

FROM OUR PARISH MINISTRIES

*BSC is looking for volunteers to visit our **nursing facility parishioners and the homebound!** We could use about 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. Thank you!

*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!

*The **Over 50 Club** will meet on Monday, April 7th in the church hall. Bring your lunch, beverage, and something to share. For more information, please call Anne Snyder at (518) 869-5247.

*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 or (518) 965-9199.

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

*The **Holy Name Society (HNS)**'s next meeting and raffle drawing will be held on April 2nd 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** canned corn and personal hygiene items. Food pantry volunteers are also needed from 9 a.m. to noon on Mondays and Thursdays when the pantry is open. If you are able to volunteer, please contact our parish office.

THE BOUTIQUE

***Shopping hours** are 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, with donations accepted Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon. We cannot accept books, some electronics, fabric scraps, or clothing in need of repair or dirty.

COLONIE CENTER SCHOOL BUCKS PROGRAM

Turn in your shopping receipts from Colonie Center Mall to our parish or school offices to directly benefit our school and its students! Thank you so much 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

*For the **"Furthering Your Faith"** series, there will be a presentation on Baptism on Sunday, April 6th 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, Albany. It will be left up through April 6th, 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.



*Come join us at the monthly **charismatic healing liturgy** on Wednesday, April 9th 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.

*On Good Friday, we remember all victims of abortion — children lost, mothers wounded, communities blighted — in a solemn, ecumenical prayer service. **"Way of the Cross for Victims of Abortion"** will take place on Friday, April 18th at 10 a.m. at Planned Parenthood, 1040 State St., Schenectady. For more information, please call Larry at (518) 847-1630. Join us as we pray for healing for the victims of abortion and for a final end to this injustice in our land.

*A special pilgrimage with Bishop Edward Scharfenberger to **Medjugorje and Dubrovnik** will take place May 1st-11th. The pilgrimage is modestly priced for a small group limited to 16 pilgrims. For more information, please refer to the St. Benedict Tours website, www.stbenedicttours.com, or call (845) 544-8545.

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HE WAS LOST
and has been found.

-LUKE 15:32



30 MARCH 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

BAPTISMS
FUNERALS
Daniel Lamphere Wilhemina Abraham
WEDDINGS

SATURDAY, 3/29/25 — 4 PM	SUNDAY, 3/30/25 — 9 AM
For the People Pro Populo	† Udile Paillout Fequire † Wilson Jacques † Luctor Metellus † Enide Saintal † Noral Andre † Jackson Saintal † Ines Rene Metellus 6 PM — URDU <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>
MONDAY, 3/31/25 — 7 AM	TUESDAY, 4/1/25 — 12 PM
† Connie Duhamel † Wesley Ridenour	<i>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m.</i> ♥ Michael Anthony Sparks
WEDNESDAY, 4/2/25 — 8:15 AM	THURSDAY, 4/3/25 — 12 PM
(SCHOOL MASS OPEN TO ALL) † Frances Weir † David Boshea, Jr.	<i>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m.</i> † Ralph Rapello
FRIDAY, 4/4/25 — 12 PM	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, 4/5/25 — 9 AM	SUNDAY, 4/6/25 — 9 AM
<i>Confession and Adoration: 7:30-9:00 p.m.</i> 4 PM † Rev. Emmanuel Akram † Krisann Crouchley † David Vink † Margaret Judge	† Brian Welch † Oliver Preville † Thomas J Lydon (25 Ann) † Lawrence Gallo 6 PM — URDU <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>

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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<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.

OFFERTORY: SHARING OUR TREASURE

Regular: \$5,157; **Flowers:** \$628

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! This weekend's second collection will benefit Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

The printing of our parish bulletin is generously provided by:



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From the Pastor

One of the things I constantly learn from the stories of David, the Old Testament figure and eventually king of Israel, is that we could always be surprised by people. With David, we can be surprised by both his tendencies to be rash and selfish, and by his capacity for goodness, devotion to God, and willingness to ask for forgiveness. In today's reading, I am reminded today not to be dismissive of the smallest of people, the youngest of people, or those that are farthest out of the way. David is chosen for something special, and Samuel has to follow God's lead even to get to him.

Our lives are quite mysterious, even to ourselves. Why and how we find ourselves doing the things we are doing, and our ability to do them (always with the help of God) can't always be fully explained. But no matter what it is we are called to, as a king or as a shepherd, we ought to recognize how God gives us the call, and though he might call each of us to something different, they all work together in the plan of God. Follow in our vocation, and we will be happily surprised. Be not dismissive of others, especially the youngest and the smallest, and we will be happily surprised.



FROM OUR URDU COMMUNITY

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



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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.

THIS WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (3/29-3/30)

FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 34
SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (4/5-4/6)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21
RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 126
SECOND READING: Philippians 3:8-14
GOSPEL: John 8:1-11

BLESSED SACRAMENT HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Holy Thursday

Mass at 5:30 p.m.
Adoration until night prayer at 10:00 p.m.

Good Friday

Morning Prayer – 9:00 a.m.
Stations of the Cross – 3:00 p.m.
Good Friday Service – 5:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.
Blessing of the Easter Food – 11:00 a.m.
Easter Vigil – 7:45 p.m.

Easter Sunday

Mass at 9:00 am – English
Mass at 6:00 pm in Urdu

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FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

*We are so excited and proud of the following young people who received the healing sacrament of **Reconciliation** for the very first time this past weekend (Saturday, March 22nd): **Madigan, Madison, and Savannah**. Thank you so much to Fr. Yusko, too, for making the experience so welcoming and special for them!

*Our **First Communion Retreat** will take place on Sunday, April 6th after the 9 a.m. Mass. We will meet in the school gym for a variety of activities, including creating First Communion banners! *This retreat is for parents and children to participate in together* and will last until about noon.

*Sunday, April 13th 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 29th through July 3rd. 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 to find more information about Camp Breakaway and register.

Malta Camp USA is a week-long summer program for young adults who have intellectual and developmental disabilities (focusing on ages 22-40). This camp provides a week of fun at summer camp and year-round community. Malta Camp 2025 has received an unprecedented number of applications from prospective new guests and needs volunteers to support those who wish to join us at camp this summer. We are looking for volunteers ages 18+ to serve in the following roles: helpers (one-on-one "buddies" to guests with disabilities); operations staff (serving meals, running activities, and supporting the logistical needs required); behavioral staff (people who have experience working with those with intellectual and developmental disabilities); medical staff (licensed doctors and nurses who provide basic first aid and light medical care); and media staff (photography and videography team to document everything that happens at camp). If you would be interested in volunteering at Malta Camp USA or know of someone who might want to volunteer, please visit www.maltacampusa.org for application information. You can also e-mail info@maltacampusa.org.

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.



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*Please help us give a warm welcome to our new STEM teacher, **Mr. Emmett Bell!** His kindergarten students have already had lots of fun creating slime during class! We're so happy to have him join our team!

*On Monday, March 24th, BSS was blessed to have the **Zuzu Acrobats** give an incredible performance in our school gym! We learned more about Africa (specifically Tanzania), learned some words in their language, and explored their culture. Many of our students (in all grades) also participated in the jump roping part of their show! To learn more about these acrobats, visit online: www.zuzuacrobats.com.

*Fr. Dan and Fr. Yusko have been leading **Stations of the Cross** with BSS students. Pictured above is our Grade 5 class praying the Stations together.

*Please save the date for our **Albany Catholic Schools Reunion**, which will be held on Friday, May 30th from 5-9 p.m. right here at Blessed Sacrament's gym!

*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 3rd 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 3rd at the dinner. For more information, please e-mail Kristine Ruddy: kruddy@blessedsacramentschool.net.



Zuzu Acrobats from Africa