

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 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

<p align="center">Saturday 12/4/21 - 4:00 PM</p> <p>✠ Patricia Canaran-Burns ✠ Florence & Philip Ladouceur ✠ Rita M Aviza ✠ Richard Zabinski ✠ Helen Calderone ✠ Ronald Stalpinski ✠ Fr. George St. John <i>St. John Damascene</i></p>		<p align="center">Sunday 12/5/21 - 9:00 AM</p> <p align="center">For the People ("Pro Populo")</p>		<p align="center">Monday 12/6/21 - 7:00 AM</p> <p>✠ Charles McCloskey ✠ Jackielou Jalmag John Digma & Family Mark Call Darla <i>St. Nicholas</i></p>	
<p>Tuesday 12/7/21 12:00 PM</p> <p>✠ Henry Johnson ✠ Helen Crowel ✠ Yolanda & Paul Burgess Consuelo Alarcon (bday) All Souls in Purgatory 12:30 - 1:30 Confession & Adoration</p>	<p align="center">Wed 12/8/21 Immaculate Conception</p> <p>7:00 AM - For the People 9:00 AM - Henry Wilson, Sandy Wilson, Gabriel Mercader 12:00 pm - John Heinsch</p>	<p>Thursday 12/9/21 - 12:00 PM</p> <p>✠ Immaculate Lizzi ✠ Barbara Spain 12:30 - 1:30 Confession & Adoration <i>St. Juan Diego</i></p>	<p>Friday 12/10/21 - 12:00 PM</p> <p>✠ Frederick Waite ✠ Frank Reda <i>Our Lady of Loreto</i></p>		

Mass intentions with a ✠ indicate that the person is deceased.

Funerals

William Finan
Pauline Davies
Eleanore Shea
Edward Conway

Baptisms

Edward Brand

Collection News

Regular \$ 4,012
Catholic Charities \$ 1,245

Upcoming

12/7 - Hope (Grief meeting) 6 pm - Church
12/8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Our Lady of the Americas 7 pm in Spanish
5:30 pm @ Mater Christi
12/19 Come help decorate the Christmas tree after 9:00 am Mass
1/2/22 - Alumni Mass @ 9:00 am

From the Deacon's Bench

Advent is a time of anticipation and preparation for the coming of Christ. Facing your first Christmas without someone you love can be a very lonely and daunting time. There may be expectations that you will put up the Christmas tree, send out greeting cards, and join family and friends for Christmas dinner...especially because others want to see you coping and moving on.

But when you're grieving this can be really difficult. You may have no inclination or energy to 'pretend' that you are looking forward to Christmas when in truth you wish things were the way they were last year - when you were still together with your loved one.

Give yourself permission not to do the things that you're finding hard to do like writing Christmas cards, etc. It's alright to let these go this year or next, until you can cope with social events again.

Make a point of remembering your loved one in a special way - light a candle for them on Christmas Day, place an ornament on the Christmas tree to symbolize them, buy a gift for a needy child or family in place of the gift you would have bought for them.

Allow yourself to grieve, and try not to bottle up your feelings. Now's the time to tell a close friend that you're struggling to put on a happy face and that you'd appreciate their company or simply their listening ear for support.

For those of you who know someone who lost someone close, please reach out to them. Let them know they are loved, and do something thoughtful for them.

Our next **Hope** meeting will be on Tuesday, Dec 7 in the church at 6 PM (please note the new time). We will be discussing ways to cope during the Holidays.

Faith Formation All families should continue to check your emails for information and program updates. December resources were emailed this past week! Sacramental programs have been meeting, but it's still not too late to register! Reminder: Please attend the Advent Parish Scavenger Hunt being planned by our confirmation candidates on this Sunday, December 5th anytime between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. 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 second Sunday of Advent, we wish all of our families FAITH as we await and prepare for the birth of Jesus!

SPAM ALERT Please note several parishioners have reported receiving an email from 'Rev. Daniel Quinn' seeking a reply to the email, gift cards to help someone or to seeking money. These are not from Fr. Quinn.

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 15 Mary
Jan 5 Saints & Holy Days
Jan 19 Christian Service
Jan 26 Old Testament

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.

Hope Little by little the grief fades, but the love always remains. There will be a **Hope** meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 6 PM in the church (note the new time). We will be discussing ways to cope with loss during the holidays.

Fellowship Gathering As this is the first weekend of the month, we will be gathering in the Central Ave vestibule to enjoy some coffee and conversation after the 9 o'clock Mass.



BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL NEWS

Our students are getting in the Christmas spirit! Our 4th grade class prepared and presented an Advent Prayer Service for the entire school this week. Our nursery school students are selling Make-A-Wish stars for their Advent project.

This week our preschool students celebrated St. Lucia day by our girls wearing crowns and handing out treats.

Our Junior High classes are looking for colored pencils and index cards, any variety.

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. During the month of December if you purchase a 'Fight Hunger' reusable grocery bag at Hannaford, 5 Maple Road, Voorheesville, the Food Pantry will receive \$1.00

The Boutique 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. Due to an abundance of inventory, we are not accepting stemware at this time.

Catholic Connections This week we want to share a podcast from Teresa Tomeo. Teresa is a dynamic speaker, she speaks on social and media issues. She also interviews local businesses and students in her area. There is a wide selection of podcasts on many topics available. You can find her at <https://teresatomeo.com/podcast/>

Holy Names Society December Raffle winners: 1st Prize: ML Faragon; 2nd Prize Linda Loparco, Christmas Prize - Gene Loparco. Please note the first three meetings for 2022 are scheduled for Mondays as follow: January 3, February 7 and March 7 all at 7 pm. All men of the parish are invited to attend.



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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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

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

Fabulous February It's Fabulous February time again! Help us reach our goal of 1,000 tickets sold. Think creatively – neighbors, co-workers, stores you frequent, fellow club members. Remember they make great and easy stocking stuffer gifts. Each ticket has 28 chances to win. Tickets available at the office annex or by calling the parish office at 518-482-3375.



The December School Bucks Newsletter is out and we are in first place. THANK YOU!

The Christmas Shopping season is upon us! Consider shopping at Colonie Center and register those receipts in Blessed Sacraments name! By doing that you will help us stay in first place.

The program ends 12/31/2021 and receipts need to be registered by 1/15/2022. 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! This is so important for our school.

December Bonus Points Stores

3x: Dunkin', Sephora, Little Fashion Boutique, Nordstrom Rack
4x: Aero, Carter's, H&M, Auntie Anne's

Additional Bonus Opportunities

See a movie at Regal, it is worth 100 extra points
Photos with Santa: Extra 100 points for every photo package purchased.

Support Blessed Sacrament Financially



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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>

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.

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