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Christ the King

November 21, 2021

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

Occasionally Sunday 6:00 pm Mass in Urdu

Weekday Masses as scheduled in bulletin

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

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

Saturday 11/20/21 - 4:00 PM		Sunday 11/21/21 - 9:00 AM	Monday 11/22/21 - 7:00 AM
✠ Carmela Calderone	✠ Joseph Christiansen	For the People ("Pro Populo")	✠ Rita Principe
✠ Helen Calderone	✠ Dominic Gilbert		✠ Danuta Turbak
✠ Tom Bradley	✠ Gloria Micare		Alfredo Balarin (bday)
✠ Mooney & Mittler Families	✠ Mike & Margaret McNeil		St. Cecilia
Tuesday 11/23/21 12:00 PM	Wed 11/24/21 - 9:00 AM	Thursday 11/25/21 - 9:00 AM	Friday 11/26/21 - 12:00 PM
✠ Feraanado Arias	School Student Mass	Thanksgiving Day	Nario Castro (Bday)
✠ Julia Antonia Suarez Arias		Ann William's Family	✠ Constantine C Dappio
✠ John Novick		Fish Family	
✠ All Souls in Purgatory	✠ Dorothea Bleakley	✠ Fr. James Gallagher	
Tara O'Hanlon	Patrice Rodgers (healing)	✠ Sr. Celestine	
12:30 - 1:30 Confession & Adoration	St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	12:30 - 1:30 Confession & Adoration St. Catherine of Alexandria	

Office will be closed Thursday and Friday. Please note the office will Mass intentions with a ✠ indicate that the person is deceased.

Funerals

Baptisms

Collection News

Regular \$4,385
\$ 1,098

Second Collections: This Sunday is for Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Next week's second collection is for Catholic Charities.

From the Deacon's Bench Today is Christ the King! In our Gospel Pilate is trying to obtain a definitive statement from Jesus on whether he is a king. Jesus does not cooperate, because he knows his fate regardless. Jesus uses this as an opportunity to publicly give one last lesson. Jesus tells Pilate that his Kingdom is not in this world, otherwise his followers would rise up and fight. His kingdom is a spiritual one that offers life to all people beyond all earthly kingdoms. Jesus previously said that He is the way and the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth - that is to God - listens to His voice. As God's people we bear witness to this truth: God loves all people, across all time and space, and God desires us to be with him forever.

Faith Formation All Faith Formation families should continue to check your emails for information and program updates. November resources have been distributed and sacramental programs have been meeting, but it's still not too late to register! Also, save the date: Our Confirmation candidates are planning an Advent Parish Scavenger Hunt on Sunday, December 5th from 4-6 pm in the church. Stay tuned for details! If you'd like to help us plan more family events like these, please let us know by sending us an email at faithformationbsc@gmail.com.

From the Pastor: As you may have heard, I'm sick with the virus that's been going around. Although I feel fine now, I will be in quarantine until Thanksgiving. Remember, if you are feeling ill, or afraid of becoming ill due to a weakened state of being, please remember that it is ok to stay home and keep the Day of our Lord holy in another way for a couple of weeks, perhaps with a rosary, an hour of prayer and meditation, or Lauds and Vespers. I will still fulfill my duties as pastor, first of all by praying for the people of the parish, and then also in whatever way I can, remotely or via electronic means.

Although sicknesses are scary and suffering is painful, they come and go. This is neither the first nor the last time I'll be ill, and this is something we all have had to come to terms with, usually as children. In a larger sense, death is a part of this acceptance, too. This Sunday we honor Christ as King, of "both the dead and the living". When we accept Jesus as our King, "whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." So remember this (I'll paraphrase Jesus): "Fear not those which can kill the body; rather the fear the one who can destroy both soul and body."

Upcoming

11/25 - Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00 am
11/25 and 11/26 - Parish Office Closed
12/1 - Advent Reconciliation Service, 7:00 pm.
12/8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses:
Vigil 6 pm @ St. Vincent's
7 am, 9 am (School & open to all) Noon
5:30 pm @ Mater Christi
1/2/22 - Alumni Mass @ 9:00 am

RCIA Team is meeting this Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 preparing people to become Catholic. However, all are welcome to join in the discussions. If you're curious about, or versed in, any of these topics, please join us! Topics for the next few meetings are:

Dec. 1 Mary
Dec. 15 Saints & Holy Days
Jan 5 Christian Service
Jan 19 Old Testament Part I
Jan 26 Old Testament Part II

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Thank you for your generosity in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. This collection supports programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects and work on the margins.

Catholic Charities Collection We are partnering with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany for a second on November 27/28 to benefit their work in supporting families in need. Please consider a generous response to help your neighbors in need.



Diocesan
Appeal

Please be on the lookout for this mailing. Your support of both your parish offertory and the Diocesan Appeal are the most fundamental ways to ensure the health and vitality of our entire Catholic community of 126 parishes across our 14 counties, serving you in the day-to-day and milestone moments of your life. When using the provided envelope for your support of the Appeal, please tape the sides of the envelope, otherwise your information may easily be viewed.



BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL NEWS

We are currently seeking a First Grade Teacher. A Master's Degree and teaching experience are preferred. Interested applicants should contact Principal, Maureen Daurio, at mdaurio@blessedsacramentschool.net.

For the Thanksgiving season, our students participated in a canned food collection drive for the Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry. As you can see from the picture, they had a very successful drive!



And more donations were made even after this picture was taken. Their generosity is to be commended.

We will also begin our affiliation with the Make-A-Wish Program by selling stars to our families and school community members to benefit the organization.

Christmas Giving Tree In order to support our Christmas Giving Tree, we are asking for donations to purchase gift certificates. If you can help, please drop your donation in the collection basket, at the rectory or in the mail to 607 Central Ave, Albany, NY, 12206. Please clearly indicate that the donation is for the Christmas program. Monetary donations only please. Thanks to your generosity, this was a big success last year.

Food Pantry The Pantry is open Mondays & Thursdays 10-11:30. We could use coffee, and we are always in need of feminine hygiene items, toothpaste, & shampoo.

The Boutique PLEASE NOTE: We will NOT be accepted donations the Friday after Thanksgiving (11/27) and will NOT be open Saturday, December 4. Masks are now required when donating or shopping. The Blessed Sacrament Boutique is open for shopping Saturdays from 9 am – 12 pm. Donations are accepted Tuesdays and Fridays 9 am – 12 pm through the Central Ave. entrance. The Boutique is now accepting Christmas items. Due to an abundance of inventory, we are not accepting stemware at this time.

Catholic Connections With Thanksgiving this week, we thought a fun podcast with some songs of Thanksgiving would be timely. Check it out at: <https://vocationnetwork.org/articles/show/351-thanksgiving-podcast>

Rosary Guild Our Christmas brunch will be on Saturday, December 4, 11 am at Italian American Club on Washington Ave Ext. Cost is \$25. Please call Jan Rourke at 518-456-3693 by November 29 for reservations. All women of parish are invited to attend.

Holy Names Society Next meeting is Monday, December 6 at 7 pm. All men of the parish are invited and welcomed to attend.

Over 50 Club Looking forward to our luncheon December 6. For more information call Anne Snyder at 518-869-5247 or 518-238-8557.



**SHRINE CHURCH OF
OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS**
A MISSION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

REV. FRANCIS O'CONNOR, CHAPLAIN
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273 CENTRAL AVENUE, ALBANY, NEW YORK 518-465-3685
MASS TIMES: SUNDAY 9:30 AM (ENGLISH) & 12:00 PM (SPANISH)

FRIDAYS AT 6:30 PM - MASS, ADORATION, OR SOME OTHER PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP.

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 to access

Baptism Are you looking to have your child Baptized? Members of our team host Baptism Preparation meetings the first Saturday of the month at Noon in the Church. The next meeting is Saturday, December 4.

Baptism Prep Team Members Needed

We are looking for a few people to help parents prepare for their child's Baptism. The responsibilities would be to meet in the Church one Saturday a month for about an hour with parents/godparents to explain the symbols of Baptism and the role and responsibility of godparents. We are hoping volunteers would be available for training at the next meeting Dec. 4th at Noon. Please email blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com or call (518) 482-3375 if you are interested.

Latest Sunday Mass - St. Vincent has resumed its Sunday at 6:30 pm Mass for the St. Rose Students.



The November School Bucks Newsletter is out and we are still in second place.

The original receipts need to be recorded in the Management Office within 60 days of purchase, or we will register them for you. Simply send your original receipt to the parish office or drop them in the collection. If you would like your receipts back, please provide a self-addressed envelope. Eligible purchases include curbside pickup, the Post Office, restaurants & BJ's Brewhouse. As always, *we cannot thank you enough for your continued support.* Tell your family and friends, too, or get their receipts for us!

Bonus Points Stores

3x: Auntie Anne's J.Crew Factory, Barnes and Noble, Sephora

4x: Unique Boutique, Vendor Square, American Eagle, H&M

Additional Bonus Opportunities

A receipt from Aeropostale is worth an extra 100 bonus points!

A receipt from Carter's is worth an extra 100 bonus points!

Photos with Santa: A receipt from a photo package will be worth 10x the points.

Support Blessed Sacrament Financially



Blessed Sacrament's organ has been repaired! Those wishing to donate towards the repairs, the sound system, or the furnace are encouraged to make donations in the name of Blessed Sacrament to the Re-Igniting Our Faith Foundation. re-ignitingourfaith.org

Now, you can support our parish in the same way that you pay for other services. We have e-giving for the regular weekly collection, and Holy Days and special collections coming soon.

<https://secure.myvanco.com/YHAN/home>



Diocesan
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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.

[The Diocesan Appeal](#)