

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 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 11/27/21 - 4:00 PM	Sunday 11/28/21 - 9:00 AM		Monday 11/29/21 - 7:00 AM
For the People ("Pro Populo")	✠ Feranado Arias ✠ Loretta & Howard Miller ✠ Andrew Koiser ✠ Thomas Vetz (14 Ann)	✠ Sgt. Michael McNeil (50 Ann) ✠ Anna May McGee ✠ Patrick Hawkins Monica Costello (bday)	Jean Heller Family ✠ Stefan, Helena & Edward Wittbrodt Michael Anthony Sparks (bday)
Tuesday 11/30/21 12:00 PM	Wed 12/1/21 - 7:00 AM	Thursday 12/2/21 - 12:00 PM	Friday 12/3/21 - 12:00 PM
✠ Joseph & Frances Bologna ✠ Josephine Filey ✠ All Souls in Purgatory 12:30 - 1:30 Confession & Adoration <i>St. Andrew the Apostle</i>	✠ Anthony Doyle ✠ Catherine Evans ✠ Elizabeth Moier	✠ Lillian M Coleman ✠ Robert Donahue Mark Call (health) 12:30 - 1:30 Confession & Adoration	✠ Fr. George St. John & deceased family Members <i>St. Francis Xavier</i>

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

Funerals

Baptisms

Oliver Preston

Collection News

Regular \$ 3,881
Human Development \$ 810

From the Pastor

We have arrived at the beginning of the year: we begin our season of Advent, waiting and preparing for the celebrations of Christmas. Last year, I remember distinctly seeing some Christmas trees out for the garbage pickup on the evening of Christmas. This I don't understand, because it takes so much time to get ready for it (all December long) that I don't want Christmas over too quickly! And the preparations, the details of cookie-decorating, tree-trimming, and meal-planning all take a great deal of time and care. Equally important are all the preparations God did with the human race before picking the right time to come among us as one of us. And also important is the time we take to prepare our souls for Jesus' coming, both at Christmas, and each time we receive Holy Communion.

Faith Formation Mrs. Kelly Hession will take on the new role of Director of Family Faith Formation for both Blessed Sacrament and Mater Christi. She has many years of experience, and will help our two parishes' families to do special events together, when appropriate, and continue to help the parents and catechists of both parishes to foster the growth of our faith in Christ in their children. All families should continue to check your emails for information and program updates. December resources will be emailed next week! Sacramental programs have been meeting, but it's not too late to register! Also, we hope you will attend an Advent Parish Scavenger Hunt being planned by our confirmation candidates on Sunday, 12/5 from 4-6 pm in the church. Advent activities for the whole family! 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. On this Thanksgiving weekend, we would like to thank all of our families for their support and the blessings they bring to us everyday!

Eucharistic Adoration On December 1, 2021 the Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in the case Dobbs vs Jackson Women's Health. This Mississippi case has the potential to be the most monumental abortion case since Roe vs Wade. Since that court decision over 60 million abortions have occurred in the United States. The Dobbs case could reset abortion laws and allow states to decide for themselves how they choose to protect life.. Catholics are called upon to pray for the protection and sanctity of all life. As we call upon the Lord for His blessings in this case, please join us at Blessed Sacrament Church in Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday, November 30 from 6-8 pm to pray for an end to abortion.

Saint Kateri Shrine Holiday Online Auction! Here's your chance to support the Saint Kateri Shrine while doing some holiday shopping! The Saint Kateri Tekakwitha is holding its first-ever online fundraiser auction. Items have been donated from members of our community, and all proceeds will cover the Shrine's operational costs through the winter. The auction will run Monday, 11/29, through Monday, 12/6. You can check out the previews at facebook.com/eriShrine, twitter.com/KateriShrine, or <https://www.instagram.com/nationalkaterishrine/>.

Upcoming

12/1 - Advent Reconciliation Service, 7:00 pm.
12/7 - Hope (Grief meeting) 6 pm - Church
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

Volunteers Needed We need a few people to help with our annual Christmas visits to parishioners that are homebound, in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. You would be bringing a plant and card. If you are available, please call the parish office.

Help Wanted - We are looking for a cook for the Rectory. This person would be needed to grocery shop and prepare meals for 3 people, 2 nights a week. This may also entail an occasional meal for up to 8 people. If interested, please call the parish office.

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.



BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL NEWS

We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends!!! We wish you an Advent season filled with God's blessings and the hope of the birth of Lord and Savior.

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.



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 On this the first Sunday of advent, check out this site <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/advent/> where you can look up the meaning of advent, readings on advent and activities to do for advent.

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 welcome 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.



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 closed, as your information may easily be viewed by squeezing the sides together.



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

REV. FRANCIS O'CONNOR, CHAPLAIN
REV. MR. MIGUEL FABIAN, DEACON
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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>



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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](http://TheDiocesanAppeal)