

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

607 Central Avenue Albany, New York 12206 - Phone 482-3375

Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

273 Central Avenue Albany, New York 12206 - Phone 465-3685

Rev. John J. Bradley, Pastor

Rev. Francis A. O'Connor - Shrine Church Chaplain

Rev. Brian Slezak - Associate Pastor

Over One Hundred Years of Faith and Tradition



Est. 1902

Organist: Ed Savoy
Pastoral Associate: Sr. Judith Kapp, RSM
Parish Secretary: Fred Talarico
In Residence (Retired): Rev. George St. John
In Residence: Rev. Francis A. O'Connor

Religion Education: Mrs. Rosemarie Reed
School Principal: Sr. Patricia Lynch, RSM
School Secretary: Mrs. Nancy Kelly
Shrine Church Pastoral Associate: Sr. Grace R. Diaz, S.N.J.M.

Parish: <http://www.blessedsacramentalbany.org/>
Email: blessedsacramentalbany@aol.com
Religious Education Office: 446-0997

School: <http://www.blessedsacramentschool.net/>
Email: bss@nycap.rr.com
Blessed Sacrament School: 438-5854

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (LAST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME)

NOVEMBER 22 & 23, 2014

Processional:	Crown Him With Many Crowns – Gather #485	Mystery of Faith:	We Proclaim – Music Card #5
Glory to God:	Music Card #2	Great Amen:	Gather #168
Responsorial Psalm:	Shepherd Me O God - Gather #31	Lamb of God:	Gather #171
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia – Gather #263	Communion Music:	Gift of Finest wheat – Gather #815
Offertory:	This Is The Feast of Victory – Gather #429	Recessional:	To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign
Holy, Holy:	Music Card #3		King - Gather #488

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: This Thursday is Thanksgiving Day, a day to pause and reflect on the blessings we have received personally and as a nation. Please make time to enter into the true spirit and meaning of this special day. We will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 9:00 am, to which everyone is invited and encouraged to participate. It is the perfect way to pause and offer a prayer of thanksgiving. At the Mass, after Communion, we will bless small loaves of bread to be given to all present to take home. The bread is a sign of God's blessings given to us, and our willingness to share our gifts and blessings with our family and others. Please make time to attend and try not to be caught up in the increasing commercialism of this day. The collection at the Thanksgiving Mass will be for our parish food pantry.

As I mentioned previously, we will be welcoming our new Bishop Edward Scharfenberger to our parish on Sunday, December 7th. He will celebrate the noon Mass and Confirm our candidates. A reception will follow in the School Hall, to which all of you are invited to meet and welcome our new Bishop. You are welcome to attend the noon Mass and come over, or to just come to the school after 1:00 pm if you already attended another Mass. Please come to welcome him to our parish and diocese.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Scripture readings for this week: EZ 34: 11 - 17; 1 COR 15: 20 - 28; MT 25: 31 - 46.

COLLECTION NEWS: Regular: \$10,754. If you are away, please remember the parish with your envelope gift on your return. We appreciate and need your ongoing support. The second collection this Sunday is the Annual for the Campaign for Human Development. The gifts placed in the poor boxes each Sunday are used to support our parish food pantry. Thank you for your support.

ADVENT: Advent begins Sunday, November 30th. Again this year we are continuing the popular tradition of having families or individuals carry the Advent wreath candle in the opening procession at each Mass. Sign-up sheets are in the Sacristy.

PARISH COUNCIL: will meet on Monday, November 24th at 7:00 pm in the Forman Room.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE: Our Advent Reconciliation Service will be Monday, December 1st at 7:00 pm. Please plan to attend in preparation for Christmas.

LECTORS: The workbooks containing the Sunday readings for the new Church Year beginning Sunday, November 30th, the First Sunday of Advent, are available in the sacristy after Mass today. When you pick up a book, please sign the sheet provided so we know you have one. Thank you for your ministry.

FABULOUS FEBRUARY: is back. Tickets are \$10 for a drawing every day in February. Valentine's Day \$1,000 is given; on weekends \$100 and weekdays \$50. All winners' tickets are put back into the drum and could be pulled again. They make nice stocking stuffers for Christmas or can be sent in a card. Invite others to help with this fundraiser for the school by buying and helping to sell these popular tickets. The red flyers at the exits list prizes for each day and the bottom part is the ticket. Cut it off and return it with your \$10 donation. This is the school's major fundraiser. Thank you for your support.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES: are up at all the entrances of the Church. Each ornament lists a gift for a child in need in our immediate area. Please take a tag, or more if you are able, purchase the gift, wrap it and tape the tag ornament securely on the gift; it lets us know what family it goes to. Please return the gifts by Sunday, December 14th to the boxes in all the vestibules of the Church. Thank you for your support of this project for the children.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The Home School Association is sponsoring a "Breakfast with Santa" fundraiser, Sat, December 6th, 9-11:30 am in our school gym. Please come join us for pancakes, sausage and bacon. \$6 for adults; \$2 for children. Bring your cameras for a photo with Santa. We will also have Christmas Wreaths for sale and the opportunity to create your own ornament. Hope to see you there!

FAITH FORMATION FOR YOUTH: Confirmation is Sun, Dec 7th at 12:00 noon Mass. Confirmation rehearsal is Wed, Dec 3rd at 7:00 pm in church with your sponsor. Grades K-6 meet on Sat, Dec 6th, 10:15-11:30 am in lieu of Sun, Dec 7th. (NO classes Sunday, Dec 7th.)

PARISH PAGEANT: is Friday, December 12th, at 7:00 pm in Church. All are welcome.


NURSING HOME VISITS: Sat, Dec 13th. We will bring a plant, Christmas card, Church calendar and handmade Christmas item. They are spread out over many different facilities. We need your help; it means so much, is a sign of our concern and keeps them connected to the parish. You could also go Sunday if that is easier for you. Please sign the tab below and put it in the collection if you can help.

I can help with the Nursing Home Visits on Saturday, December 13th.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

MASS SCHEDULE

<p>Saturday 11/22/14 4:00 William & Grace Barone Brian Crouch – 34th birthday Paula Mirabile/James Perkinson Mittler & Mooney families Thomas Ragone, Sr. 7:00 David Aquino/Frances Della Rocco Patty H. (Vogel) Bullis & Patty Bullis Breege Nally/Mary Sleasman</p>	<p>Monday 11/24/14 7:00 For the Faithful Departed 12:00 Elmer F. Jones Gertrude “Irene” Sidoti</p>	<p>Wednesday 11/26/14 7:00 John J. McGinty 12:00 George Thomas Hall Mark P. Woroby</p>	<p>Friday 11/28/14 7:00 Mr. & Mrs. Italiano Alice A. Vincent 12:00 Peter Krasher, Sr. Mindy Smith Joe Wygel</p>
<p>Sunday 11/23/14 9:00 For the People 10:30 Wayne Cuzdey/Theresia Schneider Irene Sidoti/Robert Stiffen 12:00 James Feeney Loparco & DiNuzzo families Doris Luciano – 2nd anniversary Jacqueline Truiano & Michael Blanchino</p>	<p>Tuesday 11/25/14 7:00 For the Faithful Departed 12:00 Lucila Gonzalez Shirley Ray Henry Segarra</p>	<p>Thursday 11/27/14 Thanksgiving Day 9:00 Ferando Arias John Hart Elizabeth Lauro James Mangan Tom & Mary Murphy</p>	

CONFESSIONS EVERY SATURDAY FROM 3:00 - 3:30 pm

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: Follow us on facebook-www.facebook.com/groups/bsyam or e-mail blessedsacyam@aol.com

YOUTH MINISTRY: *Selling banana bread* before & after all Masses for \$5 per loaf. Proceeds given to our food pantry. **Ronald McDonald Christmas caroling** Fri, Dec 5th. We will meet in our Church parking lot at 6:00 pm, proceed to a neighborhood in Colonie to carol, then back to the Forman Room for a Christmas party. Please bring a \$3 candy grab bag gift to exchange. Party ends at 10:00 pm. Families welcome!

COLONIE CENTER SCHOOL BUCKS: began Aug 1st. Any purchases made within the last 60 days can be registered in the name of our school. Receipts must be registered at the Service Desk next to CVS within 60 days of the purchase. Receipts will be collected from Aug-June. Please help our parish school win cash prizes by registering your receipts in our school name. You have helped us win in the past and we appreciate your support. Invite others to help us. If you would like to have one of our volunteers register your receipts, please put them in the collection or leave them at the rectory in an envelope with your name and address on it. You can pick them up at the rectory, or we can mail them if you have a stamp on the return envelope. You can register receipts from all stores and restaurants in the Center, as well as the Post Office. Please help the school again and ask others to help us with this program. We are grateful for your support. **Please consider donating to Toys for Tots on Sat, Dec 6th.** To be eligible for bonus points, donations will ONLY be accepted from noon-6pm, on the upper level near iSmile Studios/Lane Bryant. Please be sure to tally your donations with a Colonie Center Guest Service Representative at the event, otherwise your donations will not be counted for bonus points. Every new, (purchased in the past 12 months), unwrapped toy will earn BSS 50 bonus points, up to a maximum of 25,000 bonus points. As a special “thank you”, you can also enter for a chance to win a \$100 Colonie Center gift card at the event.

FACEBOOK PAGE: There is a BSS Alumni Facebook page. All are welcome – <http://www.facebook.com/#!/BSSAlbanyAlumni/> You can see the whole calendar of parish events, including Mass times, social events, even funeral notices.

ROSARY GUILD: Christmas Party will be Tues, Dec 2 at Shaker Ridge Country Club, 6:00 pm. Dinner choices are: Parmesan Encrusted Chicken, Sirloin of Beef or Salmon. Cost: \$20. Payment must be made with reservations. Deadline is Mon, Nov 24th. Call Jo Keegan at 489-3016.

OVER 50: We are looking forward to our dinner on Dec 1st. Thank you to all who have signed up. If everyone who is coming to the dinner could bring a personal hygiene item, especially toothpaste or tooth brushes, they are a particular need. Our Dec 1st meeting will be our last until March 2nd. Hope to see you all then.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: First Tuesday of each month after noon Mass and the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM. Please enter through the parking lot door.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Every first Friday of the month from after the 7:00 AM Mass and concludes with Benediction at 11:45 AM. A funeral could interrupt this schedule.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: is prayed the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tues of each month after the noon Mass. Instruction & prayer cards will be offered

KNIT, CROCHET OR QUILT?: Please continue to supply your blankets in order for us to continue this ministry. A reminder – blankets should be at least 30” x 30” and white. Please contact Sr. Jude or Rose Reed if you have any donation or questions.

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY: for our brothers and sisters living in our local nursing homes. The warm embrace they give is symbolic of the prayers we offer for them, especially those prayers we pray while making them. They can be any color and any style (knitted, crocheted, quilted, etc.). A good size is 30 x 30”. Please contact Sr. Jude or Rose Reed for more information.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: 50/50 supports various parish, youth & school activities. If you can help, tickets are available in the Sacristy before or after Mass. Next meeting/drawing-Mon, Dec 1st, 6:30 pm in the Church Hall. New members are always welcome. We will have a special Christmas ham dinner.

THRIFT SHOP: is open Wed & Sat, 10:00-1:00 pm. Items that are *clean* and in *good working condition* can be dropped off when the store is open. Stop in & check us out. We are in need of household items, small appliances and lamps.

GIANTS TICKETS: We have been given 4 tickets as a fundraiser for the school to the Sunday, Dec 14th home game, kick off at 1:00 pm (Giants vs Redskins), with parking in blue lots. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the rectory, school or Sacristy after Mass. Seats are in section 103, row 14, seats 1-4, value over \$600. Winning ticket will be drawn on Dec 2nd. Please help promote ticket sales. There are posters to advertise the tickets at all the exits; please post one if you are able.

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH–YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE: Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration in world-wide celebration of religious life, Mon, Dec 1st, 7:00 pm, St. Joseph’s Provincial House, 384 Watervliet-Shaker Rd. Contact Sr. Jeanne Marie Gocho, 783-3605.

NEW TO THE PARISH? Welcome. Please sign below and drop in the collection. You may also use the form to receive envelopes and/or “The Evangelist”. Check the appropriate box.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Zip: _____

- () I am new to the parish
- () Send me “The Evangelist”
- () Please send church envelopes
- () Please send me census form