

# BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

607 CENTRAL AVE., ALBANY, NY 12206



Today is born our Savior,  
Christ the Lord.

-Luke 2:11

## 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.

## CONTACT US

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**Office Hours:** Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

**For submitting bulletin items:**

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## STAY CONNECTED

**Parish Website:** [blessedsacramentalbany.org](http://blessedsacramentalbany.org)

**“Like” us on Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/blessedsacramentcatholicchurch](http://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.



**25 DECEMBER  
2024**

**NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

## FROM THE PASTOR:

At Christmas, or, more officially, “The Feast of the Incarnation”, we celebrate the coming of God to us in the flesh. This amazing choice by God should have reverberations throughout the choices and actions of our lives. So many things we could and should do remain only as ideas, in our minds. But they need to take on flesh, and become real in the world. Charitableness is a nice idea, but an actual charitable act is so much more influential. Love is a good sentiment or feeling, but an *act* of love is *more* real. Our ideas and sentiments must be en fleshed. We’ve got to put our bodies into it, exercising our muscles to do the works of faith, prayer, charity, love. It is with His own Body that Jesus comes to us, loves us, helps us, heals us, and even sacrifices himself for us. We must do the same, for Him and for our bothers and sisters.



**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**  
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[www.ourladyoftheamericas.org](http://www.ourladyoftheamericas.org)

**Mass Schedule:** Sundays, 9 a.m. (English) and 11 a.m. (Spanish); **please note that there will be no Masses on Tuesdays or Fridays until Fr. O’Connor returns.**



## 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!

## FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

*From all of us at Blessed Sacrament Faith Formation, we sincerely wish you and your family a joyous and blessed holiday season! Thank you so much for allowing us to share in your family's journey of faith. It's an honor!*

\*Faith formation is held 3rd Sunday of the month after Mass. Feel free to get a hold of our **Faith Formation office**, e-mail [faithformationbsc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationbsc@gmail.com) or call (518) 438-5854, ext. 119

## WORK OF MERCY - PARISH MINISTRIES

\*Men's Holy Name Society - meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month @ 6:30, church basement Forman Room.

\*Women's Rosary Guild - meets several times a year. Our thrift store, The Boutique, is run by the Rosary Guild. we accept and sort donations Tuesdays & Fridays 9 am-12 pm; the store is open for shopping Saturdays 9 am - 12 pm.

\*Food Pantry - serves our neighbors in need. We accept food and monetary donations, see weekly bulletin for specific needs.

\*Knights of Columbus - meets 3rd Wednesday at Hibernian Hall, 375 Ontario St., Albany

\*Baptism - Preparation group and blanket ministries. We always need blankets, white only and at least 30" x 30". Looking for volunteers to help with baptism preparation for parents & godparents.

\*Homebound & Nursing Home - keeps in touch throughout the year with our parishioners who are no longer able to get out.

\*Transportation - allows folks to bring parishioners to Mass when they are not able to drive. We could use more volunteers.

\*Funeral Ministry - help families prepare for funerals. This is a new ministry so volunteers are greatly needed. Help needed and training will be provided.

\*Altar servers - We especially need help at Saturday 4 pm Mass.

\*Choir - Please contact Ed Savoy if interested in joining.

\*RCIA/OCIA - help prepare adults to become Catholic.

If interested in helping in any of the above ministries, please contact the office at 518-482-3375.

Congratulations to **Peter Crasto-Donnelly**, one of our parish Trustees, who has been appointed the New Executive Director of the Capital Area Council of Churches!

## BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH STAFF

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From our BSS Advancement Director **Kris Ruddy**:

Thank you so very much for your constant support of Blessed Sacrament School! We are so happy to be partners with you in education and faith! Remember that the **\$125,000 Matching Grant** opportunity from the **Mons Conceptit Foundation** expires Dec. 31st. We require donations from our wonderful alumni, generous foundations, and good people like you to make it through each school year.

Mark your calendars for our second annual **All Albany City Catholic Schools Alumni Day** on Friday May 30th at 5:00.

**Registration is now open for our 2025-2026 school year!**

<https://blessedsacramentschool.net/how-do-i-apply/>

You can also schedule a tour of our school!

## SACRAMENTS

\***Baptism** - for infants contact the parish office several weeks in advance of the desired date of baptism. For adults, baptism through confirmation preparation are done through the RCIA/OCIA program; contact the office for information.

\***Matrimony** - Please contact us six months in advance of your planned date so that we may have time for adequate preparation. Married only civilly, would you like to have marriage blessed, contact the office for that was well.

\***Anointing** - The Anointing of the Sick is especially for those who are undergoing surgery or are in some way in danger of death. Please give a call. Additionally, please let the parish office know if someone is seriously ill or in the hospital, that we may pray for them.

\***Holy Orders & Vocations to the Consecrated Life** - Please speak with our parish priests.

## BLESSINGS

Blessings are available upon request! Blessings for all! Homes, engaged couples, expecting mothers, after a miscarriage, Quinceañeras, rosaries & scapulars, cars, seeds & seedlings!

## SUPPORT BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thank you for all your regular support, and even for remembering the parish, school, food pantry, and others of our ministries in your will! Nothing around here can happen without about \$5,500 per week in our collections. Feel free to give restricted donations, all tax deductible, and even from your required mandatory distribution, to any of the following:



- Blessed Sacrament Parish
- Blessed Sacrament School (Go Griffins!)
- Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry
- Social Concerns Account
- Christmas & Easter Flowers (& Christmas Tree!)
- Candles & Mass Intentions