

Blessed Sacrament Church is hiring! Positions are 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). Contact our parish office for more information about these opportunities!

PARISH MINISTRY NEWS

*The **Over 50 Club** will meet on Monday, May 5th in the church hall. Bring your lunch, a beverage, and something to share. We will sign up for our June sub luncheon. For more information, please call (518) 869-5247.

*Another season of **Tea & Short Reads** with Fr. Dan is here! Join us 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)! 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. Find all texts on our parish website under the “Events” tab.

*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 obtain them at the rectory or from any HNS officer.

FOOD PANTRY

Please note that our food pantry has adjusted its procedures so that the line to get into the pantry is now set up inside the building.

*Our pantry proudly served **223 households** during the month of April, which included 217 children, 388 adults, and 78 seniors. Thank you so much for your continued support so that we can meet these needs!

***We need volunteers!** Sr. Patricia unfortunately has lost several long-time volunteers. Volunteers will be asked to set up and take down tables before and after pantry hours. The pantry opens at 10:30 a.m. and closes at 11:30 a.m. Some volunteers are needed to help keep the flow of guests moving smoothly between check-in and pick-up stations. Volunteers are also needed to pre-pack pantry bags. Volunteer your time anywhere from one day a month to every day the pantry is open! Each pantry day sees about 40 guests. Please contact our parish office if you can help!

*We currently need the following items: **spaghetti sauce, instant potatoes, rice, juice (64 oz), cereal, and personal and feminine hygiene products.**

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 for complete details about The Boutique and guidelines for items that are accepted and not accepted: <https://blessedsacramentalbany.org/boutique/>.

HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITIES

*Blessed Sacrament’s food pantry will receive a \$1 donation for every \$2.50 reusable **Hannaford Fight Hunger Bag** that is sold during the entire month of May at the Hannaford store located at 96 Wolf Rd. (Windsor Plaza), Colonie!

*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!

Trifecta of Divine Mercy
A Parish Mission directed by Fr. Bill Garrott, O.P.

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Parish Mission



May 17 ~ 21, 2025

Parish Mission Schedule:
Will preach at all Masses May 17 & 18
Daily Morning Mass Monday ~ Wednesday of Mission at 8:30 am
Mission Talk: Monday ~ Wednesday, May19~21 at 7:00 pm
Rosary prayed at 6:30 pm each evening
Confessions after each evening talk

Monday Evening’s Talk: “Trifecta One: The Father Blesses”
Fr. Bill’s preaching focuses on the unconditional love of the Father. Being a Christian means knowing your heavenly Father loves you not because you’re good but because He is good. The evening concludes with veneration of a first class relic of St. John Paul II taken from his blood-soaked sash on the day he was shot in St. Peter’s Square.

Scripture for Reflection: *Luka 12:29-32 (see reverse)*

Tuesday Evening’s Talk: “Trifecta Two: The Son Heals”
Fr. Bill’s preaching focuses on the remedy the Father provides for us in His Son Jesus Who by His death on the Cross sets us free from sin, enables us to forgive and gives meaning to our suffering. The evening concludes with an invitation to receive a special blessing with the Oil of St. Joseph from the Oratory of St. Joseph in Montreal.

Scripture for Reflection: *John 19:25-27 (see reverse)*

Wednesday Evening’s Talk: “Trifecta Three: The Spirit Strengthens”
Fr. Bill’s preaching focuses on the power of the Holy Spirit which enables us to live the Christian life and propels us to be witnesses of Jesus Christ in the world. The evening concludes with a prayer of renewal followed by the Apostolic Blessing for obtaining a Plenary Indulgence (the usual conditions apply).

Scripture for Reflection: *2 Timothy 1:6-8 (see reverse)*

OFFERTORY: SHARING OUR TREASURE
Easter: \$361; **Regular:** \$4,847

Our second collection the weekend of May 17-18 will be for Catholic Charities.
We need at least \$9,000 each week in our collections to break even — not counting unexpected maintenance costs.
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*I am
The way,
the Truth
& the life*

- JOHN 14:6

BAPTISMS

Hosannah Mall

FUNERALS

Catherine Kolach

WEDDINGS

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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*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.*

<div><div>SATURDAY, 5/3/25 — 9 AM 4 PM</div><div>♥ Michael Anthony Sparks ✚ Eleanore Weingarten ✚ Dawn Crouch ✚ Silvana Cassora ✚ Sally Ann Kearsing</div><div><i>Feast of Sts. Philip and James</i></div></div>	<div><div>SUNDAY, 5/4/25 — 9 AM</div><div>For the People Pro Populo</div><div>6 PM — URDU</div><div><i>Third Sunday of Easter</i></div></div>
<div><div>MONDAY, 5/5/25 — 7 AM</div><div>♥ Marcia & Larry Hill <i>Thanksgiving</i></div></div>	<div><div>TUESDAY, 5/6/25 — 12 PM <i>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m.</i></div><div>✚ Angelina Spadaro & Family ✚ Patricia Stack</div></div>
<div><div>WEDNESDAY, 5/7/25 — 8:15 AM</div><div>♥ Michael Anthony Sparks ♥ Natashua Charles & Tessa Phillips</div></div>	<div><div>THURSDAY, 5/8/25 — 12 PM <i>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m.</i></div><div>✚ Dorothy Mittler ✚ Catherine Mooney ✚ Silue Kanigui ✚ Ouattara Francoise</div></div>
<div><div>FRIDAY, 5/9/25</div><div>NO MASS</div></div>	<div><div><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></div></div>
<div><div>SATURDAY, 5/10/25 — 4 PM</div><div>✚ Candy Carter ✚ Mary Cummings (10th Ann) ✚ Rita Torre & Frank ✚ Paul Sebastian</div></div>	<div><div>SUNDAY, 5/11/25 — 9 AM</div><div>✚ Frank Cirrincione ♥ Tammy Forster ✚ Mary Ellen Kalled ✚ Daniel Lamphere, Sr.</div><div>6 PM — URDU</div><div><i>Fourth Sunday of Easter; Mother’s Day</i></div></div>

HOLDING ON TO OUR FAITH
by Lisanne Jensen

This weekend’s first reading comes from Acts of the Apostles, which was written by St. Luke the Evangelist and appears directly after the four Gospels. It’s the first book of the Bible that I ever read when I began coming to Mass and studying to become Catholic many years ago. (Perhaps it wasn’t the best place to start reading scripture for the first time, but it’s always good to just jump in somewhere!)


Luke was a doctor, and we of course also know that he wrote the Gospel of Luke. He is the patron saint of physicians and surgeons, and scholars believe that he was born Greek and was a Gentile (meaning someone who is not Jewish). Luke’s Gospel, therefore, frequently describes the evangelization of non-Jewish people. If you take a close look at our beautiful Blessed Sacrament ambo (where the Mass readings are proclaimed), you will see carvings of the four Gospel writers — and St. Luke is often shown with an ox or a calf, because these are symbols of sacrifice (i.e., the sacrifice that Jesus made for the entire world).

Luke was great friends and partners in ministry with St. Paul. He remained loyally with Paul to the end, even when he was put in prison. In this weekend’s first reading, we hear about the authorities bringing in Jesus’s apostles to be questioned about what they were teaching in the name of Jesus:

“When the captain and the court officers had brought the apostles in and made them stand before the Sanhedrin, the high priest questioned them, ‘We gave you strict orders, did we not, to stop teaching in that name? Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and want to bring this man’s blood upon us.’”

THIS 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

NEXT WEEKEND’S MASS READINGS (5/10-5/11)
FIRST READING: Acts 13:14, 43-52
RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 100
SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
GOSPEL: John 10:27-30



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The apostles probably felt a lot of fear and anxiety and could have just said, “Sure, we’ll stop doing what we’re doing.” But instead, with the help of the Holy Spirit, they became even more courageous and bold — staying true to their faith in all circumstances:

“But Peter and the apostles said in reply, ‘We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.’”

Not only did they hold fast to their obedience to God, but they also proclaimed that they had experienced Jesus’s salvation firsthand. And when the Sanhedrin ordered the apostles to stop speaking in Jesus’s name and leave, the apostles “[rejoiced] that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.”

No matter what situations life may hand us, we can take great comfort in the fact that “He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together” (Colossians 1:17). May we always strive to stay loyal and close to God as the apostles did. It is also my prayer that all of our young people who receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend will stay strong in their faith and will feel as close to Jesus as they do on their First Communion day!

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FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

*This Sunday, May 4th at our 9 a.m. Mass, we celebrate the sacrament of **First Holy Communion!** Congratulations and God’s blessings to all our First Communicants from both our parish and school community! We are so grateful to their catechists, teachers, and families — as well as Fr. Dan, Fr. Yusko, and Deacon Gerry — for supporting them in faith. If you could, please keep them in your prayers:

Savannah Bauer
Genesis Briscoe
Alexia Dalzell
Gabriella Dalzell
Perri Dalzell
Savannah Dalzell
Payton Garcia-Archie
Anthony Garland
Daniella Garland
Kya’Niyah Harris
Jakhi Lipscomb
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David Peña-Flores
Emily Peña-Flores

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Christine Laila Annabelle Ariel Selma chris Bryan Prince



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Thank you

Luke 6:38
Colossians 3:17

With warmest thanks
for all your help.

On behalf of the 5th grade class, thank you so much for your generous donations and meaningful support to our upcoming class trip to Zion Stage on the 13rd. Your help is making a meaningful difference and lasting memories for us 5th graders. We are truly grateful for your kindness and continued support of our school and community.

With heartfelt thanks,
Class of 2025, last 5th grade class of Blessed Sacrament School




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*Our Blessed Sacrament community would like to proudly congratulate **Michelle Rosario**, school cafeteria director, on being honored as a 2025 Beacon of Hope award winner! A reception was held on Friday, April 25th at June Farms. Michelle is pictured at right with the Very Rev. Bob Longobucco, vicar general for the Albany Diocese, and Chris Bott, Catholic Schools superintendent. Ms. Michelle, we are so incredibly blessed to have you! Thank you so much for all you do!

*Our school enjoyed a special visitor on Thursday, April 25th: an 18-year-old guest speaker named Baian — all the way from the country of **Kyrgyzstan** in central Asia! BSS’s after-school Service Club asked her to come speak about her country and its culture and how we can help fill her school library with English-language books. She also baked some traditional Kyrgyzstan bread for everyone in our school! If you would like more information about how to contribute books for this effort, please e-mail Grade 4 teacher Mrs. Burgess: mburgess@blesseedsacramentschool.net.



*Save the date: Friday, May 30th is our 2025 **Central Albany Catholic Schools Reunion** from 5-9 p.m. here at Blessed Sacrament School! There will be a cocktail party and hors d’oeuvres. Tickets are \$25 each (online or at the door). Scan the QR code on the right to purchase tickets or visit the website <https://tinyurl.com/562zauey>.



*Are you (or someone you know) interested in serving on our **Albany City Catholic school board**? Candidates’ names, contact information, and a brief description of why they are interested can be e-mailed to daniel.quinn@rcda.org.