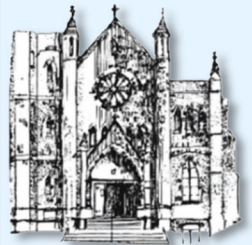


BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206



*Glorify your Son,
that your Son
may glorify you.*

-JOHN 17:1

May 17th
2026

7th Sunday of
Easter

by Lisanne Jensen

When I teach my religion classes (Grades 3-5) here at Blessed Sacrament School, I always begin with an opening slide that displays the date, any special announcements, the name of our class prayer leader, a Bible verse of the day, the current Church season, the saint of the day, and the liturgical color. This past week, several of my students exclaimed in disbelief, "We are still in Easter?" Yes, indeed! The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord falls 40 days after Easter, and then Pentecost (May 24th) marks the end of the Easter season.

In preparation for Pentecost, I've been talking with my students about Jesus ascending into heaven but also His promise that He will never leave us – and that the Holy Spirit has come as our "helper." Sometimes the Holy Spirit is also known as "the Spirit of God," "the Advocate," "the Counselor," and "the Comforter." But the concept of the Holy Spirit can be difficult for any of us to fully comprehend.

In Francis Chan's book *Forgotten God: Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit*, he writes, "My hope is that instead of searching for 'God's will for my life' each of us would learn to seek hard after 'the Spirit's leading in my life today.'" Of course, absolutely nothing is wrong with praying for help to discern God's will for our lives. But staying in the present moment is also beneficial. I frequently (and daily!) pray for the Holy Spirit's wisdom and guidance – before Faith Formation gatherings, before teaching my religion classes, or perhaps for clarity in making a big decision or how to best help someone else in need.

As we celebrate Jesus's Ascension and look toward Pentecost, let us pray with gratitude for our God who is always with us! Come, Holy Spirit ... fill the hearts of Your faithful!

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 (5/16/26)

- † Candy Carter
† Robert Powers (4th Anniversary)
† Luz Mercader
♡ Kayla Grace Charles
♡ Michael Anthony Sparks

Sunday (5/17/26)

- ♡ Sarah Hollo
♡ Michael Anthony Sparks
† Joan Delehanty
† Felicia Mostek

Monday (5/18/26)

- † Luz Mercader
† Mimi Furbeck
† Janet Olmsted
♡ Michael Anthony Sparks

Tuesday (5/19/26)

- † Mary Ellen Kalled
† Luz Mercader
♡ Fr. Anthony Chibueze Onu
♡ Michael Anthony Sparks

Wednesday (5/20/26)

- † Charlie Calderone
† Jack & Brian Cromie
† Luz Mercader
♡ Michael Anthony Sparks

Thursday (5/21/26)

- ♡ Michael Anthony Sparks
† Luz Mercader
† Marilyn J Gower
† Felicia Mostek

Friday (5/22/26) NO MASS

Saturday (5/23/26)

- ♡ Bill C
† Luz Mercader
♡ Michael Anthony Sparks
† Barbara Spinelli
† Ruth Fox

Sunday (5/24/26)

- ♡ Matsui Cromie Family
♡ Michael Anthony Sparks
† Luz Mercader
† Frank & RoseAnn DeSorbo
† Judy & George Early

*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: Coffee, tea, laundry detergent and household cleaning products.

April Statistics: Households- 180, Children- 135, Adults- 284, and Seniors- 69

THIS WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (5/16-5/17)

FIRST READING: Acts 1:12-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 27

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:13-16

GOSPEL: John 17:1-11a

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (5/23-5/24)

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 104

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

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FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

We are still basking in the glow of our First Communicants! Congratulations!



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While weekly sessions have ended for the school year, families should watch their emails for information about next year and especially Confirmation programming 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!



SHRINE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS

A MISSION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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Mass Schedule: Sundays, 9 a.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."

OFFERTORY: SHARING OUR TREASURE

Regular: \$ 8,189
School Support: \$1,405



Next Week's 2nd Collection to benefit
Central & Eastern Europe

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
secure.myvanco.com/YHAN/home.

OUR STUDENTS ARE GOING TO SEE THE VALLEY CATS!

THANKS TO YOUR GENEROUSITY!

We have received enough money to cover the busses and entrance fees for all of our students in need!

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

We will be having Altar Server Training on Saturday, May 23rd at 9am in the church!



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!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY - May raffle winners are: 1st prize, \$200, Kay Connolly; 2nd prize \$50 E Loparco; 3rd prize \$25 Linda Loparco. Your support through monthly raffle ticket purchases allowed us to donate \$400 to the school to help pay for the school field trip. Tickets may be purchased at the office annex table, parish office or any HNS member. Any man in the parish may become a member. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month in the church basement. Our next meeting is June 3rd @ 7 pm, come join us!

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!

May Bonus Points

3x Points

-Avis Budget Car Rental, Bath & Body Works, USA Scrubs, Toy Depot

4x Points

-Claire's, Famous Footwear, Express, Zales

Guided by Mary:
The Marian Soul of St. Francis of Assisi

St. Francis of Assisi's love for the Blessed Virgin Mary was not an ornament to his spirituality—it was its quiet center, shaping the way he saw Christ, the Church, and his own vocation. In the time of St. Francis 800 years ago, many Christians were focused on Jesus' Divinity. Francis was captivated by the Incarnation—the Son of God being born a man. Francis “embraced the Mother of Jesus with inexpressible love, since she made the Lord of Majesty a brother to us,” his biographer wrote. Her “yes” made his entire way of life possible.

For Francis, Mary was the “Virgin-made-Church,” the model of what we all are called to become—humble, holy and filled with God's grace. In his “Salutation of the Blessed Virgin Mary,” Francis gushed, “Hail His Palace! Hail His Tabernacle! Hail His Home!” And he believed that Mary continues to carry Him to the world through her example.

During the month of May, the month dedicated to our Blessed Virgin, we can strive to imitate St. Francis who found in Mary the perfect disciple, a compassionate mother and the surest path to Christ. That's why he entrusted his blossoming group of followers—the Friars Minor—to her protection, confident that the Mother who guided him would guide them as well. Peace and all good!

St. Francis Prayer Group will **not** meet May 17. The next meeting will be June 21 after the 9 am Mass.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Hurting from an abortion? Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat, May 29-31, 2026 at the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center in Niskayuna. The weekend will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Entrustment. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. The cost is \$195. Financial assistance is available. For more information or to register contact: Pat Mousaw, 518-222-1160 or Katie Bolibaugh or e-mail: rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com.



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Mass will be celebrated at 4 pm

*Important Notice: All events list below will be at:
Christ Our Light Church, 1 Mairia Drive, Loudonville.*

Come and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Diocese of Albany.

Date: May 24, 2026 (Pentecost Sunday Afternoon)
Location: Christ Our Light - RC Church
1 Maria Drive, Loudonville, NY
Time: 1:30 pm Praise, Worship and Mass
Presider: The Most Reverend Mark O'Connell
Bishop of Albany

Reception immediately after Mass in Parish Hall. Sign up is necessary for the count for caterers please email albanycr@gmail.com



Interfaith Story

Sacred Storytelling ~ Interfaith Story Circle
Stories of Honoring the Divine in Nature

Sunday, May 17, 2026
4:00-5:30 pm EDT
1:00-2:30 pm PDT

This circle will focus on stories that evoke a sense of wonder and awe in the natural world, leading us to question and/or believe in and honor the existence of a higher power or the divine.

Guest Storyteller
Claire Nolan

Come share your story (under 10 minutes) related to the theme, or just come to listen.

Either way, you will be warmly welcomed.

Free Registration: <https://bit.ly/ASSTMay26Sacred>

[Interfaith Story Network](https://www.interfaithstory.org) [InterfaithStory.org](https://www.interfaithstory.org)

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