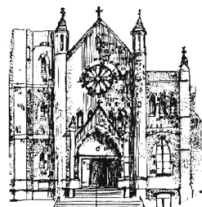


CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

607 Central Avenue
Albany, New York 12206-1918



Established 1902



Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2021

Weekend Masses 4:00 pm Saturday
9:00 am Sunday

Confession 12:30 - 1:30 pm Tuesday
12:00 - 1:30 pm Friday
3:00-3:40 pm Saturday

Weekday Masses as scheduled in bulletin

Adoration 12:30 - 1:30 pm Tuesday
12:00 - 1:30 pm Friday

Saturday 1/2/2021 - 4:00 Thomas Condon Grace Holland Richard Egan		Sunday 1/3/2021 9:00 AM - For the People 6:00 PM - Mass in Urdu	Monday 1/4/2021 - 7:00 Nora Radigan
Tuesday 1/5/2021 - 12:00 Angela & Antonio Nicotina Kahtleen VanDeLoo Louis G. Principe	Wednesday 1/6/2021 - 7:00 Cecelia N. Sanz	Thursday 1/7/2021 - 12:00	Friday 1/8/2021 - 9:00 Mass for Blessed Sacrament Students Home Schoolers & Distance Learners welcome

Funerals

Monday, 1/6, Shawn Meher
Saturday, 1/9, Louis Angelo

Collection News

Christmas	\$18,711
Regular	\$ 6,607
School	\$ 1,577

From the new Pastor The Magi travelled a long way to follow what they believed was "written in the stars", and though I put no stock in horoscopes, God did use the stars in this instance to draw these stargazers toward himself. Staring at the stars, especially last week when Jupiter and Saturn got so close together (from our vantage point), is a beautiful and awe-inspiring pastime, and by carefully studying the stars, astronomers and physicists have come to understand more and more about God's creation and the laws of nature.

But then Magi saw in the stars also the laws of God, and God arranged it such that when it was time for him to come to earth, **the Magi would find him by the stars. And once the stars had led them to Christ, then Christ could take over and lead to heaven, since he could teach not only the discoverable laws of nature, but the undiscoverable laws of God which could only be revealed.**

This journey for the Magi may have been a slow and long one, and for us, too, we must be patient with those who are on a slow, **long journey to Jesus. But let us always be guiding towards him, shining, like stars, light on the path for them.**

Our Food Pantry The Pantry is open on Monday 10-11:30 am. The Food Pantry is operating according to guidelines appropriate to keeping everyone safe. We are always in need of personal hygiene items, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, etc. Call the Parish Office for more information at 518-482-3375.

Thrift Shop The Thrift Shop will open Saturdays only from 9 am – 1 pm. Donations will be accepted Tuesdays and Fridays 9 am – 12 pm from the Central Avenue entrance only. Just a reminder we cannot accept stuffed animals, bed pillows, books, printers, monitors, large furniture, old style TVs. We can accept flat screen TVs. During this time we are not able to accept items from assisted care, nursing or patient facilities.

Recitation of the Rosary Come pray the Rosary (Rosary Guild) on the first Tuesday of each month after the Noon Mass.

All are welcome to join the families of Blessed Sacrament with their little children every Sunday at 7:30 pm via Zoom to pray the Rosary. For more information and the login information please e-mail faithformationbsc@gmail.com.

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

518-482-3375

Listen live on 103.3 FM

Rev. Daniel Quinn, *Pastor*
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Sr. Maureen Joyce Outreach Center

Blessed Sacrament School

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School Bucks

Last chance to get your purchases made and receipts submitted!!!

All receipts dated no later than December 31 **MUST** be submitted to the Management Office by January 15.

If you are unable to submit your receipts by January 15, please drop off in church or parish office by January 13 and we will take them to the Management Office.

Online, restaurant and Post Office purchases may be submitted for points too. Please help Blessed Sacrament School win this year's Colonie Center School Buck's grand prize.

Stay Connected Here are some ways we may stay connected:

- ♦ Visit and bookmark our website: blessedsacramentalbany.org
- ♦ "Like" our Facebook page: Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, weekend Masses will be livestreamed on Facebook
- ♦ Our YouTube Channel: Blessed Sacrament Church Albany, NY
- ♦ Our email address: blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com
- ♦ myParishApp - text **app** to 88202

Help Wanted Do you have grant writing skills and would you be available to help? Please contact parish office at 518-438-3375.

Sacraments

Baptism

The first step in the Christian life is to be *born* into it! We are reborn by means of water and the Holy Spirit when we are baptized, and this one event opens the way to many other blessings by God. For infants, we suggest calling us while you're expecting, so that a thorough preparation may take place for your family, including potential Godparents, who must be practicing Catholics.

Are you an adult who would like to be baptized? We have you covered, also! Baptism occurs for adults at Easter each year, and the RCIA team, consisting of the pastor and a team of parishioners, help prepare those interested on Wednesdays at 6:30. Here are the upcoming topics of discussion:

January 6 - 6:30 - in the Church - Marriage & Holy Orders

January 13 - 6:30 - in the Church - The Old Testament

Matrimony

Are you engaged? Congratulations! Or have you been married only civilly and not had your marriage blessed by God in the Church? We'd love to help with that, too!

Please contact us six months in advance of your planned date so that we may have time for adequate preparation for this new state of life and the vows that you'll be making.

Anointing

The Anointing of the Sick is especially for those who are undergoing surgery or are in some way in danger of death. Please give a call. Additionally, please let the parish office know if someone is seriously ill or in the hospital, that we may pray for them and

Holy Orders & Vocations to the Consecrated Life

Please speak with our parish priest.

Blessings

available upon request

- ♦ engaged couples
- ♦ expecting mother & child
- ♦ for the sick
- ♦ after a miscarriage
- ♦ Quinceañeras
- ♦ new parishioners
- ♦ departing parishioners
- ♦ rosaries & scapulars
- ♦ homes & vehicles
- ♦ seeds & seedlings

Holy Names Society

We will meet on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 7pm in the church basement. All parish men are invited & the raffle drawing will be held.



SHRINE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS

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REV. FRANCIS O'CONNOR, CHAPLAIN

MIGUEL FABIAN, DEACON

DEBBIE KLOSE, ORGANIST

CYNTHIA ORTIZ-RAMIREZ, FAITH FORMATION

Our Lady of the Americas is looking for a Pastoral Associate. Responsibilities include coordinating religious life at the Shrine, visitation of the sick, Quinceañeras, weekly Masses and funerals; supervising staff and volunteers; and maintaining communication with parishioners. Ability to speak and read both English and Spanish preferred.

Faith Formation

As we continue to celebrate the Christmas season, we thank our Faith Formation families for participating and trusting us with so many unexpected changes to our program this year. We've enjoyed and appreciate your support as we tried new ways to connect and grow our Domestic Churches. It's been a privilege to see so many smiling faces each week on zoom growing in our faith together and keeping our parish family community connected. Regular sessions resume on January 10th and we look forward to beginning our sacramental programs for First Eucharist and Confirmation soon. Please watch your email for more information. If you are interested in joining our program or have any questions, please feel to contact us via email at faithformationbsc@gmail.com or by calling the parish office at (518) 482-3375. May you each have the gift of faith, the blessing of

Blessed Sacrament School News

- ♦ The *Virtual Christmas Concert* is still available for viewing on the school's Facebook page.
- ♦ Classes resume on Monday, 1/4/21
- ♦ Do you know anyone who would like to be a *Blessed Sacrament Angel*, and help a student in need with tuition assistance? Please contact Maureen Daurio, Principal at 518-438-5854 for more information.
- ♦ Buy a *Fabulous February* ticket for \$10 & 28 chances to win!
- ♦ Register your receipts from Colonie Center for the *School Bucks* program. Help us win the grand prize! Online purchases may be registered too.

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Now, we can support our parish in the same way that we pay for subscription services, mail-order retailers, and even groceries: monthly credit card or checking account deductions. Set up is easy and then you don't have to worry! *Blessed Sacrament & OLA Shrine Online Giving* is as secure as any online banking, and paperless! <https://secure.myvanco.com/YHAN/home>



The annual *Diocesan Appeal* helps serve spiritual needs throughout our 14-county area, and our own parish of Blessed Sacrament, by providing technical support, financial guidance, and training for parish ministry. For instance, we currently have two seminarians living and serving with us, and the Appeal funds their schooling. To donate, go to TheBishopsAppeal.org.