



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM FR. QUINN

With the recent changes at Blessed Sacrament, All Saints, and Mater Christi parishes regarding their schools, part of our new governance model is to assemble a single new school board to oversee the parish schools in the city of Albany. **We are currently seeking candidates to be proposed who would serve on the new Albany City Catholic School Board.** Good candidates for the school board exhibit:

- The ability to advocate supportively in areas of importance to the educational program and school culture
 - A willingness to give the time to serve conscientiously
- The ability to act without bias in the best interest of the students and of the school
- A life lived in consistency with the teachings of Jesus and his Church to serve others in response to their baptismal call
 - Expertise in human development, education, finance, law, or financial development
 - Active membership at one of the parishes in Albany

Candidates’ names, along with their contact information and a brief description from the person/people proposing them as to why they would make a good candidate, may be sent to Fr. Quinn at daniel.quinn@rcda.org.

ORDINATION INVITATION

***Alexander Turpin** will be ordained to the diaconate on Saturday, May 17th at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Albany. All are welcome!

FROM OUR PARISH MINISTRIES

*The **Holy Name Society (HNS)**’s next meeting and drawing will be May 7th; all parish men are invited. \$1 raffle tickets are mailed or available at the parish office or from any HNS officer.

FOOD PANTRY

*Please note that our food pantry will be **closed** on Easter Monday. We are looking for **volunteers** on Mondays and Thursdays to help prepack bags, and we also need volunteers to help unload the truck two Tuesdays a month (usually takes 30 to 45 minutes depending on the number of volunteers and the size of the order). Please contact our parish office if you are interested in helping!

*Our food pantry **currently needs** corned beef hash, coffee, and personal & feminine hygiene items. Thank you for your support!

THE BOUTIQUE

*The Boutique’s **shopping hours** are 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, with donations accepted Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon.

*We cannot accept **winter clothing** until the fall due to space constraints.

COLONIE CENTER SCHOOL BUCKS PROGRAM

April 2025 Opportunities:

3x: Carter’s, Famous Footwear, Claire’s, Foot Locker
4x: Torrid, Express, Sephora, Auntie Anne’s

1,000 bonus points for every Easter photo receipt!

Visit the School Bucks website:

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

WE’RE HIRING!

- **Parish Bookkeeper** — 15-18 hours per week; anticipated start date June 2nd. Please contact our parish office for more details.
- **Communications Coordinator** — Full time; will manage the social media presence, create weekly parish bulletins, newsletters, and take photos/videos across the three parishes for which our pastor is responsible. We are looking to fill this position immediately. Please contact our parish office for more information.

HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITIES

*Please support **Albany’s Christ Child Society** by enjoying a delicious meal from Bountiful Bread in Stuyvesant Plaza on Tuesday, May 6th from 4-7 p.m. Bountiful Bread will donate 20 percent of the sales during that time back to the chapter. Eat-in, takeout, and even Grub Hub delivery orders during that time qualify. Order ahead and pick up an easy weeknight meal for your family; meet some friends for a quick meal before hitting the shops at Stuyvesant Plaza; or place an order for delivery if your day is too busy!

OFFERTORY: SHARING OUR TREASURE

Regular: \$6,663; **Flowers:** \$155; **Easter:** \$320

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!



If you would like to donate online, scan the QR code or use the link below.

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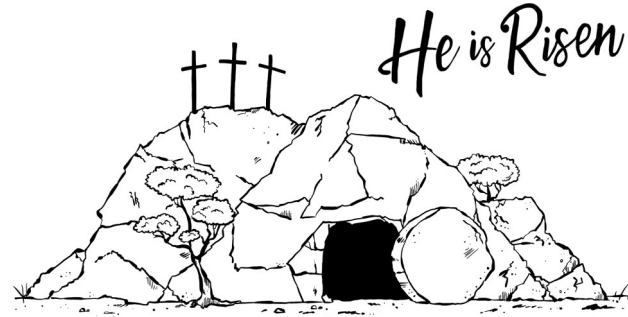
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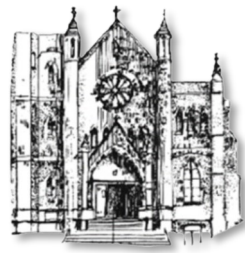
BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

607 CENTRAL AVE., ALBANY, NY 12206



Please note that hearing assist devices for our liturgies are available in the office annex area (located in the parking lot vestibule).

<p>BAPTISMS</p> <p>FUNERALS</p> <p>WEDDINGS</p>	<p>SATURDAY, 4/19/25 — 7:45 PM</p> <p>✠ Jack & Brian Cromie ✠ Frances J Zell ♥ Michael Anthony Sparks ♥ Luz Mercader Souls in Purgatory <i>Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)</i></p>	<p>SUNDAY, 4/20/25 — 9 AM</p> <p>✠ Mary Ellen Kalled ✠ Margaret & Otis Signer ✠ Anne & Elpert Anderson ✠ John Stevens ✠ Richard & Mercy Francis ♥ Bill C 6 PM — URDU <i>Easter</i></p>
	<p>MONDAY, 4/21/25</p> <p>NO MASS</p> <p><i>All school and parish offices closed</i></p>	<p>TUESDAY, 4/22/25 — 12 PM <i>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m.</i></p> <p>✠ Helen & Stephen Zakens ✠ James B Ryan ✠ Nancy Campbell ✠ Susan Hyde Burre ♥ Luz Mercader Souls in Purgatory <i>Earth Day</i></p>
	<p>WEDNESDAY, 4/23/25 — 8:15 AM</p> <p>✠ Mildred Lesch ♥ Luz Mercader Souls in Purgatory</p>	<p>THURSDAY, 4/24/25 — 12 PM <i>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m.</i></p> <p>✠ William J Coleman ♥ Luz Mercader ♥ Michael Anthony Sparks Souls in Purgatory</p>
	<p>FRIDAY, 4/25/25</p> <p>NO MASS</p> <p><i>Please note: Mass intentions with a ✠ indicate that the person is deceased; ♥ indicates that the person is alive.</i> <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, 4/26/25 — 4 PM</p> <p>Living & Deceased Members of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians ✠ Sr. Mary Coons ✠ Elaine O’Brien Pettit ♥ Luz Mercader Souls in Purgatory</p>	<p>SUNDAY, 4/27/25 — 9 AM</p> <p>✠ Richard Stevens ✠ Daniel Lamphere, Sr. ♥ Bill C ♥ Luz Mercader Souls in Purgatory <i>Confession and Adoration: 1:30 p.m.; Divine Mercy chaplet, 3 p.m.</i> 3:30 PM 6 PM — URDU <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i></p>



APRIL 20, 2025

THE RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD

*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.*

“WHAT’S NEXT?”: AN EASTER REFLECTION
by Lisanne Jensen

On behalf of everyone in our Blessed Sacrament parish and school community, we would like to wish you and your family a joyous, meaningful, and blessed Easter season!

As a child, I associated Easter with warmer spring weather, a week off school for spring break, chocolate bunnies, jelly beans (the licorice ones being my favorite!), hunting the backyard for plastic eggs, an Easter basket overflowing with goodies, creamy Cadbury eggs, and enjoying a delicious dinner at my grandparents’ house (with strawberry pie for dessert). My grandma’s birthday was April 23rd, and spring/ Easter was her favorite season — so I also think of her especially during this time.

All those ways of celebrating were so special and created fond lifelong memories — but in my 30s when I became Catholic, I realized that I was only at the beginning of my journey to discover the immense depth and meaning of Holy Week, the Paschal Triduum, and Easter. Imagine my surprise when I found out that Easter was not just *one* day but actually 50 days long! In 2011, after I was baptized and received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil, I found myself thinking, “What’s next?”. I wasn’t sure how to continue my faith journey, but I figured that a great place to start would be reading everything that I possibly could and continuing to learn even more about my Catholic faith.

In our Easter Sunday Gospel (John 20:1-9), we hear about Mary Magdalene visiting Jesus’s tomb and finding the stone in front removed. She was the first person to see Jesus after his resurrection and was charged with the responsibility of proclaiming this life-changing news to the disciples. In that

moment, many say, Mary Magdalene “was the Church.” I’m sure, though, that Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John — and all of Jesus’s disciples — were also asking themselves the question, “What’s next?”. We’re celebrating Easter now, but how can we make the most of this 50-day-long season and enrich our faith? Here are some ideas:

- Reliving Easter’s joyous events by **praying the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary**, which include Jesus’s Resurrection, his Ascension, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (considered the Church’s “birthday”).
- **Reading the Easter scriptures as well as Acts of the Apostles**, which details how Jesus’s 12 apostles fearlessly spread the Good News throughout the world. Some recommended passages for reading are: Matthew 27:62 to 28:20, Mark 15:42 to 16:20, Luke 23:50 to 24:53, John 19:38 to 21:25, and Acts 1:1 to 3:26.
- **Sending Easter cards** to loved ones throughout these next 50 days. You could even support catechumens and candidates who received the sacraments at the Easter Vigil by sending them cards as well.
- **Creating a prayer space or prayer table at home** and/or decorating your home with reminders of Jesus’s resurrection (a crucifix, spring flowers, white cloths draped over crosses, holy water fonts, etc.).
- **Praying for the Holy Spirit to fill and transform you.** Between now and Pentecost is a great time to explore the Holy Spirit more in depth through prayer.
- **Discovering Divine Mercy Sunday**, which is tied in a special way to the Easter season. There’s the image of Divine Mercy, the Divine Mercy chaplet, and reading the *Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska*.

God bless you during this entire Easter season and beyond!

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FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

*Our final **family Faith Formation gathering** is scheduled for Sunday, April 27th and will be a shortened session. We will attend BSC’s 9 a.m. Mass together, then move to the school and go directly to our small-group locations. (Ms. Jensen will bring breakfast treats for everyone to their individual classrooms!) Faith Formation will end at 11 a.m., and Ms. Jensen will present the diocesan-required Circle of Grace lesson to Confirmation candidates from 11 to 11:15 a.m. **Confirmation parents** are asked to meet their child in their classroom at 11:15 a.m. for a short meeting about sacramental preparation expectations and commitment.

*Our **First Communion Rehearsal** will be held on Tuesday, April 29th from 6 to 7 p.m. in the church. The sacrament of **First Communion** will take place at our 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 4th.

*Catechists, RCIA team members, ministry participants, and anyone who would like to explore their faith more in depth is invited to participate in a special appreciation event on Wednesday, April 30th: **“Continuing to Be Blessed by You: Moving Forward with Joy.”** It will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, 498 Watervliet-Shaker Rd., Latham. Dinner will be served; please RSVP by visiting online: <https://tinyurl.com/2xkr7cbt>.

*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. Visit online at pyramidlife.org to find more details about Camp Breakaway and to register.



CELEBRATION OF DIVINE MERCY
AT BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH
Sunday, April 27th

1:30 to 3 p.m. — Adoration and Confession
3 p.m. — Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:30 p.m. — Mass

From our diocesan Communications Office: Bishop Scharfenberger has written an article appearing in The Evangelist newspaper regarding challenges facing our diocese: <https://evangelist.org/news/2025/apr/02/the-challenge-before-us/>. Diocesan leadership works with The Evangelist to update information on issues of importance to those we serve.



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*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.

YOU'RE INVITED!

2025 CENTRAL ALBANY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS REUNION

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2025, 5-9 P.M.
BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL
605 CENTRAL AVE., ALBANY

Cocktail party & Hors d'oeuvres
Tickets: \$25, online or at door

Scan code
to purchase
tickets



Left: Students enjoy Virtual Travel Club after school;
right: a visit from the Easter Bunny on April 11th!

