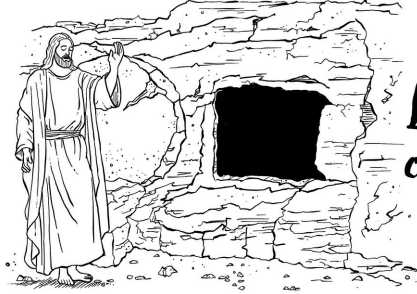


BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206



*Lazarus,
come out!*

JOHN 11:1-45



March 22nd
2026

5th Sunday of Lent

FROM LISANNE JENSEN

How's your Lent going? Has it been prayerful and meaningful for you, and have you been able to accomplish your Lenten goals so far? This year, I decided to add two things instead of giving up something. I'm trying to do at least one random act of kindness each day (whether that's paying for the order of the person behind me in the drive-thru or reaching out and giving someone else my dedicated time through active listening). I'm also making sure that I study a different scripture passage daily to learn more about God's word.

This weekend's Gospel passage describes Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. A long time ago, one of my Faith Formation students said, "Poor Lazarus! I feel so bad for him! He died when he was sick, but Jesus brought him back to life ... and then he lived to an old age and had to die again! So that means he died twice!" That comment made me laugh, but yesterday when I was thinking about this Gospel story, something else occurred to me that I hadn't considered before.

As Catholics, we actually kind of "die twice," too, but in a different kind of way. When we are baptized, we are also baptized into Jesus's death as well as His resurrection. And during Lent especially, we can think about things that we might need to "die to" in order to grow closer in relationship with God.

The story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead can teach us many things, including:

- How Jesus has ultimate power over life and death
 - The importance of our faith (as Martha shows her strong belief in Jesus, that He is the resurrection and the life and will raise us up on the last day)
 - That Jesus has great compassion for us and empathy for human suffering and grief
 - That God promises us eternal life in Him
 - For us to trust in God's timing (as Lazarus was not immediately raised from the dead)
 - That we all need each other, especially when we are grieving; there is community support in healing
- In Hebrew, the name Lazarus means "God has helped." This Lent, we can focus on how God has helped us throughout our lives!

MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

Monday | 7 am
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday | 12 pm
Wednesday | 8:15 am (with School)

SATURDAY VIGIL

4 pm

SUNDAY

9 am & 6 pm Urdu

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday & Thursday | 12:30 pm
Saturday | 3 pm

ADORATION

Tuesday & Thursday | 12:30 pm

1st SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

Adoration & Reconciliation | 7:30 am
Mass | 9 am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (During Lent)
Friday | 12:30 pm (after the 12 pm Mass) & 6 pm (Urdu)

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE ON THE BACK

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please contact the priests at (518)482-3375.
If no one answers, please leave a message.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (3/21/26)

♥ Bill C.

† V. Joseph Zell

† Ruthann & Frank Testa

† William Spear

Sunday (3/22/26)

† Frank & Roseann DeSorbo

† Judith Early

† Jack & Brian Cromie

Monday (3/23/26)

♥ Michael Anthony sparks

♥ Sue Ann Milkiewicz

† Rosario Balarin

Tuesday (3/24/26)

♥ Bill C.

† Daniel Lamphere Sr.

Wednesday (3/25/26)

♥ Matsui Cromie Family

♥ Simon Kim

† James Smith

Thursday (3/26/26)

"Special Intentions"

♥ Lillian Torello

Friday (3/27/26)

♥ Kayla Grace Charles

♥ Sarah Hollo

♥ Andrew Kim

† Wilfred & Myra Godin

Saturday (3/28/26)

Pro Populo - Mass for the People

Sunday (3/29/26)

♥ Virginia Cromie

♥ Michael Anthony Sparks

† Darlene Skadra

† Rita LaPoint Torre

*Please note: Mass intentions with a
† indicate 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.*

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THE BOUTIQUE

*"The Boutique" is Blessed Sacrament Church's thrift store! **Shopping hours** are 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. **Donation drop offs** are Tuesday & Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.

*Due to space constraints, please hold summer clothing items until spring and Christmas items until Fall.

FOOD PANTRY

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

*Items currently needed at our food pantry are as noted previously: **Coffee, tea, laundry detergent and household cleaning products.**

Food Pantry numbers: Households - 151, Children - 111, Adults - 260, and Seniors - 63

THIS WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (3/21-3/22)

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:12-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 130

SECOND READING: Romans 8:8-11

GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (3/28-3/29)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 22

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6-11

GOSPEL: Matthew 26:14-27:66

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FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Faith Formation continues to meet monthly with sessions for all ages and preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

Please pray for Eleanor, Valentina, Anaya, Emilio, Madelyn, Vera, Jaemario and Landen who continue to prepare for their upcoming First Communion on May 3 at the 9am mass.

Our next large group session is this Sunday, March 22. Large group sessions begin with 9am mass, then gathering and breakfast in the gym, then smaller breakout sessions until 11:30am, including a session for parents. Please watch your email for additional sacramental preparation sessions.

New registrants are always welcome. To register, please visit the website www.bsc-ffym.org/register and complete the online form. Or, if you prefer, call or e-mail our office: (518) 438-5854; faithformationbsc@gmail.com. We would love to have your family join us!



FROM OUR URDU COMMUNITY

Every Sunday evening at 6 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament, we offer Mass in Urdu. All are welcome to join us!



SHRINE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS
A MISSION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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Debbie Klose, Organist

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Mass Schedule: Sundays, 9a.m. (English) and 11 a.m. (Spanish); Mass & Adoration on the 1st Fridays of each month 6:30 p.m.

*Mission statement: "We are a vibrant, welcoming, multicultural Catholic community in the heart of the City of Albany celebrating and ministering the presence of Jesus with our parishioners and neighbors."



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-There is a Half Day on Wednesday, April 1st
-Spring Break is April 6th - 10th
-Please follow our Instagram!
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QR Code for the Instagram!



HELP SECURE OVERDUE FUNDS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

For more than 50 years, state lawmakers have been required to reimburse Catholic and other nonpublic schools for the full cost of complying with administrative mandates such as collecting and reporting student data on attendance, tests, and immunization records. The state, however, owes more than \$30 million in overdue reimbursement to our schools, including more than \$11 million for complying with the state's student immunization program (SSIP). As lawmakers negotiate a state budget, please add your voice to help secure these needed funds for our Catholic schools!

Please visit:

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SCHOOL BUCKS

Hanging out at the mall? Maybe you're enjoying a sweet treat, or celebrating a big event with a delicious meal. Make sure to turn in your Colonie Center shopping receipts to help our school!

March Bonus Points

3x Points

-L.L. Bean, Stitch-N-Time, Simply Beautiful, and Paul Mitchell

4x Points

-Box Luch, Ulta Beauty, Lids, and Sephora

Starting the Sunday after Easter (April 11/12), the Mass schedule will be as follows:

Blessed Sacrament - 4:00 Saturday moves to 5:00 PM (Confession at 4:00); 9:00 Sunday stays put. 6:00 PM Sunday in the Urdu language for the Pakistani people continues according to the availability of the visiting priest who speaks the language (when he is unavailable, there is a simpler prayer gathering at 6:00, but parishioners attend another Mass time).

All Saints - 4:00 Saturday (Confession at 3:00); in place of two Masses on Sunday at 8:00 and 10:30, there will be one Mass at 10:00.

Shrine of Our Lady of the Americas - 9:00 Sunday continues only with retired priests; when none are available, parishioners attend another Mass; 11:00 in Spanish.

Mater Christi - 4:00 Saturday moves to 5:30 PM (Confession at 4:45); 8:00 Sunday stays put; 10:30 Sunday moves to 11:00 AM.

Confession precedes the Saturday Masses, but if a priest is coming from another church, the time for confession may be shortened.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday: 4/2/26

Lord's Supper; 5:30pm - Adoration until 10:30pm
Night Prayer: 10pm

Good Friday: 4/3/26

Lauds: 9am - Confession: 12pm
Stations of the Cross: 3pm - Passion: 5:30pm

Holy Saturday: 4/4/26

Lauds: 9am - Blessing Easter Baskets: 11am
Mass: 7:53pm

Easter Sunday: 4/5/26

Mass: 9am & 4pm (Urdu)

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FROM FATHER DAN

The Jewish celebration of "Passover" commemorates the comfort, protection, and freedom that come from God's watching out for us, letting the bad stuff "pass over" us. They celebrate that God leads them out of slavery and into the Promised Land.

Because this is a dangerous world we've live in, outside of the Garden of Eden. Passover is comfort and protection for us vulnerable people in the midst of a dangerous world, full of hazards, peril, uncertainty. It is the joy of being rescued from all sorts of evils that regularly threaten us.

But that evil still touches us, and touches even God. Jesus, though suffering the consequences of a broken world, and not the cause of the brokenness, willingly submits to it. It takes the form of Crucifixion. When the disciples came with Jesus into Jerusalem at Passover, enjoyed the Last Supper with him, and even went to the garden with him, they did not fully understand where he was going, the route he was going to be taking. He had to pass through the most difficult of circumstances: false accusations, a rigged trial, abandonment by friends, mockery, execution, death. The disciples didn't realize depths he was going to pass over to, nor also the heights he would pass over to, from death to life, to glory!

All of us have to deal with the evils of the world. They don't spare God, they don't spare us. We know that these circumstances, and more, afflict our world, globally and locally. But as Christians we have confidence! We have faith that what afflicted Jesus, though it afflict us, will not destroy us! We will pass over it, or through it, and enjoy the resurrection. Without this celebration, without remembering Jesus' Passion and Resurrection, and without God's help to live out these truths in our daily lives, despair, desperation, and depression could reign in us. But instead we must live as people infused with the life of God that is won for us and shared with us through the Resurrection, through Easter!

Aside from the Triduum, there are many other opportunities to pray together during Holy Week!
Tenebræ, Tuesday March 31 - 6:00 PM All Saints
Good Friday Ecumenical Prayer Service - 12:00 Mater Christi
Stations of the Cross Good Friday - 3:00 All Saints

MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS **The Stations as seen through the eyes of Mary**

When: Friday, March 27th at 7PM
Where: All Saints Catholic Church
16 Homestead Street
Albany, NY 12203

by ANGELS To Each Other

