

POPE FRANCIS
DECEMBER 17, 1936 - APRIL 21, 2025

“His entire life was dedicated to the service of the Lord and of His Church. He taught us to live the values of the Gospel with fidelity, courage, and universal love, especially in favor of the poorest and most marginalized. With immense gratitude for his example as a true disciple of the Lord Jesus, we commend the soul of Pope Francis to the infinite merciful love of the One and Triune God.”

~Cardinal Kevin Farrell

A memorial Mass for Pope Francis will take place this Sunday, April 27th, at 5 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany.

PARISH MINISTRY NEWS

*Get ready for another season of **Tea & Short Reads** with Fr. Dan! Join us on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. in All Saints Catholic Church’s parish office “Upper Room” (12 Rosemont St., Albany) for a discussion about faith-themed essays, poetry, and more — as well as delicious teas (or coffee)! April 30th: *Springtime a la Carte* by O. Henry; May 7th: *A Dialogue of Self and Soul* by William Butler Yeats; May 14th: *The Eyes Have It* by Phillip K. Dick; May 21st: *Caged Bird* by Maya Angelou; and May 28th: *Tobermory* by Saki. All texts can be found here: blessedsacramentalbany.org/tea-short-reads/

*Blessed Sacrament currently needs drivers to be part of our **Transportation Ministry**. If you can help, please contact our parish office!

*The **Holy Name Society (HNS)**’s next meeting and drawing will be held on Wednesday, May 7th. All parish men are invited. \$1 raffle tickets are mailed, or you may get them at the rectory or from any HNS officer.

FOOD PANTRY

*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 helpers and size of the order). Please contact our parish office if you are able to help! Our pantry currently needs **corned beef hash, coffee, and personal and feminine hygiene items**.

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. Please note that we **cannot** accept winter clothing until the fall due to space constraints.

We’re hiring! Positions are currently open for a parish bookkeeper (15-18 hours per week; start date June 2nd) and a communications coordinator (across the three parishes that Fr. Dan oversees). Please contact our parish office for more information about these opportunities!

HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITIES

*On Sunday, April 27th at noon, the **Capital District Chapter Columbiettes** will hold their April meeting at the Latham-Colonie Knights of Columbus, 328 Troy-Schenectady Rd., Latham. The covered dish dinner and raffle will also be held at this meeting. Each Auxiliary has been asked to provide a raffle basket (\$30 value) for this event. Capital District Chapter President Linda Cotch will preside. Any questions, please call (518) 272-8831 or e-mail klmajer@outlook.com.

*You are invited to participate in a **“Prayerful Pause”** for the Easter season at The Consultation Center, 790 Lancaster St., Albany (across from the Pastoral Center). There will be six sessions on Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. from April 30th through June 4th. Come when you can: \$10/session or \$50 total. Silence, prayer, and individual sharing/responding will help us find perspective about what is life-giving for us and our world. To find out more or to sign up, please e-mail Kris Rooney at kris.rooney@gmail.com or call (518) 346-6137, ext. 239. Kris is a trained spiritual director.

*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!

*Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons, 2600 Albany St. in Schenectady, will host an **open house** for prospective students and families on Wednesday, April 30th from 5:30-7 p.m. To register for this event, visit <https://nd-bg.org/admissions/openhouse/> or call (518) 393-3131, ext. 107.

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!

OFFERTORY: SHARING OUR TREASURE

Easter: \$11,607; **Regular:** \$1,546

We need at least \$9,000 each week in our collections to break even — not counting unexpected maintenance costs. If you would like to donate online, please visit the website secure.myvanco.com/YHAN/home or scan the QR code at right.

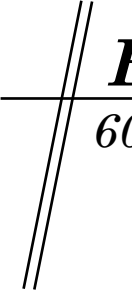


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BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

607 CENTRAL AVE., ALBANY, NY 12206



*My Lord
and my God!*
— JOHN 20:28

Hearing assist devices for our liturgies are available from the Office Annex located in the parking lot vestibule.

<p>BAPTISMS</p> <p>FUNERALS</p> <p>WEDDINGS</p>	<p>SATURDAY, 4/26/25 — 4 PM ✚ Sr. Mary Coons ♥ Bill C ✚ Elaine O’Brien Pettit ♥ Luz Mercader Souls in Purgatory Living and Deceased Members of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians</p> <p>MONDAY, 4/28/25 — 7 AM ✚ Daniel Lamphere, Sr. ✚ David Wallingford ✚ Jean Braggs</p>	<p>SUNDAY, 4/27/25 — 9 AM ♥ Bill C ♥ Luz Mercader ✚ Richard Stevens ✚ Daniel Lamphere Sr. Souls in Purgatory Confession & Adoration 1:30 p.m.; Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 p.m., Mass 3:30 p.m. 6 PM — URDU</p> <p>TUESDAY, 4/29/25 — 12 PM Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m. ✚ Mildred & Ed Mannix ✚ William Stevens ✚ Claudia Hughes</p> <p><i>Memorial, St. Catherine of Siena</i></p>
<p>CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST Weekend Masses: Saturdays, 4 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m. (<i>English</i>) and 6 p.m. (<i>Urdu</i>) 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.</p> <p>CONTACT US 607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206 Website: www.blessedsacramentalbany.org Office Phone: (518) 482-3375 Office E-mail: blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. For submitting bulletin items: bulletin.blessedsacrament@gmail.com</p> <p>STAY CONNECTED Parish Website: blessedsacramentalbany.org “Like” us on Facebook: 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</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, 4/30/25 — 8:15 AM ✚ Joseph & Frances Bologna ✚ Richard Stevens</p> <p>FRIDAY, 5/2/25 — NO MASS</p>	<p>THURSDAY, 5/1/25 — 12 PM Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m. ✚ William Francis Faragon ✚ Frank Bishop ♥ Michael Crook</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><i>Memorial, St. Athanasius</i></p>
<p>SATURDAY, 5/3/25 — 9 AM 4 PM ♥ Michael Anthony Sparks ✚ Eleanor Weingarten ✚ Dawn Crouch ✚ Silvana Cassora ✚ Sally Ann Kearsing</p> <p><i>Feast of Sts. Philip and James</i></p>	<p>SUNDAY, 4/13/25 — 9 AM For the People Pro Populo 6 PM — URDU</p> <p><i>Third Sunday of Easter</i></p>	

WHAT IS DIVINE MERCY?

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

From 1931-1938 Jesus appeared to then Sr. Faustina Kowalska (now St. Faustina), a young Polish nun, and gave her messages that were not only for her own spiritual growth but that of the world. While the revelation to St. Faustina is recent, the message of Divine Mercy is woven deep within our Church teachings and Sacred Scripture. The message of Divine Mercy is this:

- Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.
- Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us. Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

Please join us on Sunday at 3:00 for the final day of the Divine Mercy Novena, started on Good Friday. From 1:30 to 3:00, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, during which we will pray the Novena with Mass following at 3:30 pm

THIS WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (4/26-4/27)

FIRST READING: Acts 5:12-16
RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 118
SECOND READING: Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19
GOSPEL (JESUS'S PASSION): John 20:19-31

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (5/3-5/4)

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41
RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 30
SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14
GOSPEL: John 21:1-19



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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.*



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FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

*Our final **family Faith Formation** gathering for this year is this Sunday after the 9 a.m. Mass! We'd like to give a huge thank you to our amazing catechists for all the time, caring, and knowledge that they have devoted to encouraging our young people's faith this year! Faith Formation couldn't happen without them!

Kindergarten/Grade 1 — **Maria Beenish**
First Reconciliation/First Communion — **Rose Reed**
and **Bryan Paul Reed**
Grades 3-4 — **Reeny Adriance**
Grades 5-7 — **Sean Hart**
Grades 8-9 — **Adriana Colunno**
Confirmation — **Chris and Holly McKenna**

***First Communion families:** Please note that our First Communion Rehearsal is scheduled for this Tuesday, April 29th, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the church. The sacrament of First Communion will be at our 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 4th. We will have a reception after the Mass.

*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.

Days of Service in the Diocese -
Helping others through personal and spiritual growth

pics from SALT 2024

Sites for each day will vary dependant on the service activities for that day and # of participants

host for S.A.L.T. - **Christ Our Light Parish**
1 Maria Drive, Loudonville NY

S.A.L.T. will be days of service - No overnights see sample schedule below ... service sites t.b.d.

There is a small cost (\$75) to cover some of the weeks supplies & food, beverages, t-shirts payment to RCDA Youth Ministry - please send upon registration

approx. Daily schedule
Gather 8:15 am - Prayer, breakfast together by 9:00 am depart for a.m. service site
Lunch on road after a.m. service
1:30 - 3:30 pm afternoon service
3:30-4 return to host site
4-5 debrief, prayer
all times subject to any changes and service locations

<https://forms.gle/n2Udc4Qsd4R795nGA>
registration via link or QR above by July 1
or contact Dave Stagliano - Diocesan Coord. Youth Ministry; stagliad@rcda.org ph 518-453-6610



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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.

Two photos from "Freaky Friday" (Friday, April 4th), where students could dress as teachers and teachers could dress as a BSS student!

YOU'RE INVITED!

2025 CENTRAL ALBANY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS REUNION

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2025, 5-9 P.M.
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Cocktail party & Hors d'oeuvres
Tickets: \$25, online or at door



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