

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206



Let not
your
heart
be
troubled

- JOHN 14:1



May 3rd
2026

5th Sunday of
Easter

BY LISANNE JENSEN

A verse in this weekend's second reading (1 Peter 2:4-9) stands out to me as particularly meaningful and relevant to the celebration of First Holy Communion, which our parish and school community is excited to be part of this Saturday and Sunday! Peter writes, "Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God ..." Every time I see a statue of the risen Christ, with both of His hands extended, I feel like He is beckoning us forward and saying, "Come to me because I love you so much." Our First Communicants are joining the table of the Lord for the first time this weekend, and this special celebration reminds us that we, too, are all chosen and precious to God. This sacrament shows how much He loves us, that He wants to be with us always. As our First Communicants (and all of us) come to him in the sacrament of the Eucharist, we offer our entire selves just like Jesus offered Himself for everyone, for all time.

Peter continues in his letter: "... and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." Through Faith Formation at Blessed Sacrament Church and our religious instruction at Blessed Sacrament School, we strive to provide a firm, unshakable foundation of faith that will last a lifetime for the children and families we are honored to serve. We pray that they will always feel as close to Jesus as they do on their First Communion day. Congratulations and God's blessings! Thank you for supporting our young people in faith!

MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

Monday | 7 am
Tuesday & Thursday | 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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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (5/2/26)

♡ Bill C.

† V. Joseph Zell

† William F. Faragon

† Mary Fittig, 100th Birthday

Sunday (5/3/26)

♡ Sarah Hollo

† Joanne Monahan

† Richard & Joan Delehanty

† Margaret Rapello

Monday (5/4/26)

♡ Michael Anthony Sparks

† Luz Mercader

Tuesday (5/5/26)

† Betty Iglar, 12-year Anniversary

† Brink Hartman

† Luz Mercader

Wednesday (5/6/26)

† Jack & Brian Cromie

† Luz Mercader

Thursday (5/7/26)

♡ Bill C.

♡ Natashua Charles

† Mimi Asbornsen

† Luz Mercader

Friday (5/8/26) NO MASS

Saturday (5/9/26)

Pro Populo - Mass for the People

Sunday (5/10/26)

♡ Matsui Cromie Family

† Darlene Skadra

† John Cyran

† Mary Spear

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.

BAPTISMS

WEDDINGS

FUNERALS

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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 fall/winter clothing items until end of summer, 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.**

THIS WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (5/2-5/3)

FIRST READING: Acts 6:1-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 33

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:4-9

GOSEL: John 14:1-12

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (5/9-5/10)

FIRST READING: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 66

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:15-18

GOSEL: John 14:15-21

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FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever."
— John 6:51

This Sunday, our parish family rejoices with Eleanor, Valentina, Emilio, Madelyn, Vera, Jaemario, Landen, Treasure, Noelle, Angela and John as they receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion for the first time. We pray that they always feel the joy of Jesus' presence in their hearts and that this special day marks the beginning of a lifelong love for the Eucharist.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers!

Lord Jesus, bless these children as they receive You. May they grow in grace and love.

Sunday, April 19 was our last large group session of the academic year! *Confirmation candidates should watch their email for additional preparation over the summer. *

Regular sessions will resume in September. 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!

-First Communion at Blessed Sacrament Church is this Sunday, May 3rd at 9 a.m!



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

Rev. Francis O'Connor, Chaplain
Rev. Mr. Miguel Fabian, Deacon
Confesora Franco, Pastoral Associate/Faith Formation
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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

Thank you to everyone who has already donated. 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 still in need of funding for one bus at a cost of \$540. 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 Board Listening Session

On Monday, May 11th at 6pm the school board is having a listening session at Mater Christi. This is an opportunity for parents to come meet and talk to the school board for Mater Christi and Blessed Sacrament Schools. There is no set topic for this, and anything is up for discussion.

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

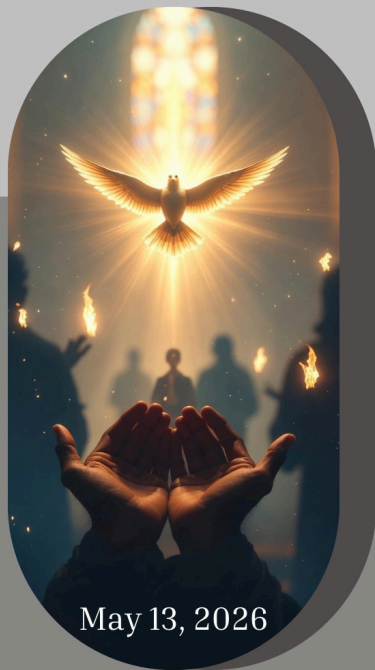
-Foot Locker, Express, Torrid, Bath & Body Works

THE OVER 50 CLUB

Will meet on Monday, May 4th at 12:30 in the church hall. Bring your lunch beverage and something to share. We will be collecting \$5.00 for our June sub luncheon.

For more info call: Anne Snyder @ (518) 869-5247

The Holy Spirit is not just
a doctrine
He becomes real
in ways you can
actually sense.



May 13, 2026

At a Charismatic Mass,
that changes. JOIN
OUR CATHOLIC
CHARISMATIC MASS &
HEALING SERVICE
where faith moves
from head to heart.

Christ Our Light
RC Church
1 Maria Drive,
Loudonville

Music by Joyful Heart

7:00 PM ~ Prayer & Praise
7:30 PM ~ HOLY MASS & HEALING



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Regular: \$7,115



Blessed Sacrament needs at least \$9,000 each week in our collections to break even — not counting unexpected maintenance costs that might arise.

To donate online, scan the QR code above or visit
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SAGE GATORS' BASKETBALL CAMP

For boys & girls ages 8-16: June 29th – July 3rd @ Russell Sage, Albany campus. Register online at Sagegators.com or contact Brian Barnes at 518-292-1969 or by email barneb@sage.edu for more information.

We would like to personally extend our grateful appreciation to all those who supported, assisted with, contributed to, facilitated, encouraged, advised and guided our successful Red Wagon Luncheon & Fashion Show held on Saturday, April 18 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 assisting us and lending support of our mission. Christ Child Society of Albany covers all counties of the Albany Diocese and beyond. We 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, so many requests for help, and we are expanding services as much as possible to better serve children. We welcome new members always. If someone you are acquainted with would like to have the shared experience of giving back to their community by volunteering, needs a new passion, are open to new relationships and would like to learn more about our Albany Chapter, please have them contact Annette Guido, Membership Chair at aguido1@nycap.rr.com.

With warmest regards,
The Christ Child Society, Albany Chapter.



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FUN-draising Night
at
Bountiful Bread
in Stuyvesant Plaza
for the
Christ Child Society
of Albany
Monday, May 11th
4 PM-7 PM



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