

CHURCH OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT

607 Central Avenue  
Albany, New York 12206-1918



Established 1902



Solemnity of  
Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe

November 26, 2023

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

**Weekday Masses** — As scheduled below

**Adoration** — 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays

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

<b>Saturday 11/25/23 — 4:00 PM</b>  Pro Populo “For the people of the parish”	<b>Sunday 11/26/23 — 9:00 AM</b> ✠ Joanna & Dominick Bumbaca ✠ Bridget O’Shea ✠ Michael Faranda ✠ Henry Abriel ✠ Cain & Stackman Families ✠ Catherine Murphy  <b>6:00 PM (Urdu)</b> <i>Solemnity of Christ the King</i>		<b>Monday 11/27/23 — 7:00 AM</b>  ✠ Fernanda Arias
<b>Tuesday 11/28/23 — 12:00 PM</b>  ✠ Agnes Koreman  12:30-1:30 — Confession & Adoration	<b>Wed. 11/29/23 — 7:00 AM</b>  ✠ Clara Breslin ♥ Michael Anthony Sparks	<b>Thursday 11/30/23 — 12:00 PM</b>  ✠ Joseph & Frances Bologna  <i>Feast of St. Andrew</i> 12:30-1:30 — Confession & Adoration	<b>Friday 12/1/23 — 12:00 PM</b>  ♥ Michael Anthony Sparks

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

**Congratulations and God’s blessings to those who were ordained this past Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> in our Diocese of Albany: Fr. Daniel Vallejo Rios (priesthood), Deacon Thomas Fallati and Deacon Paul McDonald (diaconate). Thank you so much for answering God’s call!**

**From the Deacon’s Bench**

Each year on the Solemnity of Christ the King, the Last Judgment is the heart of the matter. All year, we have read from Matthew’s Gospel and have read a combination of consoling social justice and not-so-consoling final judgment. The members of the ancient Church, like us today, had social justice advocates — finding the Risen Christ in the stranger, the poor, the prisoner, and the hungry.

The early Church, like us, used worship and prayer to realize Christ in their midst. Also then, like today, there were theological absolutists who believed that God acts *my way* but not *your way*. Then, like now, there were also some who liked to leave things as they were (becoming Jewish first to be called Christian) and others who were interested in changing things based on whatever was popular at the time.

Matthew captured all of this in his Body of Christ metaphor, employing “the sheep on his right” and “the goats on his left.” But he did not just leave it in metaphor and affirmed the need to minister to the hungry, the sick, the stranger, and the prisoner. This is the work of the Church, then as now, as a means of saving God’s people — the Mystical Body of Christ, changing the world and building God’s kingdom.

**From Faith Formation & Youth Ministry**

\*Thank you to everyone who celebrated Confirmation last weekend with us! It was such a blessing to host Bishop Scharfenberger and for our students to receive the sacrament with our parish family. Congratulations to **Juliana, Natalie, Christopher, J’Anni, Cadence, and Joseph!** Thank you also to everyone who helped with the ceremony: Father Quinn; Deacon Gerry; our altar servers Aiden, Nartay, and Danny; Ed for the beautiful music; Mr. Arturo for preparing the candidates; and our students Richelle and John who helped with the reception.

\*Our next **Faith Formation** session is **Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** beginning with 9 a.m. Mass, then refreshments and breakout sessions until 11:30 a.m. **Registration is open all year** and can be found on the parish website — or e-mail us for more information!

\*If you are interested in participating in this year’s **Christmas Pageant** (which will be held on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at noon), please plan to join us on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 a.m. in the church to receive your script, music, and participate in a first run-through. All children in the parish are welcome to take part; you do not need to be in the Faith Formation program.

\*If you’re interested in learning more about the pageant, registering for classes, volunteering in any way, or have any questions, e-mail us: [faithformationbsc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationbsc@gmail.com).

**From Fr. Dan, on behalf of the Rectory**

With Advent & Christmas fast approaching, we know people like to share snacks and baked goods. Unfortunately, while the Church rectory will happily accept many gifts, even of food, please do not bring sweets or baked goods.

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**Food Pantry** Mon. & Thurs., 10-11:30

Sr. Patricia Lynch, *Coordinator*

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

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**Upcoming Dates**

- **11/27** — Deadline for purchasing raffle tickets to win four Giants vs. Packers football tickets to benefit Blessed Sacrament School (*please see our “School” section on p. 2 for more information*)
- **12/2** — Rosary Guild Christmas Brunch, noon, Italian-American Community Center, Albany
  - **12/3** — First Sunday of Advent
- **12/6** — Holy Name Society meeting, 7 p.m.
  - **12/10** — RCIA session, 10-11 a.m.
- **12/16** — Urdu Community Christmas Music Event, 6-10 p.m. in the School gym
- **12/17** — Christmas Pageant, noon (*School gym*); Third Order of St. Francis meeting (*after Mass*)

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

- **12/24 (Christmas Eve)** — 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., *Blessed Sacrament*; carols at 4:30 p.m. and Mass (bilingual) at 5 p.m., *Our Lady of the Americas*
- **12/25 (Christmas Day)** — 9 a.m. (English) and 4 p.m. (Urdu), *Blessed Sacrament*; 9 a.m. (English) and 11 a.m. (Spanish), *Our Lady of the Americas*
  - **12/31 (New Year’s Eve)** — 9 a.m., *Blessed Sacrament*; 6 p.m. (*Urdu, Fr. Dan*)
- **1/1/24 (New Year’s Day; Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)** — 7 a.m., *Blessed Sacrament*; 11 a.m. (bilingual), *Our Lady of the Americas*

**“Unleashing Love”** Our diocesan conference for women is Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Pius X Church, Loudonville. Check-in is at 8:15 a.m.; a continental breakfast will be offered. The conference runs until 4 p.m. and will feature keynote speakers Fr. Chris Alar, MIC; Mary DeTurris Poust; and Anne Costa. The event will include Reconciliation, Adoration with music by the Sisters of Life, the Rosary, Mass with Bishop Scharfenberger, a boxed lunch, and beverages. For information and to register: <https://www.rcda.org/UnleashingLove>.

**First Reading** Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

**Responsorial Psalm** 23:1-3, 5-6

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

**Gospel** Matthew 25:31-46

**\*Last Call!** This **Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**, is the drawing for winning 4 tickets to the **Giants vs. Packers** game on **December 11<sup>th</sup>**. Game kickoff is at 8:15 p.m. at MetLife Stadium. Seats are in Level 1, Section 103 (reserved parking included). Tickets are \$25 each (five for \$100), and sales benefit our school! Posters are available at all exits, and tickets are available in the sacristy, rectory, and school. Don't miss it!

**\*Book and Bake Sale:** Please join us for our Book and Bake Sale on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.! Sales support our School!

**\*Sacrament of Baptism:** On Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> (the first Sunday of Advent), please join us in the church at our 9 a.m. Mass for the baptism of many of our BSS students!

**\*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. Our teachers' salaries average is only \$39,000, and we would like to be able to pay more reasonable 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 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> up to \$125,000! Please note that donations to cover the cost of refinishing the gym floor counts towards the matching grant.



**Christmas Giving Program** Signup for our Christmas Giving Program for our school and food pantry families began in October. Food pantry clients and eligible school families can sign up to receive one gift certificate for each child in the household who is 12 years old or younger, along with a gift certificate to a local supermarket. To support this program, we are asking for donations to purchase gift certificates. Your generous support in previous years has helped hundreds of families. As a reminder of the need, we will place gift tags for each child in need on Christmas trees in the vestibules beginning the weekend of November 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>. For each \$20 donation, we will remove one tag from the trees. 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. Clearly indicate that the donation is for the Christmas Program (monetary donations only, please). We are dealing with specific stores who have offered us discounts for their certificates.

**The Boutique** We need *all sizes of infant and children's clothing, including shoes!* We also need men's shoes and coats as well as pants size 28-34 and shirts in sizes S and M. The Boutique is open Saturdays, 9 a.m.-noon, and accepts donations on Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m.-noon. We cannot accept books, some electronics, fabric scraps, or clothing that needs repair or is dirty. We cannot accept spring/summer clothes at this time.

**Employment Opportunity** Seeking a full-time, 40 hours per week, all-around maintenance worker for the Building Services team for the Pastoral Center at 40 N. Main Ave., Albany. Must be able to perform maintenance and building repairs at various properties, provide snow plowing, landscaping, lawn care, and other related work. Salary range: \$18 to \$22 per hour. Contact [diocesan.hr@rcda.org](mailto:diocesan.hr@rcda.org) for a full job description.

**Holy Name Society** Our December \$1 raffle drawing at NHS's next 7 p.m. meeting on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> will be *special* for Christmas! Prizes of \$300 (1<sup>st</sup>), \$200 (2<sup>nd</sup>), and five extra \$50 winners (\$750 total) will be awarded. Contact Gene Loparco: (518) 265-0242 or [loparco88888@yahoo.com](mailto:loparco88888@yahoo.com).

**RCIA** All sessions take place on Sunday mornings from 10-11 a.m.

**November:** No sessions November 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

**December:** 12/10 Saints/Holy Days (*no sessions otherwise*)

**Come As You Are** The second meeting of "Come As You Are" will take place on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> in the Knights Chapel at Christ the King Church, 20 Sumter Ave., Albany, from 6-7:30 p.m. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. This ministry is for those who are interested in walking with LGBTQ+ family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues in a Catholic context. At this meeting, we'll talk about topics for the future, how often the group would like to meet, news or events to share, etc.

**Catholic Connections** "The Religion Teacher" website with Jared Dees offers a wealth of resources for exploring the Feast of Christ the King, including videos and craft projects: <https://www.thereligionteacher.com/christtheking-activities/>.



### Urdu Community of Blessed Sacrament Church

Please note that we will host a special **Christmas Music Event** on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-10 p.m. in the School gym. All are invited!

For more information, please e-mail [shamas18@hotmail.com](mailto:shamas18@hotmail.com).

*Thank you so very much for your continued support!*



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**MASS: SUNDAY, 9:00 AM (ENGLISH) & 11:00 AM (SPANISH) TUES. 8:30 AM FRI. 6:30 PM**

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### Collections and Financial Support



Parking Lot Paving & Painting 2021  \$7,555 (52% paid)

Refinishing gymnasium floor  \$4,900 (0% paid)

*Donations for refinishing the gym floor count towards the matching grant.*

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### Stay Connected

- Please visit and bookmark our parish website: [blessedsacramentalbany.org](http://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
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### Solemnity of Christ the King

*Loving God: You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations. We pray to You in the humble expectation of receiving from You mercy, peace, justice, and all good things. Protect us, our families, and the land of our birth. Guard us we pray, and protect us from our enemies. Forgive us our sins against You. Jesus, You are the King of Kings, and we trust in You. We bow before You and pray; may Your reign, Your kingdom, be recognized here on earth. Amen.*

**Rosary Guild** Our Christmas brunch is Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Italian-American Club at noon. For reservations, call Jan Rourke at (518) 456-3693. The cost is \$25. All parish women are invited.

**Over 50 Club** The Over 50 Club will meet on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. in the church hall. We will have subs (cost: \$5). Please bring a dessert to share. For more information, please call Anne Snyder at (518) 869-5247.

**Blanket Ministry** Would you be willing to share your time and skills to create blankets for newly baptized children and those who are homebound and in nursing facilities? Here is what we need: for baptisms, we would like solid white blankets measuring at least 30" by 30". They can be knitted, crocheted, finished fleece, or quilted. (*Please note that many of our children being baptized here at Blessed Sacrament are often age one or older.*)

**Gift Wrapping** Volunteers are needed to wrap gifts at the Book House in Stuyvesant Plaza from Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. All donations made by Book House customers will benefit The Food Pantries for the Capital District. Volunteers will work in pairs for two-hour shifts; bring a friend or family member if you'd like! Sign up here: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/9826477900120/false#/invitation>.

**Thanks** to a very generous donation by friends of the parish, we have a new safe for our financial collections. Thank you!



**COLONIECENTER**

### Christmas Shopping? Support Our School, Too!



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, let us know and we'll mail them back to you. Dining out, 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).

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**3X:** Sephora, J.Crew, Foot Locker, Daily Thread  
**4X:** H&M, Carter's/Osh Kosh, Five Below, and Cinnabon

*Also, any receipts handed in from P.F. Chang's will be an additional 500 points!*

### Offertory Report

**Regular:** \$7,361;

**Campaign for Human Development:** \$981  
*Our second collection on 12/3 will be for fuel.  
God bless you for your continued support of our parish, School, community, and world!*