

HAPPENING IN OUR DIOCESE

Health Care Worker & Respect Life Month Mass

Saturday, October 25th, 2025, at 4 PM
St. Edward the Confessor Church
569 Clifton Park Center Rd.
Clifton Park, NY 12065

Presider: Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger

All health care professionals, including doctors, nurses, technicians, therapist, students, and administrators are encouraged to attend, along with family and friends and the general public. This mass gathers the health care professions, under the patronage of St. Luke, to ask for blessings for patients and care givers alike.

October is Respect Life Month, and this Mass provides Catholics across the diocese to witness to the inherent equality and transcendent value of every human being, and to give thanks to God for the gift of human life.

There is a reception following Mass. All are invited!

On October 26th, 2025 at 1:30 pm the Capital District Chapter Columbiettes will host their October Meeting at the Cohoes Knights of Columbus Council 255 Remsen St, Cohoes, N.Y. 12047 (Bridge Avenue Exit on 787)

Capital District Chapter President Linda Cotch will preside!



FROM OUR URDU COMMUNITY

Every Sunday evening at 6 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament, we offer Mass in Urdu. All are welcome to join us!



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Mass Schedule: Sundays, 9 a.m. (English) and 11 a.m. (Spanish); Mass and Adoration on Fridays at 6:30 p.m.

*Mission statement: "We are a vibrant, welcoming, multicultural Catholic community in the heart of the City of Albany celebrating and ministering the presence of Jesus with our parishioners and neighbors."

Vespers in the Manner of Taizé

Members of the All Saints Choir and Lectors will be taking part in a Taizé Vespers service on Saturday, October 25th at 5:30 in the All Saints Church. (16 Homestead Street, Albany, NY 12203)

Vespers in the manner of Taizé is a meditative and ecumenical form of evening prayer that uses simple repetitive chants, periods of silence, scriptural readings, periods of silence, and candle light based on the practices of the Taizé Community, an international monastic order founded in France in the 1940's. The order seeks to foster reconciliation among Christians.

The core of the Taizé service is the meditative readings followed by singing of short, often Scripture based musical selections.

The music consists of repetitive songs and chants which are sung and become a meditative form of prayer. The overall atmosphere encourages a deep reflection on spiritual themes, such as love, repentance, and God's presence. It provides an opportunity for people to come together in a supportive community of fellow believers.

Please join us for a lovely, spiritual program!

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FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Thank you to everyone who made our Confirmation retreat, "Formed in the Fire of God's Love", such a beautiful day earlier this month. A special thanks to catechists Chris and Holly McKenna for planning the event and Sr. Cathy Kruegler, CSJ for presenting.

Faith Formation's next large group session is this Sunday, October 19 but...

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER!

We gather once a month after the 9 a.m. Mass and have breakfast in the school gym, followed by small-group sessions from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Adults even have their own faith-sharing group! Then closing/dismissal is at 11:45 a.m.

To register, please visit the website www.bscffym.org/register and complete the online form. (You can also scan the QR code below with your smart device.)



Or, if you prefer, call or e-mail our office: (518) 438-5854; faithformationbsc@gmail.com.

We would love to have your family join us!

All Souls' Day Mass

In the liturgical calendar on November 2, we take time to commemorate all our faithful departed. It is a tradition in our parish community to invite the relatives and friends of the deceased who were buried from our parish in the past year. At the All Souls' Day Mass the names of those who died in the past year are remembered in the liturgy and the crosses on the Memorial Wall are returned to the families.

Since November 2 is on a Sunday this year, the special remembrance will be during the 9 am Mass. All are invited to attend. If you have suffered the loss of a baby by a miscarriage or stillbirth and would like to have your child remembered at the Mass, please call the parish office to have the child's name included in the prayers.



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We were excited to have Bishop Scharfenberger celebrate Mass for our students on Wednesday. Our students, Cadence, Leilani, Daniella, Amram, Aiden, Alejandra, Alex, Christi, Nartey, Jeremiah and Jesse participated by reading, bringing up the gifts and altar serving.



Mission Month

Sunday, October 19th, 2025 – Week 3:
Today is World Mission Sunday!

Today, every parish across the globe joins together for the only **worldwide collection** mandated by Canon Law—**World Mission Sunday**. Your generosity today supports the **Pope's missions** in more than 1,124 territories where the Church is young or struggling. This year's theme—*"Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples"*—is a call to embody the love of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (cf. Romans 5:5). Your offering today provides hope where despair too often dominates—through the building of the churches, formation of seminarians and religious sisters, healthcare clinics, and Catholic schools. Thank you for responding with faith, love, and generosity. As Pope Francis told us, "Each of us is a mission on this earth" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 273). Together, we share in that mission by ensuring that no one is excluded from the invitation to encounter Christ.

RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE
TO WIN
4 TICKETS
TO
GIANTS VS COWBOYS
WEEK 18 MATCH UP
ON
JANUARY 4th, 2026 @ 1PM

Raffle is to help support the Blessed Sacrament School
Tickets are \$25 each or \$100 for 5

4 TICKETS SECTION
103 RESERVED
PARKING INCLUDED

Drawing: December 12th

Scan the QR
code to buy
tickets



Or you can stop by any of the
parish offices to buy tickets!

All Saints, Blessed Sacrament, and
Mater Christi

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PARISH MINISTRY NEWS

*Blessed Sacrament has a **"Blanket Ministry"** where members of the parish make blankets for children being baptized here. The blankets must be white only, no other colors, and at least 30"x30". We are in great need of blankets! If you can help, please drop off blankets to the parish office.

FOOD PANTRY

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

*Items currently needed at our food pantry are as noted previously: **coffee, personal & feminine hygiene products, household cleaning products, and laundry detergent.**

THE BOUTIQUE

*"The Boutique" is Blessed Sacrament Church's thrift store! **Shopping hours** are 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. **Donation** drop offs are Tuesday & Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.

*The Boutique is in need of volunteers on donation days to sort, discard, hang up and display donated items and on shopping day as customer service help, keeping things neat, and restocking racks when necessary. For more information call the office or email: blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com



SCHOOL BUCKS



Hanging out at the mall? Maybe you're finding the perfect Halloween costume, enjoying a sweet treat, or celebrating a big event with a delicious meal. Make sure to turn in your Colonie Center shopping receipts to help our school!

OCTOBER POINTS OPPORTUNITIES

3x: Carter's, Claire's, Stitch in Time, and Grill & Wraps

4x: Express, Torrid, Famous Footwear, L.L. Bean

Extra bonus point opportunity:

1,000 bonus points for every Tori Taiyaki receipt handed in.

Deacons Bench

This is the first of two parables that Jesus tells in Luke 18 about prayer. (The second will be read next Sunday.) This first parable is a lesson in persistence in prayer. (Next Sunday's parable will address attitude in prayer.) While the parable seems to present prayer as nagging God for what we want, such a reading misses the point. God is not like the judge in the parable, worn down by requests and coerced to respond. The key is found in the description of the judge as corrupt and unjust. Since God can be neither, we must understand Jesus to be saying that if even an unjust judge responds to the persistence of the widow, how much more so will God listen to our prayers. God truly wants to hear our needs and respond generously. It is the final lament of Jesus that gets to the point of the parable. The lesson is about the persistence of the one who prays. God wants us to be like the persistent widow, staying in relationship with God, confident that God hears and answers prayers. Then Jesus laments, "Will such faith be found when the Son of Man comes?" In this lament, Jesus notes how easy it can be for us to lose heart.

Our Communications Coordinator
Carter Gooley

Was interviewed by Kathy Barrans for
the Called to Serve Podcast
Scan the QR Code to listen on the
RCDA website



It's also available on Buzzsprout,
Spotify, Apple Podcast, and Amazon

OFFERTORY: SHARING OUR TREASURE

Regular: \$5,776

Next week's 2nd collection is for
School Support



Blessed Sacrament needs at least \$9,000 each week in our collections to break even — not counting unexpected maintenance costs that might arise.
To donate online, scan the QR code above or visit
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607 CENTRAL AVE., ALBANY, NY 12206



October 19th
2025

29th Sunday in
Ordinary Time



WHEN MOSES' HANDS
GREW TIRED, THEY TOOK
A STONE AND PUT IT
UNDER HIM AND HE SAT
ON IT. AARON AND HUR
HELD HIS HANDS UP -
ONE ON ONE SIDE, ONE ON
THE OTHER - SO THAT
HIS HANDS REMAINED
STEADY UNTIL SUNSET.

EXODUS 17: 12-13

BAPTISMS

Harrison James Preston

FUNERALS

WEDDINGS

Saturday, 10/18/25 — 4 PM

Confession 3 - 3:40 pm

♥ Kaitlyn & Dylan Thompson
♥ Aiden & Andrea Forster
† Anthony & Mary Nardiello

St. Luke, Evangelist Feast Day

Sunday, 10/19/25 — 9 AM

† Shirley & John Collier
† Darlene Skadra
† James & Linda Lou Forster

6 PM — Urdu

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Monday, 10/20/25 — 7 AM

♥ Bill C
† Margaret Devine Horan

St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

Tuesday, 10/21/25 — 12 PM

Confession and Adoration 12:30 - 1:30 pm

♥ Honikel & Mayer Families
♥ Michael Anthony Sparks
† Daniel C Horan

Wednesday, 10/22/25 — 8:15 AM

† Elizabeth Rothmund
† Margaret & Dan Horan

St. John Paul II, Pope

Thursday, 10/23/25 — 12 PM

Confession and Adoration 12:30 - 1:30 pm

♥ Nicotina Family
† Christopher Adibe

St. John of Capistrano, Priest

Friday, 10/24/25

No Mass

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

If you are having a Mass offered and
would like to bring up the gifts, please
see an usher before the liturgy begins.

Saturday, 10/25/25 — 9AM

Confession 3 - 3:40 pm

4 PM
† Michael Agneta
† Gerald Miller
† Mary Patricia Dearing & Sr. Francis Leo Brown
† Mr. & Mrs. Frank Bishop
† Diane Guiry

Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, 10/26/25 — 9 AM

† Shirley Collier
† Jim Murphy
† Bill Bassoti
♥ James & Tammy Forster
♥ Bozena & Marian Kolodziej (Ann)

6 PM — URDU

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

THIS WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (10/18-10/19)

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:8-13
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 121
SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (10/25-10/26)

FIRST READING: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 34
SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

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death), please contact the priests at (518) 482-3375. If no
one answers, please leave a message.