

PARISH MINISTRY NEWS

*We're looking for **altar servers** for our weekend Masses! If you know of a young person who would like to help (full training is provided), please contact our parish office!

*The **Third Order of St. Francis** prayer group will meet every month on the third Sunday after Mass.

*The **Holy Name Society's** next raffle drawing and meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. All parish men are invited!

FOOD PANTRY

*Our **current needs are:** cereal, hash, jelly, tuna, tomato sauce, canned peaches, personal and feminine hygiene items, and diapers in sizes 5 and 6.

*Our food pantry is **open** Mondays and Thursdays, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

THE BOUTIQUE

*Our thrift store is open on Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon, and accepts donations on Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon.

On November 23rd at 11 a.m., the St. Kateri Tekakwitha National Shrine in Fonda will host an Advent Wreath Making Workshop. Limited spots are available! For more information and to register, call (518) 853-3646, e-mail info@katerishrine.org, or visit their website at www.katerishrine.org.

Doing some shopping at Colonie Center Mall? Please save and turn in your receipts to help our students at Blessed Sacrament School! Monetary prizes will be awarded to participating schools based on their total points, and first prize is \$8,000! We receive 2 points per \$1 spent. Fill out the School Bucks form and place it in the drop box at the mall's security desk along with your original receipts, or show original receipts at the mall's management office. You can also bring receipts to our parish or school offices.

Find more online:
<https://shopatcoloniecenter.com/school-bucks/>

October 2024 Bonus Points:

3x: P.F. Chang's, H&M, Sephora, and Regal
4x: Nordstrom Rack, Five Below, Famous Footwear, and Cinnabon

Bonus opportunity: You'll receive 500 bonus points for every five or more items donated to the Ronald McDonald Charity House when you drop them off at the mall's Management Office! Click here to see their wishlist: <https://tinyurl.com/4tuc6khh>.

Our parish bulletin is provided by:

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HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

***Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons**, 2600 Albany St. in Schenectady, will host its Fall Open House for prospective students and families on Wednesday, October 23rd from 5:30-7 p.m. Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons school students benefit from small class sizes with dedicated teaching professionals; a competitive academic curriculum; a culturally diverse, safe, and secure community; and a values-based education in the Catholic tradition. To register for the open house, please call (518) 393-3131, ext. 107.

*October is **Respect Life Month**. Please join thousands of Catholics to pray the Respect Life Novena, which prays for the protection of human life from conception to natural death. It is suggested that it be prayed from October 22nd through October 30th but can be prayed at any time. Each day, pray the intercession followed by an Our Father, three Hail Marys, and the Glory Be. These are the intercessions:

- Day 1: May every person's life be protected and cared for from conception to natural death.
- Day 2: May every child in his or her mother's womb be protected in law and welcomed in love.
- Day 3: May all who suffer after participation in abortion find healing in Christ's unending mercy.
- Day 4: May pregnant and parenting moms find life-affirming help for themselves and their children through the Christian community.
- Day 5: May all people with disabilities be treated with respect and their lives protected.
- Day 6: May all who are ill or nearing death receive care that meets all their needs and upholds the gift of their lives.
- Day 7: May healthcare always respect God's design and protect His gift of human life.
- Day 8: May our nation end its use of the death penalty, bearing witness to the dignity of every human life.
- Day 9: May all Catholics help build a culture that cherishes every person as a precious gift from God.

*Albany's Christ Child Society invites you to get a head start on your holiday shopping by visiting its **Holiday Extravaganza** on Saturday, November 16th from 12-6 p.m. in St. Madeleine Sophie's Parish Center, 3500 Carman Rd., Schenectady. Vendors will include Mary Kay, Tupperware, Santa's Sweets, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Dee's Bombs, Cruisin' Creations, Longaberger, Sweet on You, Theresa Girzone jewelry, and Annabelle Designs. Products will be available and ready for holiday giving. Free admission and complimentary refreshments as well as prize drawings throughout the day are part of the event. Albany's Christ Child Society is dedicated to serving children in need of resources regardless of race or creed. Their challenge is to overcome poverty one child at a time. Albany's CCS is part of a national organization of 5,500 members. For more information, please contact Annette Guido by e-mail at Aguidol@nycap.rr.com or (518) 356-6903.

OFFERTORY REPORT
Regular collection: **\$6,040**; The Evangelist: **\$90**

Please note that our second collection this weekend is for World Mission Sunday, the annual Eucharistic celebration for the Missions of the Church.

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BAPTISMS

Vincent Fay

FUNERALS

Nicholas Sfara

WEDDINGS

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
Weekend Masses: Saturdays, 4 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m. (English) and 6 p.m. (Urdu)
Weekday Masses: As scheduled in the bulletin
Reconciliation: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 12:30-1:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 3-3:40 p.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

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STAY CONNECTED
Parish Website: blessedsacramentalbany.org
"Like" us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/blessedsacramentcatholicchurch
(Sunday Masses are livestreamed here)
Subscribe to our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@BSCAlbany>
Download myParishApp: Text app to 55321

In case of an emergency requiring the ministry of a priest, outside parish office hours (and especially in danger of death), please contact the priests at (518) 482-3375. If no one answers, please leave a message.


<p>SATURDAY, 10/19/24 — 4 PM ✠ Peg & Otis Signer ✠ Ann & Elpert Anderson ✠ Gerald Miller ✠ Margaret Signor (4th Ann) ✠ Joey Igoe ♥ Michael Anthony Sparks <i>Memorial, Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues and Companions</i></p>	<p>SUNDAY, 10/20/24 — 9 AM ✠ Lindsey Marie Whalen ✠ Guerrino Ritmo ♥ Margaret Szczepkowski (bday) ✠ Angela Gasizlo Szczepkowski (bday) <i>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>
<p>MONDAY, 10/21/24 — 7 AM</p>	<p>TUESDAY, 10/22/24 — 12 PM ✠ Elizabeth Rothmund ✠ Robert Mittler</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY, 10/23/24 — 8:15 AM</p>	<p>THURSDAY, 10/24/24 — 12 PM ✠ Honekil & Mayer Families ✠ Frank & Elizabeth Bishop & Paul Bishop ♥ Michael Anthony Sparks</p>
<p>FRIDAY, 10/25/24 — NO MASS</p>	<p><i>Please note: Mass intentions with a ✠ indicate that the person is deceased; ♥ indicates that the person is alive.</i> <i>If you are having a Mass offered and would like to bring up the gifts, please see an usher before the liturgy begins.</i></p>
<p>SATURDAY, 10/26/24 — 4 PM ✠ Kevin Keenan ✠ Louis Mineau ✠ Elizabeth DellaRocco ✠ Patricia K. Miller</p>	<p>SUNDAY, 10/27/24 — 9 AM ✠ Bruce Herbst ✠ The Deceased Members of the DiCarlo Family 6 PM — URDU <i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>

FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH

Last month, the diocese participated in the “Called by Name” program, which is always ongoing — and if you think you might know someone who would make a good priest, please tell us. I am also adding an additional challenge: Do you recall how full the church was just five years ago before covid? Blessed Sacrament and All Saints had three well-attended Masses each, and Mater Christi had four! Each parish now only has two Sunday Masses. We have gone from 10 Masses to six, and none of the Masses are as well attended as before. Where did everyone go? Many just stopped coming, and it is indicative of what we see in the Church in general. People have stopped coming to church, especially after covid. These are people who attended church regularly and may be inclined to return — if someone asks them. I am asking if each of you can invite just *two people* to come to church with you. If just one starts coming regularly, we will double our congregation. If we can rejuvenate our church, we will rejuvenate the calling to ordained and religious life. This is the perfect time to ask people to come to church as we approach the Advent and Christmas seasons with all their beautiful music and imagery. On Blessed Sacrament’s part, we need to make sure that our liturgies are meaningful where people can experience the presence of God in word, music, preaching, and liturgy. Together, I think we can do this and revive our parish, and in doing so an increase in vocations will follow. Remember to pray not only for vocations but also that the spiritually hungry can satisfy that hunger by returning to Mass. ~Deacon Gerry

DIOCESAN UPDATES

*If you’re wondering how to help the victims of Hurricane Helene, Catholic Charities USA has established a Hurricane Helene Relief Fund. For more information and to donate, visit <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/>. 100 percent of donations received will go toward helping those affected.




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

Rev. Francis O’Connor, Chaplain
Rev. Mr. Miguel Fabian, Deacon
Alejandra Saucedo, Pastoral Associate
Debbie Klose, Organist
Confesora Franco, Faith Formation

273 Central Ave., Albany, NY, 12206; (518) 465-3685
www.ourladyoftheamericas.org

Mass Schedule: Sundays, 9 a.m. (English) and 11 a.m. (Spanish); Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. (Spanish); Fridays, 6:30 p.m. (bilingual).



FROM OUR URDU COMMUNITY

Did you know that every Sunday evening at 6 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament, we offer a Mass in the Urdu language? Come join us!

THIS WEEKEND’S READINGS (10/19-10/20)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:10-11
RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 33
SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:14-16
GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45

NEXT WEEKEND’S READINGS (10/26-10/27)

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-9
RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 126
SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-6
GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52

COMMUNITY NEWS

*December 7th and 8th, join us for our annual Advent and Christmas Concert tradition! The Schola Cantorum is currently directed by Professor Conner David McCain, Ph. D. (candidate), Associate Professor and Director of Sacred Music. In addition to purchasing a concert ticket, you can support the seminary by purchasing a car raffle ticket, purchase a journal ad, and help to underwrite the concert. If you have any questions regarding these ways to support the Seminary, please contact Rosemary Griffin, Director of Development, at (914) 968-6200, ext. 8571, or send an e-mail to Rosemary.Griffin@archny.org. If you have any questions regarding tickets, please contact Danielle Pizzola at (914) 968-6200, ext. 8201, or via e-mail at sjs.events@archny.org.

*A **Diocesan Charismatic Prayer Meeting** to praise the Lord in song and prayer will take place at Christ Our Light Church, 1 Maria Dr., Loudonville, at 11 a.m. on October 26th. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of our faithful! For more information about this event, please call Diane S. at (518) 663-5125.

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FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

A sincere welcome to everyone who is participating in this Sunday’s **family Faith Formation** gathering! We’ll enjoy breakfast after the 9 a.m. Mass, then discuss the second Beatitude (“Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted”) and learn/explore/discover in small groups. (*Haven’t registered yet? No problem! Here’s our online form:* <https://www.bsc-ffym.org/register>)

- Our **Confirmation Mass** (for candidates who worked with Ms. Meghan and were part of our program last year) is Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at All Saints Catholic Church, Albany. Rehearsal for Confirmation will be the evening before (Monday, December 2nd) at 6:30 p.m. at All Saints. Candidates and sponsors need to attend the rehearsal.
- Are you interested in helping with our **2024 Christmas Pageant**? This year, Faith Formation will collaborate with Blessed Sacrament School to perform the nativity story on Sunday, December 15th at 11 a.m. Please contact our office at (518) 438-5854, ext. 119, or faithformationbsc@gmail.com if you and/or your child would like to participate in any way! We will also have a celebratory reception after the pageant.
- Catechists and other Faith Formation or ministry volunteers are invited to a wonderful faith-enrichment event: **“The Bible and Your Story”** on Monday, November 11th from 7-8:30 p.m. at Christ Our Light Church, 1 Maria Dr., Loudonville. Topics included will be “telling the story of God’s closeness,” sharing best practices, and “What questions *aren’t* our young people asking?”. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by scanning the QR code on the flyer below or by visiting <https://forms.gle/DLjCvLDXHbt1WBsK7>.



Continuing to be Blessed by you!
Dessert Gathering

The Beverwyck Catechetical Association invites you...
for an evening created specifically with you in mind,
our generous catechists and volunteers!
Please join us for prayer, desserts, and an evening just for you.
Tom Acemoglu, Pastoral Associate for Evangelization and Catechesis at St. Ambrose, Latham, will lead us in an evening entitled: **The Bible and YOU!**

Monday, November 11 from 7–8:30 p.m.
Christ Our Light Parish
1 Maria Drive
Loudonville, NY



Register here by November 5,
or follow this link:
<https://forms.gle/DLjCvLDXHbt1WBsK7>



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*We’d like to give a big thank you to the **Albany Fire Department** for visiting our school on Tuesday, October 15th! Students got to try on fire equipment (pants, boots, jackets, helmets, etc.), sit in the driver’s seat of the fire engine, and learn valuable information about fire safety.



***After-school clubs** will begin this coming week, and we have lots of fun experiences planned for our students: Future Cities, Spanish Club, STEM, Dramatic Choral Reading, Autumn Crafts, Science Club, Story Hour, Dance Club, and much more!

*One day only: Tuesday, October 22nd from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. is **Boscov’s “Friends Helping Friends”** shopping pass day! This one-day shopping card will give you 25 percent off the lowest sale prices in-store and online. Customers can also register to win a \$100 Boscov’s gift card at each store! Each shopping pass costs \$5, and you can pick up yours in our parish or school offices! This fundraiser will directly benefit our school!



ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL

NY GIANTS RAFFLE TICKETS

Prize includes - 4 Ticket in Section 103 to the Giants game and includes Reserved Parking

Each ticket is \$25

If you purchase 4 tickets, we will add in a 5th ticket for free!
The live drawing will be pulled on November 26, 2024.
\$1,000 Package Value

*Tickets can be purchased online, in the back of church after mass on Sunday, or by emailing the rectory -- blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com or the school info@blessedsacramentschool.net

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

1:00PM KICKOFF @ METLIFE STADIUM

SCAN TO PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS ONLINE!

