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Do I play fairly in sports and games/at work, etc.?

Do I cheat in school/at work?

Do I tell the truth?

Do I set a good example by my kindness?

Do I let other kids/people tempt me to do things I know I shouldn't do?



## SHRINE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS

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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.*

For whatever reason, some people have stopped actively participating in the Church and attending Mass. We miss those Catholics who may have left the Church or who have stopped participating in its sacramental life. Perhaps you or someone you know are in this situation and don't know how to come back or how to become active again. The purpose of Catholics Come Home is to invite inactive Catholics and others searching for a faith home to the Catholic faith. Visit their website for answers about Church teachings and an overview of the Catholic faith: [CatholicsComeHome.org](http://CatholicsComeHome.org).



**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, please contact Pat Mousaw, (518) 222-1160 or Katie Bolibaugh, (518) 495-3574 or e-mail: [rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com).

For a complete listing of retreat dates and locations, contact 1-877-HOPE-4 ME or visit the Rachel's Vineyard website: [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

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## FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

\*Congratulations and God's blessings to all our young people receiving the healing sacrament of **Reconciliation** for the first time this weekend! If you could, please keep them in your prayers: **Anaya, Emily, Madigan, Madison, and Savannah.**

\*This Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, is **Rose Reed's individual class (First Communicants only)** from 10 to 11:15 a.m. in Room #12 of the school.

\*Our **First Communion Retreat** will take place on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> after the 9 a.m. Mass. (*Please see the flyer above for more details.*) We will meet first in the church, then head over to the school gym for activities. *This retreat is for parents and children to participate in together* and will last until about noon. Children will get to make their First Communion banners at the retreat!

\*Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> is our **last Family Faith Formation gathering of the year** (attending the 9 a.m. Mass together, then moving to the school gym for breakfast and the remainder of our session until 11:45 a.m.). We will wrap up our discussion of the Beatitudes in Matthew's Gospel. Our adult discussion group would like to continue meeting even after Faith Formation ends for the year, so be on the lookout for more information to come about future meetings!

\*Registration is open for **Camp Breakaway** at Pyramid Life Center, June 29<sup>th</sup> through July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Spaces are available for two age groups: Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12. Activities will include swimming, kayaking, archery, fishing, the sacrament of Reconciliation, prayer, hiking, participating in Mass, team activities, and much more. Visit online at [pyramidlife.org](http://pyramidlife.org) to find more information about Camp Breakaway and register.



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**On Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, an announcement was made regarding the restructuring of three Albany Catholic schools. Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, Blessed Sacrament School will change to preschool through Grade 5 only; Mater Christi will remain a preschool through Grade 8 school; and All Saints Catholic Academy will close. You can read more about this decision in The Evangelist newspaper: <https://tinyurl.com/ye2ykh96>.**

\*On Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, BSS was blessed to have the **Farrell School of Irish Dance** perform some amazing Irish step dances for us in the school gym! Many of our students also flooded the gym floor to sing and dance to “The Unicorn Song,” which they learned in music class! Many thanks to Maggie McNally Bradshaw for coordinating this fun visit!

\*Congratulations to our **seventh and eighth grade girls' basketball team** for coming in second place in the finals and to our **boys' Grade 5/6 team** for winning their championship! We are so proud of everyone!

\*This spring, BSS is kicking off a “**Marvelous May**” spring raffle with a \$1,500 grand prize and two runner-up prizes of \$500 each. Raffle proceeds will go toward tuition costs. We're also planning our annual **Chicken Parmesan Dinner** on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5-7 p.m. in the school gym. For \$15, the dinner will include chicken Parmesan, chicken pastene soup, penne pasta, Italian bread, and a bottle of water. The event will be catered by 2SHEA. Dinner tickets are available before and after Masses at the church annex or in our parish and school offices. Raffle tickets also will be mailed out; they are \$5 each or five tickets for \$20. The raffle winner will be drawn on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the dinner. For more information, please e-mail Kristine Ruddy: [kruddy@blessedsacramentschool.net](mailto:kruddy@blessedsacramentschool.net).

\*Save the date: **Albany Catholic Schools Reunion**, Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 p.m., hosted at Blessed Sacrament!



Representing BSS at the 2025 Albany St. Patrick's Day Parade!