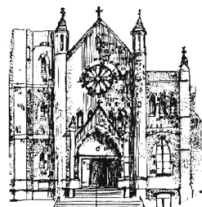
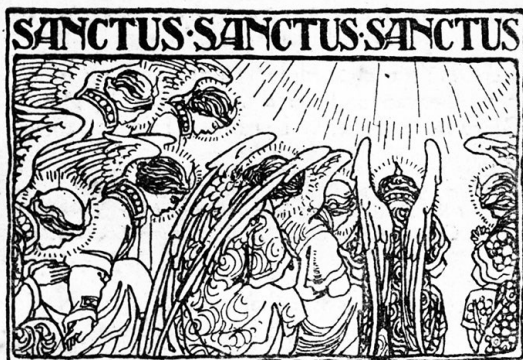


# CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 17, 2021

**Weekend Masses** 4:00 pm Saturday

9:00 am Sunday

**Weekday Masses** as scheduled in bulletin

**Confession** 12:30 - 1:30 pm Tuesday

12:00 - 1:30 pm Friday

3:00-3:40 pm Saturday

**Adoration** 12:30 - 1:30 pm Tuesday

12:00 - 1:30 pm Friday

Saturday 1/16/2021 - 4:00			Sunday 1/17/2021 - 9:00 AM	Monday 1/18/2021 - 9:00
Robert Mittler (5th Ann)	Michael Hession	Carroll Family	For the People	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Ed Caputo	Jerry Fitzpatrick			
Ronald Stalpinski	Emil Kalled			
Tuesday 1/19/2021 - 12:00	Wednesday 1/20/2021 -7:00		Thursday 1/21/2021 12:00	Friday 1/22/2021 - 9:00
Kevin Foley	Msg James G Hart Paul Finn		Frank Hendrick Shawn Meher	<b>Mass for Blessed Sacrament Students</b> Home Schoolers & Distance Learners welcome Joan Ryan Gerald Miller Arnold Applebaum
Catherine Liebhaber				
Earl Fraley				
Cecelia N Sanz				

Please note the office will be closed Monday, 1/18. If possible, anything that needs to be scheduled and placed in the bulletin, please schedule at least 10 days in advance. The parish office is open M-F, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

### Funerals

Monday, 1/18, Stasia Stryjek

### Collection News

Regular	\$ 6,474
Christmas	\$ 820
Fuel	\$ 225
School	\$ 135

### From the Pastor

This week was the week of prayer for Christian unity. Normally, this would be an opportunity for us to come together with Orthodox, Protestant, and Evangelical Christians to pray together at one of the local houses of worship to pray together, but alas, like most other things this year, we have to find ways to be together, yet separate. This is not the ideal state of things, neither because of the virus, nor because of the Great Schism in 1055 AD or the Protestant Reformation in the 1500's. But we must always be working toward that unity. This unity starts with Jesus, of course, who called disparate people into friendship with him, and then, through him, each other (this has been well-illustrated in the recent TV series "The Chosen"). Let us pray this week to be united, and to be willing to be united as Christians.

We are all very thankful to the Rosary Guild for running the Thrift Shop, which provides such a great service to the people of our neighborhood and Albany in general, especially at a time when many such places have remained unopened. And I'd like to express thanks, again on the parish's behalf, for the great gift to the parish out of their proceeds of \$79,700! This will certainly help to keep the lights on, and our parish to continue it's work of evangelization and service.

**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.

**Thrift Shop** The Thrift Shop will be open Saturdays from 9 am – 1 pm. Donations will be accepted Tuesdays and Fridays 9 am – 12 pm from the Central Avenue entrance only. During this time we are not able to accept items from assisted care, nursing or patient facilities. We will not be accepting Christmas items until the Fall.

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

All are welcome to join the families of Blessed Sacrament 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.

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18-25

The theme for this year is "Abide in my love... You shall bear much fruit." - John 15:1-17

**Stay Connected** Here are some ways we may stay connected:

- ♦ Visit and bookmark our website: [blessedsacramentalbany.org](http://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](mailto:blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com)
- ♦ myParishApp - text **app** to 88202
- ♦ Attend regularly scheduled Mass in your car by listening on FM 103.3 and communion can be brought out to parking lot. Please let an usher know that you'll be staying in your car.

**2020 Tax Statements** You may request your 2020 tax statements by calling the office at 518-483-3375 or email [blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com](mailto:blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com).

Beginning next weekend there will be a table available, in the Central Avenue entrance, that can handle Mass intentions, votive candles, raffle tickets, baptism, wedding & funeral information, school and Faith Formation information and much more! This table will be available for approximately 20 minutes before Mass begins.

**Volunteers needed Thrift Shop!** Could you commit to one, or more, Saturday(s) a month for approximately 4 hours when the shop is open? We also need help on donation days, could you commit to 1, 2, or more days per month. If so, please call the parish office.

## 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.

### 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

Next meeting and drawing. Wednesday, February 3rd @ 7pm, in church basement. All men of the parish are invited.



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MASS TIMES: SUNDAY 9:30 AM (ENGLISH) & 12:00 PM (SPANISH)

Our Lady of the Americas continues its search for a Pastoral Associate.

## Faith Formation

Our weekly virtual check-ins have resumed and we look forward to preparing families for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Parent meetings have also been scheduled. Please continue to check your emails for more information and program updates. If you would like to learn more about our program or have any questions or concerns, please email us at [faithformationbsc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationbsc@gmail.com).

We are looking for volunteers to reach out and make contact with our young adult parishioners and those who received their Confirmation with us. This may include a phone call, email, letter and care package. Please email Kelly Hession at [faithformationbsc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationbsc@gmail.com) if you are interested or would like to learn more about this volunteer opportunity.

**Funeral Help** Oftentimes we can have several funerals in a week and I am in need of assistance. Can you help serve at funerals, setting up, as a lector, assisting with COVID-related sign-up before and sanitization after Mass? Funeral Masses are usually scheduled at 9:00 or 10:30 am. Please contact the parish office: 518-482-3375

**Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons High School**, 2600 Albany St., will host two in-person open houses on February 2 and 4 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Scheduling will be done in 15-minute increments. We will be following the current COVID protocols -- masks, temperature check and completing a COVID questionnaire. To register, visit [nd-bg.org](http://nd-bg.org), email [lisa\\_gaffney@nd-bg.org](mailto:lisa_gaffney@nd-bg.org) or call 518-393-3131 ext. 107.

## Blessed Sacrament School News

- ♦ Nancy Kelly, our Administrative Assistant, will be recognized at the Annual Catholic Schools Week Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Friday, February 5 at 10:00 am. The Mass will be live streamed through the Cathedral's website. We congratulate Nancy and thank her from the bottom of our hearts for all she has given to our school!!!
- ♦ Blessed Sacrament School will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2021 the week of January 31-February 3. This year's theme is Faith, Excellence, Service. Our activities will be modified this year due to our COVID protocol but they will include Super Hero Day, Tie Dye Day, and Thankful Thursday among others!!! This week is always a wonderful way to celebrate and embrace our school as a community, as a family.
- ♦ Buy a *Fabulous February* ticket for \$10 & 28 chances to win!
- ♦ 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.

We thank our parishioners for their continued support of our mission and ministry!

## Support Blessed Sacrament



Would you like to make a restricted donation just for the improvement of our sound system with a new amplifier, fund our website and online presence, or support our catechist training? Make a tax-deductible donation for the **Re-Igniting Our Faith Foundation** at [Re-IgnitingOurFaith.org](http://Re-IgnitingOurFaith.org).



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](http://TheBishopsAppeal.org).