

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

607 CENTRAL AVE., ALBANY, NY 12206



For those who

EXALT THEMSELVES
WILL BE HUMBLD.
& THOSE WHO
humble
THEMSELVES
WILL BE EXALTED.

-LUKE 14:11



October 26th
2025

30th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

BAPTISMS

FUNERALS

WEDDINGS

THIS 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

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (11/1-11/2)

FIRST READING: Wisdom 3:1-9
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 23
SECOND READING: Romans 5:5-11
GOSPEL: John 6:37-40

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Parish Website

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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.

Saturday, 10/25/25 — 4 PM

Confession 3 - 3:40 pm

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

Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, 10/27/25 — 7 AM

† Jonathan Seeley
♥ Bill C

Wednesday, 10/29/25 — 8:15 AM

♥ Michael Anthony Sparks

St. John Paul II, Pope

Friday, 10/31/25

No Mass

Saturday, 11/1/25 — 9 AM

Confession 3 - 3:40 pm

4 PM

For the People
Pro Populo

All Saints' Day

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

Tuesday, 10/28/25 — 12 PM

† Matthew Mardon
† Bob Sheehan
† Piotr Stach
† Anthony Lafalce

St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles

Thursday, 10/30/25 — 12 PM

Confession and Adoration 12:30 - 1:30 pm

† Emil Kalled

*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.*

Sunday, 11/2/25 — 9 AM

† Carmela Calderone
† Barney Bologna
† Joanne Monahan
† Mary Lou Coleman-Campbell
† Minitria Elisabeth Slade

6 PM — URDU

All Souls' Day



Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany
Office of the Bishop

NEW BISHOP MARK O'CONNELL

October 20, 2025

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

What a great pleasure to share with you my joy and gratitude to His Holiness Pope Leo XIV for naming the Most Reverend Mark O'Connell, currently *Auxiliary Bishop of Boston* (since 2016), as our next Bishop of Albany! At 10 o'clock AM on Saturday, October 11th, I received a telephone call from His Eminence Christoph Cardinal Pierre, the *Apostolic Nuncio*, so informing me confidentially.

A letter dated October 14th from the Nunciature followed, strictly confidential till today, stating that the Holy Father has accepted my resignation, which I had submitted to Pope Francis on my 75th birthday, May 29, 2023. The announcement, it further stated, would be today, at Noon in Rome, which is 6:00 AM here in Albany. The same letter informed me of my appointment as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Albany to serve until the Installation of Bishop O'Connell.

We are expecting to celebrate the Installation on **Friday, December 5th**. As Apostolic Administrator I will continue to serve and collaborate with our clergy and diocesan and parish families fully throughout the transition. I have congratulated and welcomed Bishop O'Connell as we remain in conversation. I wanted him to know my desire to assist him pastorally and in any other way as he may request, since it has always been my wish to remain and to serve in the Diocese of Albany after retirement.

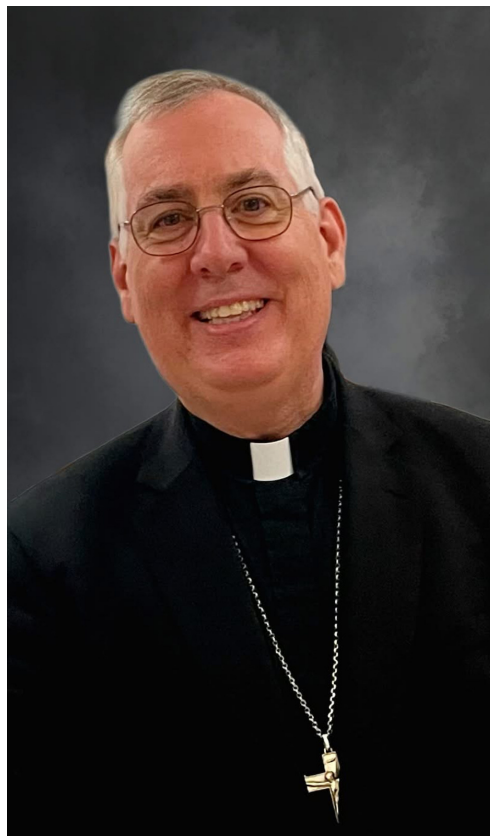
Bishop O'Connell has been Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia of the Archdiocese of Boston since 2023. He is a man with great depth and breadth of pastoral, canonical and communications skills and experience. His motto is *Invenimus Messiam* (*We have found the Messiah*). We welcome him with open hearts and pray for many years of good health and joyful presence among us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

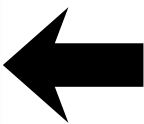
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Bishop Emeritus and Apostolic Administrator of Albany



BISHOP MARK O'CONNELL



Scan the QR Code to read The
Evangelist Article about our new
Bishop Mark O'Connell



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!



SHRINE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS

A MISSION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Rev. Francis O'Connor, Chaplain
Rev. Mr. Miguel Fabian, Deacon
Confesora Franco, Pastoral Associate/Faith Formation
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OLAmericaShrine@gmail.com

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."

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and MaryEllen Walsh, *The Boutique*

Sr. Maureen Joyce Outreach Center

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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

We are very grateful to
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sponsoring this raffle

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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: **jelly, 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

*We are accepting Christmas items now. Due to space constraints, please hold summer clothing items until spring.

The printing of our parish bulletin is generously provided by:

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COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED

We are again in need of people to help count collection on Sunday mornings. We currently have 4 teams who rotate counting on Sunday morning after the 9am Mass. It usually takes about one hour or slightly longer if there is more than one collection.

If you are able to help once every 4th week, please call the rectory at 518-482-3375.

Thank you!

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM

Signup for our Christmas Giving program began in early October. Food Pantry clients & eligible school families receive one gift certificate for each child in the household 12 years of age or younger, and a gift certificate to a local supermarket. Once again, we are asking for donations to purchase gift certificates. Your generous support in previous years has helped hundreds of families. Please drop your donation in the collection, at the table in the parking lot vestibule, at the rectory or in the mail to 607 Central Ave., Albany 12206. Indicate that the donation is for the Christmas program. Monetary donations only please. Specific stores have offered us discounts for their certificates. Our goal is 130 children. We will keep you updated in the bulletin and in the chart in the parking lot vestibule.

Thank you for your help!

OFFERTORY: SHARING OUR TREASURE

Regular: \$6,350
World Mission: \$1,191



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
secure.myvanco.com/YHAN/home.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

FAITH FORMATION

Please pray for our students who are preparing for Confirmation on December 2; Camille, Natalie, Justin, Nicholas, Jocelyn, Braydon, Miriam and Michael, and for their catechists Mr. and Mrs. McKenna. We pray that they are filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit today and always!

It was so great seeing everyone last week for our October large group session. Our students who are preparing with Mrs. Reed for First Reconciliation and First Communion will meet again this week on Sunday, October 26 immediately following the 9am mass in the school until 11:15am.

Our next large group session is Sunday, November 16 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.bsc-ffym.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!



MISSION MONTH

Sunday, October 26th, 2025 – Week 4:
Mission Does Not End with October

As we conclude World Mission Month, we remember that the Church's missionary work is ongoing. Our baptismal call to share the Gospel continues beyond this season, inviting us to remain engaged—through prayer, storytelling, and generous action.

The first World Mission Sunday was celebrated nearly a century ago in 1926. The need today remains urgent: missionaries still serve in remote villages, conflict zones, refugee camps, and urban slums. They bring more than aid—they bring Jesus Christ.

As St. Paul VI reminded us 50 years ago in his historic exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi*: “the Church exists in order to evangelize” (14). We are grateful for your support this October and we invite you to continue the journey. Subscribe to Mission Magazine, join us in praying the World Mission Rosary year-round, and stay connected to the Pope's missions through www.pontificalmissions.org.

Hope does not disappoint—and the world still needs hope.



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VOCATIONS FAIR

Grades 4, 5 & 6 attended the vocations fair. The day started with Mass with Bp. Scharfenberger as well as Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and prayer.

More than 20 representatives from religious life (priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, and more) set up displays that students could browse and answered questions. The day included a Q&A panel at the end where students could ask questions about the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, and married life.



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.