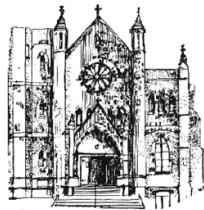


CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

607 Central Avenue
Albany, New York 12206-1918



Established 1902



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 22, 2023

Weekend Masses — 4 p.m. Saturdays; 9 a.m. Sundays
Occasional Sunday 6 p.m. Mass in Urdu

Weekday Masses — As scheduled below

Adoration — 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays; 6 p.m. Fridays

Confession — 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays; 3 to 3:40 p.m. Saturdays

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Sr. Patricia Lynch, *Coordinator*

The Boutique Sat., 9-12 (donations Tues. & Fri., 9-12)

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Saturday 10/21/23 — 4:00 PM		Sunday 10/22/23 — 9:00 AM	Monday 10/23/23 — 7:00 AM
<div>† Elizabeth Rothmund</div> <div>† Joanne Vena Speiser</div> <div>† Gerald Miller</div> <div>† Bill Bassotti</div> <div>† Mayer & Honikel Families</div> <div>† Michael Batza</div> <div>† Sr. Francis Leo Brown</div> <div>† Margaret Signer</div>		<div>Pro Populo</div> <div>"For the people of the parish"</div> <div>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</div>	<div>♥ Luz Mercader</div>
Tuesday 10/24/23 — 12:00 PM	Wed. 10/25/23 — 7:00 AM	Thursday 10/26/23 — 12 PM	Friday 10/27/23 — 7 PM
<div>† Corrine LaRose</div> <div>♥ Louise Principe</div>	<div>† Anthony LaFalce</div> <div>† Frank and Elizabeth Bishop</div>	<div>† David Curran</div>	<div>† Piotr Stach</div> <div>♥ Michael Anthony Sparks</div>
12:30-1:30 — Confession & Adoration		12:30-1:30 — Confession & Adoration	Adoration at 6 p.m.; Mass at 7 p.m.

Please note: Mass intentions with a † indicate that the person is deceased; ♥ indicates that the person is alive.

Funerals

Frances Coluccio, Shirley Gecewicz, Eva Feisthamel

Baptisms


Upcoming Dates

- 11/19 — Confirmation (9 a.m. Mass with Bishop Scharfenberger; a reception in the school will follow)
- 11/23 — Thanksgiving Day (Mass at 9 a.m.; all parish offices closed Thursday and Friday)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today's Gospel reading (Matthew 22:15-21) presents us with a profound lesson. The authorities try to trap Jesus with a question: "Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" Jesus recognizes their deceit and responds with a question of His own: "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" When they acknowledge it is Caesar's, Jesus delivers the timeless words: "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." First, Jesus acknowledges the reality of earthly obligations. The coin bears Caesar's image, and thus it is right to give to Caesar what belongs to him. We, too, live in a world with civic responsibilities — paying taxes, obeying just laws, and participating in community life. Our faith does not exempt us from these duties but guides us to fulfill them with integrity, justice, and love. Yet, Jesus goes beyond the temporal and material realm. He adds the profound dimension of rendering to God the things that are God's. What bears the divine image and inscription? We do. We are created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). Our very being belongs to God, and our lives are meant to reflect His love, mercy, and grace. May God bless you!

Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. Kyle



COMBINED


**PRIESTHOOD
&
DIACONATE
ORDINATION**

Saturday
November 18, 2023
11:00 AM

Cathedral of the Immaculate
Conception

Deacon Daniel Vallejo Rios
Thomas Richard Fallati
Paul Daniel McDonald

All are invited to watch the live
stream at
<https://www.rcda.org/livestream>
and the Diocese of Albany
Facebook page.

 www.albanyvocations.org

Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

*We continue to meet with our Faith Formation families, but **it's not too late to register!** Our next session is Sunday, October 29th. Twice monthly regular sessions begin with 9 a.m. Mass and run until 11:30 a.m. Our K-11 program offers a pathway to First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Parents are welcome to stay, and a light breakfast is provided for every session. Registration can be found on our parish website: <https://blessedsacramentalbany.org/k-6-faith-formation/>.

*We are beginning to plan for this year's **Christmas Pageant**, which will be held on Sunday, December 17th at noon. If you are interested in participating or learning more, please join us after our next session on Sunday, October 29th at about 11:30 a.m. in the school gym for about 15 to 20 minutes.

*If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about our Faith Formation program, please e-mail us at faithformationbsc@gmail.com.

Can You Be a Coach? We are looking for men and women who would like to assist us with our parish basketball program as head and/or assistant coaches. Please call Deacon Gerry at our parish office, (518) 482-3375, if you are interested in helping and would like more details!

Help Needed with Transportation! Our parish now offers a Transportation Ministry to give those who can't drive a ride to church! If you can help by driving someone, even on an occasional basis, please fill out this online form: <https://forms.gle/pBkj3haZc2uxZD8B9>. Or, call our parish office!

Give Thanks We'd love for you to join us on Thursday, November 23rd at 9 a.m. for our Thanksgiving Day Mass! Please also consider bringing a nonperishable food item for donating to our food pantry. Loaves of bread will also be blessed and distributed as a Thanksgiving gift.

Winter Coat Drive RIISE, 240 W. Lawrence St., is collecting new/gently used coats during October. They are looking for all youth sizes and adult sizes S-XL. Drop-off times are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Mass Schedule Notes Our last Friday night Mass will be held on October 27th. After that (November 3rd), we will start having Friday Masses at noon.

All Saints Day Masses (11/1)

Blessed Sacrament, 7 a.m., 12 p.m.; Christ the King, 9 a.m., 7 p.m.; Mater Christi, 5:30 p.m.; St. Vincent de Paul, 6 p.m.

All Souls Day Masses (11/2)

Blessed Sacrament, 7 a.m., noon; Christ the King, 7 p.m. (prayer service); Mater Christi, 8:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Our Lady of the Americas, 7 p.m. (bilingual)

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Responsorial: Psalm 96:1, 3-5, 7-10

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21



BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL NEWS

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*Hispanic Heritage Celebration:

On Friday, October 13th, we fully immersed our students in Latino culture with dance lessons from SUNY Albany's Fuego Intenso; food from our Spanish teacher, Ms. Damian, and Sabor a Campo on

Delaware Avenue; Spanish prayers with Fr. Dan; a Spanish story time with Mrs. Rosario; guest speakers from Sabor a Campo speaking about Latino food and culture; piñata making and breaking; and middle school reports on Latino cultures. It was truly a wonderful and special day!

***Giants tickets:** Tickets are on sale to win four tickets to the Giants vs. Packers game on December 11th. Kickoff is at 8:15 p.m. at MetLife Stadium. Seats are in Level 1, Section 103; reserved parking is included. Tickets are \$25 each (five for \$100). The raffle benefits our school! Posters are available at all exits, and tickets are available in the sacristy, rectory, and school.

***Annual Tuition Assistance Drive:** Letters have gone out to our regular donors and alumni, but we also appeal to new donors (and everyone!) to support Catholic education for our children. It costs about \$10,000 to educate each child in our school for a year. Due to your generosity over the years, we have been able to keep tuition relatively low. A child in Grades K-8 is \$5,000; a second child in the same family is \$2,100; and we ask \$500 for each additional child. Tuition for three- and four-year-olds in preschool is \$5,800. The biggest expense that tuition pays for is our teachers. Right now, our teachers' salaries average is only \$39,000, and we would like to be able to pay more reasonable and competitive salaries in the future. We have received a grant from the Mons Concept Foundation, which will match all donations received for the school between October 1st and December 31st up to \$125,000! Please consider helping us achieve this goal! Families and businesses might also consider being part of our Blessed Sacrament Angel Program, which supports a specific child or family for multiple years.

Food Pantry We are now collecting socks for men, women, and children. Right now, we also need **coffee** (regular ground and instant, not K-cups), **shampoo**, **bar soap**, **toothpaste**, **toothbrushes**, and **laundry detergent**. Also, our food pantry needs Spanish-speaking volunteers on Mondays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Please contact our parish office if you can help! Our food pantry is open Mondays and Thursdays, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

The Boutique At the moment, we need men's shoes and coats! We are also looking for men's pants in sizes 28-34 and men's shirts in sizes S and M. The Boutique is open Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon, and accepts donations on Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon. We cannot accept books, some electronics, fabric scraps, or clothing that needs repair or is dirty. We are also looking for children's shoes and clothes in sizes 4 and up (boys and girls). We will not accept Christmas items until the end of October (this is a change!) or men's suits until November.

RCIA/OCIA All sessions take place on Sunday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m. Here is our upcoming RCIA/OCIA schedule: October: 10/22 — Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick; 10/29 — No session November: 11/5 — Marriage and Holy Orders; 11/12 — The Life of Jesus; 11/19 — Advent; 11/26 — No session December: 12/3 — Mary; 12/10 — Saints and Holy Days; 12/17-12/31 — No sessions.

Holy Name Society Our next meeting will be held at Blessed Sacrament Church on Wednesday, November 1st. All men of the parish are welcome and invited to attend. You can read more about our national Holy Name Society by visiting online: <https://www.nahns.org/>.

Rosary Guild Our next Rosary Guild meetings will be held on Thursday, November 16th and Saturday, December 2nd (Christmas brunch).

Respect Life Please consider serving your parish and community by volunteering as a Respect Life representative for Blessed Sacrament! Our diocesan Office of Respect Life Ministry is an evangelization resource to promote the sanctity of human life. Let our parish office know if you are interested in this special opportunity for ministry!

Columbiettes On October 29th, the meeting for the Capital District Chapter Columbiettes will be held at the St. Isaac Jogues Knights of Columbus Council #11428 at Sacred Heart Church Parish Center, 53 Mohican St., Lake George. An initiation ceremony for new Columbiette members will precede the chapter meeting. Capital District Chapter President Linda Cotch will preside.

Capital Region Catholic Capital Region Catholic is a young-adult group (ages 18-39) that holds a virtual gathering to pray, explore scripture, and enjoy fellowship every Wednesday at 7 p.m. through their online meeting link: [msngroup.com/knmsmlyhghq](https://www.msngroup.com/knmsmlyhghq). You can contact the group by e-mailing capitalregioncatholic@gmail.com or by visiting their Facebook page, [facebook.com/capitalregioncatholic](https://www.facebook.com/capitalregioncatholic), where they will also post information.



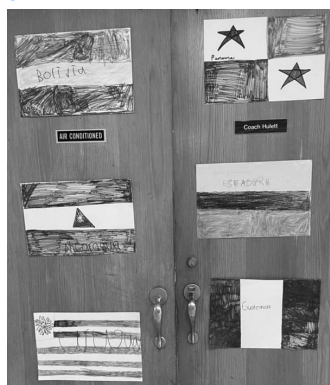
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Many thanks to Fr. Francis Tanveer!



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- Please visit and bookmark our parish website: blessedsacramentalbany.org
- "Like" our Facebook page: [Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church](https://www.facebook.com/BlessedSacramentCatholicChurch) (Sunday Masses are livestreamed here)
- View our YouTube channel: [Blessed Sacrament Church](https://www.youtube.com/BlessedSacramentChurch), Albany, NY
- E-mail: blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com
 - myParishApp — text app to 55321
- Parish bulletin: Lisanne Jensen, editor: bulletin.blessedsacrament@gmail.com

Open House Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons School, 2600 Albany St., Schenectady, will host an open house for prospective students and families on Thursday, October 26th from 5 to 7 p.m. The scholarship and entrance exam will be held on Saturday, November 11th from 8:30 a.m. to noon. To register, please call (518) 393-3131, ext. 107.

Come As You Are A listening, conversation, and support session for LGBTQ+ Roman Catholics, their friends, families, and allies will take place at Christ the King Church (20 Sumter Ave., Albany) on Thursday, October 26th from 6 to 7:30 in the Knights Chapel (down the hall from the church). CTK's deacon, Tony Cortese, and parishioner Tim Wiles will both lead this session. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. For more information, please call the parish office at (518) 456-1644.

Evening Prayer For the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, on Thursday, November 2nd (All Souls Day) at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (corner of Eagle Street and Madison Avenue, Albany). All are welcome! As you enter the cathedral, the names of your deceased will be requested so as to be prayed for in a litany during the liturgy.

Albany's Christ Child Society We will be holding our annual Bake Sale the weekend of November 11th and 12th after all Masses at St. Madeleine Sophie, Schenectady. Please consider supporting our efforts in helping needy children throughout the Albany Diocese by baking something for this event! Please bring baked goods to the meeting room in St. Madeleine Sophie at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 11th. We have many fabulous bakers who always do an outstanding job but could really use one or two people to help with the work that needs to be done (putting cookies on plates, pricing items, etc.). If you have any questions, please call Jean Bursi at (518) 355-4651.

Have fun shopping ... and support Blessed Sacrament School at the same time!

We receive 2 points for every \$1 spent at Colonie Center Mall! Original receipts must be presented for credit within 60 days from the purchase date.

If you submit receipts to our parish office to register and would like to have them back, just let us know and we'll mail them back to you. Dining out, including the food court and B.J.'s Brewhouse, are included. Receipts can be registered at the Management Office in the School Bucks Box at the security desk next to Five Guys (or at our parish office; we will register them for you).

Please consider helping us move from second place to first place!

3X: Carter's/OshKosh, BoxLunch, Sephora, and The Cheesecake Factory
4X: Daily Thread, Five Below, H&M, and Express Factory Outlet
Also, any receipts handed in from Cinnabon will be an additional 500 points!



Collections and Financial Support

Parking Lot Paving & Painting
2021

\$7,555 (52% paid)
of \$15,450

Scan the code on the left to donate! Choose recurring gifts or just once!

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Offertory Report

Regular: 6,743
School: \$1,408

This weekend, we will have a special collection for Mission Sunday (Propagation of the Faith).

