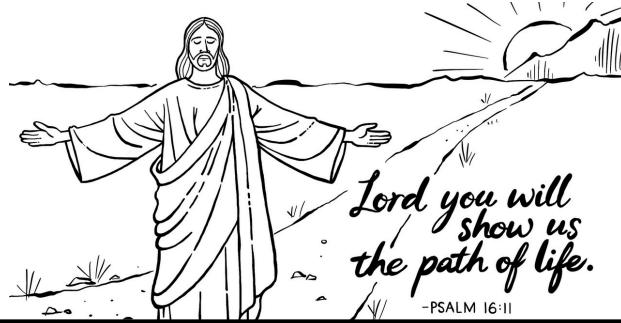


BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206



April 19th
2026

3rd Sunday of
Easter

BAPTISM BY LISANNE JENSEN

Receiving the sacrament of Baptism requires quite a bit of preparation – whether you are a parent bringing your infant before the Church, an adult seeking to become Catholic at the Easter Vigil, or a godparent promising to serve as a faith role model throughout your life. Here at Blessed Sacrament Church, we are so blessed to have many individuals in ministry who devote their time, knowledge, and caring to assist with baptismal preparation. We sincerely thank all our baptismal preparation volunteers. Did Jesus need to be baptized? He was without sin, so not really. But His baptism was significant for many reasons: It served as the beginning of His public ministry. After living in Nazareth, a small town in Galilee, for 30 years, Jesus came to the Jordan River to John the Baptist, who publicly baptized Him. “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” says Nathanael in the Gospel of John (1:46). This question reflects a widespread skepticism about small-town Nazareth back then. After His baptism, Jesus went on to perform many other public miracles, including His first one at the wedding in Cana (turning water into wine). Jesus’s baptism also served as the first public revelation of the Holy Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – as well as the official public announcement of Jesus being the Son of God. It is connected to our own baptism. John the Baptist called Jesus “the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.” Our sins are taken away when we repent and God forgives us. In the Rite of Baptism, we are called upon to renounce sin in all its forms. The waters of Jesus’s baptism also flow over us when we are baptized and allow ourselves to be immersed in it. The Holy Spirit descends upon us, as it did on Christ. And later, in the sacrament of Confirmation, we receive the Holy Spirit in a stronger, fuller, and more complete way. It “fulfilled all righteousness.” Here, the word “righteous” doesn’t mean “self-righteous.” When Jesus was baptized, He renounced not His own sins (because there were none!) but rather the sins of all mankind. Baptism was originally a Jewish rite symbolizing a cleansing from unrighteousness. Gentiles (those who were not Jewish) were baptized as converts to Judaism. So, it was completely radical that John the Baptist would offer the sacrament of Baptism to Jews – meaning that they, no less than the Gentiles, needed to be washed of their sins to conform their lives to the will of God. It gave us an example to follow. When we receive the sacrament of Baptism, we are baptized into Jesus’s death and resurrection. Baptism is a way for us to publicly declare our faith in Jesus, acknowledging that we are part of His body and His mission in the world. We depend on God: “I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength” (Philippians 4:13). When we are baptized, we are saying “yes” to God and participating in God’s plan of salvation.

MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

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

SATURDAY VIGIL 5 pm

SUNDAY 9 am & 6 pm Urdu

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday & Thursday | 12:30 pm
Saturday | 4 pm

ADORATION

Tuesday & Thursday | 12:30 pm

1st SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

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

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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.

If you (or someone you know) would like more information about the sacrament of Baptism at Blessed Sacrament Church, please contact our parish office either by e-mail (blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com) or phone: (518) 482-3375. You can also find more details online: blessedsacramentalbany.org/baptism/. We would be honored to accompany you and your family on this incredible journey of faith!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (4/18/26)

- ♡ Kayla Grace Charles
- † Virginia & V. Joseph Zell
- † Sandra Weir
- † Cathryn Blair
- † Ryan Connelly

Sunday (4/19/26)

Pro Populo: Mass for the People

Monday (4/20/26)

- † Richard Muellecker
- † Richard Vadney

Tuesday (4/21/26)

- ♡ Bill C.
- For Peace in the Middle East
- † Trinidad Del Rosario
 - † Simeon Del Rosario

Wednesday (4/22/26)

- ♡ Michael Anthony Sparks
- † Jack & Brian Cromie

Thursday (4/23/26)

- † Rosario Balarin
- † Mildred Lesch
- † Joseph De Lima

Friday (4/24/26) NO MASS

Saturday (4/25/26)

- † Sr. Mary Coons
- † Paul Sebastian
- † Tricia Daigneault
- † Melanie St. Louis

Sunday (4/26/26)

- ♡ Matsui Cromie Family
- ♡ William Coleman
- ♡ Lillian Coleman

*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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Victorina Cameron

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- Sr. Maureen Joyce Outreach Center**
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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 - 213, Children - 151, Adults - 322, and Seniors - 84

THIS WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (4/18-4/19)

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14, 22-33

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 16

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-21

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (4/25-4/26)

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 23

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

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FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday, April 19 is our last large group session of the academic year! After the 9am mass we will have refreshments in the gym and then all classes will be held upstairs in the school, while the Town Hall meeting is being held in the gym.

We thank all the families who have entrusted us to share our faith with your children this year. It has been a true privilege. We are truly blessed with the finest volunteer catechists: Maria Beenish, Rose Reed, Sean Hart and Chris and Holly McKenna. Thank you for your 'yes' to God's call to share the faith. Your dedication and commitment makes a lasting difference in our students' lives.

We ask for continued prayers 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. Additional sacramental preparation sessions will be communicated via email.

To register for next year, 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!

SAINT FRANCIS PRAYER GROUP

Please join us for our meeting after the 9AM Mass this Sunday!



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!



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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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School Field Trip Donations Needed

We are seeking donations to help cover transportation costs for an upcoming school trip to see the Valley Cats play the Sussex County Miners on Thursday, June 4th at 10am! This exciting day gives students a chance to enjoy a fun experience while also learning how baseball connects to STEM concepts! We are in need of funding for two buses at a cost of \$540 each, for a total of \$1,080. In addition, students are asked to contribute \$10 toward the trip. Any funds received beyond the cost of the buses will be used to assist students who may not be able to afford the \$10 fee, helping ensure that all students have the opportunity to participate. As always, thank you for your generosity and continued support of our school community.

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!

April Bonus Points

3x Points

-Sephora, Box Lunch, Simply Beautiful, Paul Michell Salon & Spa

4x Points

-Foot Locker, Express, Torrid, Bath & Body Works

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ROSARY GUILD

Thank you to all who brought baby items for our Baby Shower! The Christ Child Society made over 900 layettes last year for new mothers in need and we are so happy to help supply many of these items!

ST. FRANCIS, PEACEMAKER FOR HIS TIME – AND OURS

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.” (Mt. 5:9) In St. Francis’ time—as in ours—the world roiled with wars, nations raged against nations, families wrestled against families and plagues and disease made for a world that seemed far from the beatific vision of our Lord in His Sermon on the Mount at the beginning of His public ministry. Into this breach stepped St. Francis who, by his life of humility, poverty and peacemaking, lived the very beatitudes our Lord preached. He renounced his family wealth to embrace the life of a beggar (“poor in spirit”), abandoned dreams of becoming a valiant knight (“blessed are the meek”), and swapped a life of debauchery and partying to serve lepers (“blessed are the merciful”). With just a few of his friars as companions, Francis bravely walked across enemy lines to try to convert the Sultan Malik-el-Kamil to Christianity, and end the 5th Crusade, his greeting to the prince, “May the Lord give you peace,” echoing the traditional Muslim salutation, “Peace be upon you.” (The sultan didn’t convert, but he began to treat his prisoners more fairly.) Seeing God’s presence in all created things, the wind, sun and animals, he preached to birds and even arranged a truce between a dangerous wolf and the terrorized residents of a small village (“peacemaker”). He inspired one of our best-known prayers—even among those who rarely pray: Make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; And where there is sadness, joy. When the world is too loud, and war and division are once again too common, we all need the inner light and peace that stirred St. Francis to his love of Jesus. In this 800th anniversary of Francis’ death, Pope Leo invites us to pray that, “In this time afflicted by conflict and division, [may St. Francis] intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ.”

Peace and all good!

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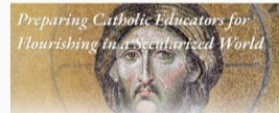
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TOWN HALL MEETING

Please join us for a town hall meeting to discuss the RCDA settlement with the victims. We will talk about how it will affect our parish relative to our responsibility and finances. It will be in the School Gymnasium this Sunday, April 19th at 10 AM.

CAPITAL DISTRICT CHAPTER COLUMBIETTES MEETING

Sunday, April 26th, 2026 at 12 Noon. It will be held at Waterford Knights of Columbus Council, 76 Grace Street, Waterford, 12188. The meeting events include the Covered Dish Dinner and Capital District Chapter Raffle. Capital District Chapter President, Linda Cotch will preside.



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The 2026 Father Doyle Memorial Golf

TOURNAMENT



Monday, September 21, 2026

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STARTS MAY 1, 2026

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