

# CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

607 Central Avenue  
Albany, New York 12206-1918



Established 1902



## Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5, 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; 1st Sat. 8-9 a.m.

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

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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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| Saturday 11/4/23 — 9:00 AM<br>4:00 PM  |   | Sunday 11/5/23 — 9:00 AM  | Monday 11/6/23 — 7:00 AM  |
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| ✠ Brian, Kathy & Maria Mooney ✠ Mary Pat Dearing<br>✠ Robert Merges ✠ Dimitria Tsakanikas<br>✠ Kevin Keenan ✠ Ronald Stalpinski<br>✠ Otis Signer (10 Anniversary) ✠ Cynthia Demarest |   | Pro Populo<br>“For the people of the parish”<br><br><b>6:00 PM in Urdu</b><br><br><i>Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | ♥ Catrina Kelly<br>✠ Tony Nardiello<br>✠ Daniel Horan<br>Souls in Purgatory                                   |
| <i>Memorial, St. Charles Borromeo</i>  |   |   |   |
| Tuesday 11/7/23 — 12:00 PM   | Wed. 11/8/23 — 7:00 AM  | Thursday 11/9/23 — 12 PM  | Friday 11/10/23 — 12:00 PM  |
| ✠ Agostinho Ribeiro<br>Nicola Audino<br>Souls in Purgatory<br><br>12:30-1:30 — Confession & Adoration  | ✠ Helen Zakens (bday)<br>♥ Michael Anthony Sparks<br>✠ Alice & Walter Pratt<br>✠ Ada & William Houlton, Sr.<br>Souls in Purgatory | ✠ Paul Bishop<br>Souls in Purgatory<br><br><i>Feast of the Dedication of the<br/>Lateran Basilica in Rome</i>                 | ♥ Michael Anthony Sparks<br>Mary Ellen Kalled<br>Souls in Purgatory<br><br><i>Memorial, St. Leo the Great</i> |

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

### Funerals

### Baptisms

#### From the Deacon's Bench

This year, we have readings about some amazing prophets. Last month, we read from Jeremiah and Ezekiel — two prophets from the Babylonian exile. Today, we read from Malachi, who came after the Babylonian exile around 550 BC. The temple in Jerusalem has been restored and rededicated. Malachi described God as being dishonored because the priests were making imperfect offerings in the temple. The animal sacrifices they were making were from defective animals, while they saved the best animals for their own profits. The priests were charged with carrying out Levi's legacy as holy men. Levi was a son of Jacob and founder of the tribe of Eli. Unlike the other tribes who were allotted land in the Promised Land, the Levites owned no land because they believed God was their heritage. Malachi describes the Levites as having integrity, but the chief priests during Malachi's time were not honoring God (working to advance their own desires, not God's). The prophet Malachi does what all the other prophets before him did: correct religious practices that were not from God, encourage the Jews to turn from sin, and embrace the one true God of the Covenant.

#### From Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

\*Thank you to all the families and catechists who've made this year a great success so far! Please keep them all in your prayers! We meet again this Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. But ... **it's never too late to register!** Registration can be found on our parish website, or e-mail us for more information!

\*We ask you to please take home a special paper dove from the vestibule and pray for our students, their sponsors, and their families who are making their **Confirmation on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at the 9 a.m. Mass** here at Blessed Sacrament: Juliana, Natalie, Christopher, J'Anni, Cadence, and Joseph! May the Holy Spirit dwell in their hearts and keep them strong, faithful, and joyful.

\*We have started planning for this year's **Christmas Pageant**, which will be held on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at noon. All children in the parish are welcome to take part; you do not need to be in our Faith Formation program.

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

**Please note:** November 19 Confirmation will be celebrated during the 9:00 a.m. Mass with Bishop Scharfenberger so plan for the Mass to be longer than usual. There will be a reception following in the school gym. Similarly, Dec. 3 Mass will go a little long as we have many baptisms that day, with a reception after.

### Upcoming Dates

- 11/6 — Over 50 Club meeting, 12:30 p.m.
- 11/11 — Veterans Day; *all parish offices will be closed on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>*
- 11/19 — Confirmation (9 a.m. Mass with Bishop Scharfenberger with a reception afterward in the school)
- 11/23 — Thanksgiving Day (Mass at 9 a.m.; *all parish offices will be closed Thursday & Friday*)

### Pope Francis's November Intention

*We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.*

**Give Thanks** Please join us on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9 a.m. for our Thanksgiving Day Mass! Consider bringing a non-perishable food item for our food pantry. Loaves of bread will be blessed and distributed as a Thanksgiving gift.

**Coaches Needed** We're looking for men and women who would like to assist us with our parish basketball program as coaches. Please call Deacon Gerry at our parish office, (518) 482-3375.

**Holy Name Society** Our December raffle drawing will be special for Christmas! Prizes of \$300 (1<sup>st</sup>), \$200 (2<sup>nd</sup>), and **five** extra \$50 winners (\$750 total). HNS has mailed five raffle tickets to every parishioner! Please return to the rectory or place in the offertory. Questions? Contact Gene Loparco: (518) 265-0242 or [loparco88888@yahoo.com](mailto:loparco88888@yahoo.com).

**First Reading:** Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10

**Responsorial:** Psalm 131:1-3

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

**Gospel:** Matthew 23:1-12

### Blessed Sacrament Parish Council Nomination Form

Please use this ballot to nominate a parishioner, even yourself, for a three-year term for Blessed Sacrament Parish Council.

Nominate someone who you believe would have the best interest of the parish at heart, be willing to pray for the parish, and represent the parish's and parishioners' needs. All nominees are invited to a meeting on **Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>** to hear more about the role of the council and the responsibilities of membership. Instead of an election, this will be a discernment to discover whether those nominated feel that it is the right time to serve our parish in this capacity.

*Please tear off this form and place it in the offertory basket or send it to our parish office.*

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for Blessed Sacrament Parish Council.

**\*Family Game Night:** *Everyone* (not only our school families!) is invited to join us for our upcoming Family Game Night on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m. in the gym!  
**\*Baptized in Christ:** Many of our students will be baptized on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> (the first Sunday of Advent) during the church's 9 a.m. Mass. We are beyond excited!  
**\*Winter Concert:** Please save the date for our Winter Concert, to be held on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.  
**\*Book & Bake Sale:** What's better than books and yummy baked goods to enjoy with them? Join us on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the gym for a fun Book & Bake Sale to benefit our school!



**\*NY Giants:** Tickets are on sale to win four tickets to the Giants vs. Packers game on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Kickoff is at 8:15 p.m. (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; 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 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> 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** Thank you for the generous response to our Facebook post that our 'cupboards are bare'. We are experiencing a significant increase in guests so it is hard to keep them stocked. Our October statistics: Households served - 284, children - 244, adults - 403, seniors 111.

**The Boutique** At the moment, we need **all sizes of infant and children's clothing!** We also need men's shoes and coats as well as men's pants in sizes 28-34 and men's 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 are also looking for children's shoes and clothes in sizes 4 and up (boys and girls). We will be now accepting Christmas items. We are not accepting men's suits.

**RCIA/OCIA** All sessions take place on Sunday mornings from 10-11 a.m. Here is our upcoming RCIA/OCIA schedule: **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.

**Rosary Guild** Rosary Guild will meet on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. in the church basement and will collect socks for the food pantry. Sr. Patricia requests "Sunday socks" for men, fuzzy socks for women, and any kind for children. They will also take reservations for their Christmas Brunch (Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>; cost: \$25).

**Lessons and Carols** If you would like to join us for the Albany cathedral choirs' annual Lessons and Carols this year, it will take place on Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> with a rehearsal on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. E-mail Tim Reno at [treno@siena.edu](mailto:treno@siena.edu).

**Theology of Suffering** Please join us on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at Mater Christi, Albany, for a presentation by Fr. Dan McHale on the Theology of Suffering from 6:30-7:30 p.m., followed by a Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Reconciliation will be available from 7:30-8:30 p.m.



### Urdu Community of Blessed Sacrament Church

Please see our parish website, <https://blessedsacramentalbany.org/mass/>, for a complete schedule of Masses in Urdu.

Many thanks to Fr. Francis Tanveer of the Archdiocese of New York!



### SHRINE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS

A MISSION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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MASS: SUNDAY, 9:00 AM (ENGLISH) & 11:00 AM (SPANISH) FRIDAY, 6:30 PM — MASS & ADORATION

### Collections and Financial Support



Parking Lot Paving & Painting  
2021

\$7,555 (52% paid)

Refinishing our gymnasium floor during Thanksgiving break (cost to be determined)

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

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### Homebound Parishioners of Blessed Sacrament

Homebound parishioners (either at home or in nursing facilities) receive visits from our lay and clergy ministers who bring Communion and receive prayer books regularly as well as gifts at Christmas and Easter. They are regularly contacted by our Rosary Guild ministry and also receive holiday cards from our school children. Use this form to identify any homebound parishioners so that we can connect with them and keep them in our prayers! *Please tear off this form and place it inside an offertory basket or give it to our parish office.*

I/We, \_\_\_\_\_, would like to bring to your attention that \_\_\_\_\_ is a parishioner at Blessed Sacrament who would appreciate a pastoral visit and would like to receive all the benefits that our homebound parishioners enjoy. I/We can be contacted at (phone/e-mail): \_\_\_\_\_.

### 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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**Totals Received** The totals are in for our 2023 Family Festival! Raffle: \$10,466; gym activities and BBQ, \$1,737; Silent Auction, \$3,550; and sponsors and fence signs, \$2,725. Total earnings were \$18,478. Prizes and expenses totaled \$3,962, so our net earnings were **\$14,516**. Thanks so much to all the volunteers and to those who donated prizes, sold raffle tickets, and bid on the silent auction — and to our wonderful sponsors for their generosity! See you next year!

**Over 50 Club** We will meet on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> for our Chicken Parmesan Holiday Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. If you would like to join us, please contact Anne Snyder at (518) 869-5247 by Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The cost for this event is \$22. Please note: we will enter through the lower door only.

**Albany's Christ Child Society** will hold its annual Bake Sale November 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> after all Masses at St. Madeleine Sophie, Schenectady. Please consider supporting our efforts in helping needy children throughout the Albany Diocese by baking something! Bring baked goods to the meeting room in St. Madeleine Sophie at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. We could also use one or two people to help with needed work (putting cookies on plates, pricing items, etc.). To help, call Jean Bursi at (518) 355-4651.

*Please watch for more details about how to contribute to the cost of refinishing our gym floor (to be done over Thanksgiving break).*



### 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).

### November Bonus Points

**3X:** Sephora, J. Crew, Daily Thread & Foot Locker

**4X:** H&M, Five Below, Cinnabon & Carters  
*Also, any receipts handed in from PF Chang's will be an additional 500 points!*

### Offertory Report

Regular: \$4,683  
All Saints: \$1,152  
All Souls: \$899

Please note that the weekend of November 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>, we will have a special collection for the Campaign for Human Development, which works to break the cycle of poverty. Read more about this effort here:

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development>