

PARISH MINISTRY NEWS

*On Memorial Day (Monday, May 26th) at 6 p.m., **Fr. Frank O’Connor** will celebrate his 63rd ordination anniversary at the Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas. All are welcome to join the party!

*Attention crafters! Our annual **Family Festival** will be held on September 27th. Once again, we will have a table of handmade crafts. Last year, we had many beautiful items made by our talented parishioners. Also, if you know someone else who would donate their creations, please spread the word!

*The **Holy Name Society’s** next meeting and drawing will be held on Wednesday, June 4th at 7 p.m. in the church. All parish men are invited. Note: \$1 raffle tickets are available in the rectory or from any HNS officer. Also, *unused* mailed tickets may be returned to the rectory.

FOOD PANTRY

*We have adjusted our procedures so that the line to get into the pantry is now set up **inside**, and this arrangement seems to be working very well!

*Our food pantry will receive a \$1 donation for every \$2.50 reusable **Hannaford Fight Hunger Bag** sold during the month of May at the Hannaford store located at 96 Wolf Rd. (Windsor Plaza), Colonie. It’s an inexpensive, practical, and environmentally friendly way to support our pantry!

***We need volunteers!** They will be asked to help set up and take down tables before and after pantry hours. Some volunteers are also needed to keep the flow of guests moving smoothly between check-in and pick-up stations. Volunteer your time anywhere from one day a month to every day the pantry is open! Each day, about 40 guests visit the pantry. Please contact our parish office if you are able to help!

*Items currently needed: **toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, disposable razors, canned goods, cereal, bread, laundry detergent (liquid or pods), jelly, instant potatoes, and chili.**

*The food pantry is open **Mondays and Thursdays**, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

THE BOUTIQUE

*The Boutique thrift store’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.)

*Visit our webpage: blessedsacramentalbany.org/boutique/.

Every first Friday of the month, a **nocturnal prayer service and benediction** will be offered at St. Francis of Assisi Church on Delaware Avenue. This event takes place from 7:15-8:15 p.m. Please use the side entrance of the church, which is fully handicapped accessible. The next upcoming prayer service is scheduled for Friday, June 6th.

HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITIES

***Spa City Catholic**, a regional young-adult group, in collaboration with the Albany Diocese, is planning to launch the Alpha Program this summer. Alpha is a great tool to be used as an entrance ramp into the Christian faith and an opportunity to reconnect with those who have fallen away to reignite their faith. Alpha is an 11-week course that creates a space where people are excited to bring their friends for a conversation about faith, life, and God. Alpha is about making connections around great content and conversation. Details: Saturday mornings, 10-11:30 a.m., June 21st through August 30th. Where: St. Peter’s Parish Center, 62 Hamilton St., Saratoga Springs (behind St. Peter’s Church). Alpha can be for all ages, but our group is geared toward young adults ages 19-39. For more information about Alpha, visit <https://alphausa.org/catholic-context/>; for questions or more information about Spa City Catholic, e-mail SpaCityCatholic@gmail.com.

*RCDA Pastoral Care Ministry invites all **pastoral care ministers** to attend a special retreat presented by Fr. Anthony Barratt, director of the diocesan Prayer and Worship Office. The theme will be: “Pastoral Care: Being Ministers of Hope in the Jubilee Year.” Fr. Barratt is the pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in Columbia County. The program will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (check-in and breakfast start at 9 a.m.). The location is St. Edward the Confessor, 569 Clifton Park Center Rd., Clifton Park. Admission is \$25, which includes light breakfast fare and a complimentary lunch. Register online by June 4th at <https://webapps.rcda.org/ParishFaithFormation/> (look in the drop-down menu for “Pastoral Care Ministry Day”). Or, you may call in your registration at (518) 453-6660.



Charismatic Renewal invites you to join us for:

PENTECOST Celebration

Sunday, June 8th 2025

Rev. Martin Fisher, Presiding

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

125 Eagle St, Albany

4:30 – Prayer and Praise
(Music by “Joyful Heart”)

5:00pm – Mass
(Healing Prayer to follow)

Contact us at:
AlbanyCCR@gmail.com or visit us at www.AlbanyCCR.org

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*We need at least \$9,000 each week in our collections to break even — not counting unexpected maintenance costs. **To donate online, visit***

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ASCENSION HOLY DAY SCHEDULE (5/29)

All Saints (Albany) – 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Blessed Sacrament (Albany) – 7 a.m., 9 a.m., and 12 p.m.
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (Albany) – 5:30 p.m.
Christ Our Light (Loudonville) – 12:15 p.m.
Church of St. Clare (Albany) – 6:30 p.m.
Mater Christi (Albany) – Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, 8:15 a.m.
Shrine Church (Albany) – Thursday, 7 p.m. (bilingual)



MAY 25, 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

<div><p>BAPTISMS</p><p>FUNERALS</p><p>WEDDINGS</p></div>	<div><p>SATURDAY, 5/24/25 — 4 PM</p><p>✙ Corrine LaRose ✙ Ruth M Zell ✙ Ann Downes</p></div>	<div><p>SUNDAY, 5/25/25 — 9 AM</p><p>✙ Daniel Lamphere, Sr. ✙ Czeslaw Kaszluga ♥ Michael Anthony Sparks ♥ Fr. Frank O’Connor (63rd Ann Ordin)</p><p>6 PM — URDU</p><p><i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i></p></div>
	<div><p>MONDAY, 5/26/25 — 7 AM</p><p>✙ Robert Smith</p><p><i>Memorial, St. Philip Neri; Memorial Day (all offices closed)</i></p></div>	<div><p>TUESDAY, 5/27/25 — 12 PM</p><p><i>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m.</i></p><p>♥ Bill C ✙ Richard ‘Dickie’ Stevens ✙ Luigi & Elvira Consentino</p></div>
	<div><p>WEDNESDAY, 5/28/25 — 8:15 AM</p><p>✙ Piling Trinidad</p></div>	<div><p>THURSDAY, 5/29/25 — 7 AM</p><p>Pro Populo For the People</p><p>9 AM 12 PM</p><p><i>(Please note that there is no Confession or Adoration today.)</i></p><p><i>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</i></p></div>
	<div><p>FRIDAY, 5/30/25 — NO MASS</p></div>	<div><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></div>
	<div><p>SATURDAY, 5/31/25 — 4 PM</p><p>Pro Populo For the People</p><p><i>Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></p></div>	<div><p>SUNDAY, 6/1/25 — 9 AM</p><p>♥ Tammy Forster & Family ✙ Daniel Lamphere, Sr. ✙ Donald & Dorothy Carman</p><p>6 PM — URDU</p><p><i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i></p></div>

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)
Subscribe to our YouTube channel:
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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.*

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Paul and Barnabas, Barsabbas and Silas, set out to change the world! Sure, they were sent by the apostles, the Church. But they were sent by God! They were sent by God to change the world.

For them or for us, going out on this mission is not without its difficulties, including internally, as we hear in today’s first reading. These conflicts mostly boil down to a need for clarification. Certainly, this is a need regularly throughout the history of the Church. This past Tuesday, May 20th, we celebrated the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicæa and the composition of the Nicene Creed, which clarified the basics, the core, of what we believe as Christians.


But long before 325, one of the first conflicts that arose is what we hear about in today’s reading from the Acts of the Apostles: Do people need to be Jewish in order to be Christian? Ultimately, it was determined that yes, anyone could be Christian, and no, they did not need to become Jewish or follow all the practices of the Jewish people to become a Christian. Consequently, there is no Catholic or Christian religious reason for circumcision. Baby boys do not need to be circumcised. Rather, the command is to “circumcise your hearts,” a biblical phrase from both Old and New Testaments — a metaphorical phrase used to encourage us to cut away everything that keeps us from loving God and others properly. ~Fr. Dan



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

THIS WEEKEND’S MASS READINGS (5/24-5/25)
FIRST READING: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 67
SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

NEXT WEEKEND’S MASS READINGS (5/31-6/1)
FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60
RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 97
SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20
GOSPEL: John 17:20-26




Rev. Francis O’Connor, Chaplain
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Debbie Klose, Organist

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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.*

OTHER NEWS

*The Christ Child Society of Albany would like to extend its grateful appreciation to all those who supported the **Red Wagon Luncheon & Fashion Show** on Saturday, April 26th at the Italian-American Community Center. “Nothing is Ever Too Much to Do for a Child” are the words of Mary Virginia Merrick, Servant of God and the founder of the National Christ Child Society. Everything we do is to help children, and we thank you for helping us support our mission. The Christ Child Society of Albany covers all counties of the Albany Diocese and beyond. They are currently delivering layettes, comfort bags, and books as far north as Warren County and as far south as Columbia County. There is always so much to do and so many requests for help, and we are expanding services as much as possible to better serve children. We welcome new members always. If you or someone you know would like to know more about our Albany Chapter, please contact Annette Guido, Membership Chair, at aguidol@nycap.rr.com.



Tutor Training Schedule
for 2025-2026 School Year

Our tutors undergo a two-day training which generally occurs on two consecutive Saturdays from 8:45 AM – 3:30 PM. The first day addresses how racism and poverty affect our students and us. The second day looks at brain development, the 5 components of reading, ACEs, and lesson planning. We also offer supplemental trainings on various topics on the second Wednesdays of the month.

This year we are adding an additional training that occurs on two different days for those who cannot attend on Saturdays.

September	13 th & 20 th	(Saturdays)
October	13 th & 24 th	(Monday & Friday)
November	8 th & 15 th	(Saturdays)
January	10 th & 17 th	(Saturdays)

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FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

*Blessed Sacrament offers **family Faith Formation**, where entire families are invited to participate! There’s even a faith-sharing group just for parents/adults. Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation is also included. A brand-new year will begin this fall (around mid-September). Once a month (on Sundays), we attend Blessed Sacrament’s 9 a.m. Mass together and then move to the school gym for a delicious breakfast, then the remainder of Faith Formation until dismissal at 11:45 a.m. If you’d like more information about Faith Formation, please call our office at (518) 438-5854, ext. 119, or send an e-mail to faithformationbsc@gmail.com. Also, make sure to “like” our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/bsc-ffym and visit our website: www.bsc-ffym.org.

YOU’RE INVITED

2025 Central Albany
Catholic Schools Reunion

FRIDAY | MAY 30TH, 2025 | 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL
605 CENTRAL AVE ALBANY, NY 12206


Cocktail party and Hors d’oeuvres
\$25.00 ticket purchased online or at the door



SCAN CODE TO PURCHASE TICKETS



Colonie Center Mall



♣ **Step #1:** Have fun shopping and dining at **Colonie Center!**
♣ **Step #2:** Bring your original receipts to either our **school or church offices** to accumulate points for BSS!

May Points Opportunities:
♣ **3X:** H&M, Dunkin’, Nori Japan, Bath & Body Works
♣ **4X:** Express, Auntie Anne’s, L.L. Bean, Regal Cinemas
♣ **Bonus:** 1,000 points for every Regal receipt turned in!

For every dollar spent at Colonie Center, we will receive two points. At the end of the year, the winning school earns \$8,000!



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Fun at BSS Field Day 2025 (May 22nd)!

*This Friday, May 30th, is our **2025 Central Albany Catholic Schools Reunion!** It will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. in Blessed Sacrament School’s gym. There will be a cocktail party and hors d’oeuvres, and tickets are \$25 each (online or at the door). Scan the QR code on the left side of this page to purchase tickets or visit <https://tinyurl.com/562zauey>.

*Registration is open for **BSS Summer Camp**, taking place June 30th through August 8th. The cost per child is \$200 a week. Please register by June 2nd, and for more information, e-mail info@blessedsacramentschool.net.

*Pictured below: As part of the ABC Countdown (D for “Do Something for Others”) and discussing the upcoming feast of Pentecost (the “birthday” of the Church), students in Grades 3 and 4 religion classes packed **“birthday bags”** for donating to Blessed Sacrament’s food pantry. Each bag contains the supplies needed to make a birthday cake so that families in need can celebrate their children’s upcoming birthdays.

