

PARISH MINISTRY UPDATES

*HNS January raffle prize winners: \$200 1st — Nancy Coleman; \$50 2nd — Flo Borter; \$25 3rd — Stephan Drobroucky; \$25 4th — David Kearsing; and \$25 5th — Bridget Mineau. Our next drawing is Wednesday, February 5th at 6:30 p.m. All parish men are invited. Total 2024 prizes = \$3,888; HNS also donated \$500 to June’s Monsignor Foreman 8th grade recipient. Thank you for your raffle support and extra donations! Note: the \$1 raffle tickets are at the rectory and with HNS officers (besides mailings).

*Once again, our **Food Pantry Christmas Program** was a great success. We were able to exceed our goal to serve 132 needy children from our school and pantry families. Thanks to all who made this happen! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

FOOD PANTRY

*We have been selected again as a partner in the **Hannaford Bloomin’ 4 Good Program!** We will receive \$1 for each specially marked Bloomin’ 4 Good bouquet sold during January 2025 at the Hannaford store located at 900 Central Ave. (Century II Mall), Albany. **Our pantry currently needs the following items:** toilet paper, juice (64 oz.), macaroni and cheese, tuna fish, egg noodles, elbow pasta, and regular pasta. **Food pantry volunteers** are needed from 9 a.m. to noon on Mondays and Fridays.

THE BOUTIQUE

*We currently need men’s winter coats. Thank you!

COLONIE CENTER SCHOOL BUCKS PROGRAM

When you’re shopping at Colonie Center Mall, use your receipts to help our BSS students! 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. Receipts must be submitted within 60 days of purchase and be original, not a copy. If you need help, someone in our parish office can submit and return your receipts for you. For details, visit:
<https://shopatcoloniecenter.com/school-bucks/>

January 2025:

3X: Cinnabon, Famous Footwear, Avis/Budget, Sephora
4X: Stir Fry 88, Five Below, H&M, LL Bean

1,000 bonus points: every Regal Cinema receipt handed in.

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NEWS FROM OUR DIOCESE

*2025 is a **Year of Jubilee** — and our Albany Diocese has a webpage with lots of information about this special year and how to celebrate it: www.rcda.org/jubilee-2025.

*Kindness matters — and our diocese is offering many ways in which you can promote God’s love and **kindness** everywhere: <https://www.rcda.org/kind>.

HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITIES

***Birthright of Schenectady**, a pregnancy resource center located on Jay Street, is looking for volunteers to meet with clients. A kind heart, listening ear, and once-a-week commitment from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. is needed. Training will be provided. For more details, call Simone McGuinness at (518) 370-1532.

*All are welcome at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar to discuss **“The Power of One Hour,”** a video “series produced by our diocese and Sheehan Productions. The aim of the series is to enrich our understanding of the Eucharist. Light refreshments will be served! Sign up today: <https://shorturl.at/VvLQH>. Much of “The Power of One Hour” was filmed right here at Blessed Sacrament Church and features Fr. Dan Quinn and Fr. Stephen Yusko. Also, Lisanne Jensen (Faith Formation and religion teacher at BSS) wrote and designed the accompanying study guide.

MARCH FOR LIFE
HOSTED BY ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH
SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK
FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025

COST PER PERSON: \$100 CHECK OR CASH, \$105 DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD.
PLEASE MAIL CHECKS TO
ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH, 2777 ALBANY ST. SCHENECTADY, NY 12304

DEPARTURE TIMES AND LOCATIONS:
WADE TOURS 1:00AM
CROSSGATES MALL COMMONS (PET SMART) 1:20AM
CATSKILL PARK AND RIDE EXIT 21 2:10AM
DEPARTING WASHINGTON DC 5:00PM TO RETURN HOME

IF THE BUS IS NOT FILLED BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025, THE TRIP WILL BE CANCELLED. CHECKS WILL BE HELD UNTIL THAT TIME.

IF YOU CANNOT MAKE THE TRIP BUT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION TO SPONSOR SOMEONE YOU CAN SEND CHECKS TO ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH.

"THUS SAYS THE LORD WHO MADE YOU, WHO FORMED YOU FROM THE WOMB AND WILL HELP YOU: FEAR NOT, FOR I HAVE REDEEMED YOU; I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME, YOU ARE MINE."
Is 44:2

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER CONTACT KATIE GROGAN
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OFFERTORY REPORT

Regular: \$5,844; **Christmas:** \$530; **Solemnity of Mary:** \$250

Please note: our second collection this weekend will go toward School Support.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

607 CENTRAL AVE., ALBANY, NY 12206



19 JANUARY 2025

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<p>BAPTISMS</p> <p>FUNERALS</p> <p>Ann Reis Paul Schell</p> <p>WEDDINGS</p>	<p>SATURDAY, 1/18/25 — 4 PM</p> <p>✠ Kevin Foley ✠ Priscilla Baxter ✠ Marjorie Hughes ♥ Michael Anthony Sparks ♥ Bill C ♥ Marlene Dion</p>	<p>SUNDAY, 1/19/25 — 9 AM</p> <p>✠ Francesco & Mafalda Benincasa ✠ Elisa Benincasa ✠ Carmine Benincasa ✠ Mary Kay Murnane ✠ David Truax 6 PM — URDU</p> <p><i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>
	<p>MONDAY, 1/20/25 — 7 AM</p> <p>♥ Michael Anthony Sparks</p>	<p>TUESDAY, 1/21/25 — 12 PM</p> <p>♥ Sylvia Byun ♥ Razor Ron ✠ Emil Kalled ✠ Nikola Audino</p> <p><i>Memorial, St. Agnes</i></p>
	<p>WEDNESDAY, 1/22/25 — 8:15 AM (SCHOOL MASS)</p> <p>♥ Young-Sang Paul Kim</p> <p><i>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</i></p>	<p>THURSDAY, 1/23/25 — 12 PM</p> <p>♥ Andrew Kim ✠ Maria Arias ✠ Helen Neilon (79 Ann)</p>
	<p>FRIDAY, 1/24/25</p> <p>NO MASS</p> <p><i>Memorial, St. Francis de Sales</i></p>	<p><i>Please note: Mass intentions with a ✠ indicate that the person is deceased; ♥ indicates that the person is alive.</i></p> <p><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>STAY CONNECTED</p> <p>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</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>	<p>SATURDAY, 1/25/25 — 4 PM</p> <p>For the People Pro Populo</p> <p>6 PM — URDU</p> <p><i>Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul</i></p>

FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH

To situate today's reading within the context of John's Gospel, we note that John's report of this event follows Jesus's call of his first disciples. John tells us that Jesus and his disciples were invited to this wedding at Cana, as was Jesus's mother, Mary. There is no parallel report of this miracle at Cana in the synoptic (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) Gospels. The wedding feast at Cana is closely associated with the baptism of the Lord and the adoration of the infant Jesus by the wise men. In this context, the sign Jesus performs at the wedding feast is celebrated as an epiphany, or a manifestation of Jesus's divinity. Yet, awareness of Jesus's impending passion and death is ever present in John's Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus's first sign, the language used anticipates Jesus's Passion. When Jesus says to his mother that his hour has not yet come, he protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus's Last Supper with his disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, John writes that Jesus knew that his hour had come. In John's Gospel, Jesus is very much in command and aware of all that is to happen. Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus's public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to reinterpret and fulfill Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the new covenant. A hint about what this new covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus's miracle produces six jars holding 30 gallons each, filled to overflowing with choice wine. This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts and bring the kingdom of God to fulfillment among us. ~Deacon Gerry



FROM OUR URDU COMMUNITY

Happy New Year! We proudly offer Mass in Urdu every Sunday evening at 6 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament! Please join us!



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A MISSION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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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.*



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS (1/18-1/19)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5
RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 96
SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
GOSPEL: John 2:1-11

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS (1/15-1/26)

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 19
SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
GOSPEL: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21



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FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY



*Our **First Communicants** (Mrs. Rose Reed's individual class) will meet for their next session this Sunday, January 19th from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

***First Reconciliation** is scheduled for Saturday, February 1st at 2:30 p.m. in the church. If you could, please

keep all of our Faith Formation young people who will receive this healing sacrament in your prayers: **Anaya, David, Emily, Madigan, Madison, and Savannah.**

*Save the date! Sunday, April 6th after the 9 a.m. Mass will be our **First Communion Retreat**. This event is for both parents and First Communicants to participate in together. Blessed Sacrament School students who will be receiving First Communion are also invited (along with their parents). We will begin in the church and then visit various activity stations in the school gym, including creating our First Communion banners! *The sacrament of First Communion will be held at the 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 5th.*

*If you have any questions or need to get a hold of our **Faith Formation office**, e-mail faithformationbsc@gmail.com or call (518) 438-5854, ext. 119. You can also visit our website at www.bsc-ffym.org and give us a "like" on Facebook: www.facebook.com/bsc-ffym.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK



Thursday, January 23 at 6:30 PM

Parish of Mater Christi
40 Hopewell St.
Albany, NY 12208

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*BSS students in Grades 7 and 8 recently had the chance to volunteer at **Eden's Garden** on Quail Street. They toured the farm's facilities and played a crucial role in distributing food to those in need. Thank you to Deacon Gerry and BSS science teacher Cassie Shedrick for making this project happen!



*Congratulations to BSS cafeteria manager **Michelle Rosario** for being nominated for the 2025 Beacon of Hope Community Spirit Award! Michelle is not only the person who feeds our students — she is also the cornerstone of our school community, embodying the values of service, kindness, and unwavering dedication. For more information about this award and how to contribute financially, visit online: fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/2025BOH.

*Also, huge congratulations to BSS office administrator **Andrea Roberts**, the 2025 St. Thomas Aquinas Distinguished School Staff Award winner! She will be honored at the Catholic Schools Week Mass on Friday, January 24th.

*Catholic Schools Week is celebrated the last week in January, and our **Catholic Schools Week Mass** will take place at 9 a.m. on Sunday, January 26th. We hope that you will attend and help celebrate our amazing school and community! We also invite you to view our BSS student artwork featured in the **Diocesan Student Art Showcase** at the NYS Museum on the same day (January 26th).

*Please keep our middle school students in your prayers as they take their **midterm exams** this next week (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday).

*Our school is currently searching for a **part-time music teacher**. If you are interested in learning more about this position and/or applying, please contact our school office!

*The sacrament of **First Reconciliation** for BSS students will take place on Wednesday, February 5th immediately after the 8:15 a.m. school Mass. Please keep all of these young people in your prayers!