

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

607 CENTRAL AVE., ALBANY, NY 12206



November 23rd
2025

The Solemnity of our
Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

*Amen I tell you,
today you will be
with me in paradise.*

— LUKE 23:43

BAPTISMS

Cian Sebastian LaBarge

FUNERALS

Joan Cushing

WEDDINGS

Saturday, 11/22/25 — 4PM

Confession 3 - 3:40 pm

† Fernando Arias
† Colleen Radigan
† Frank Radigan
† Katherine Cuzdey

Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Sunday, 11/23/25 — 9 AM

Pro Populo

6 PM — Urdu

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Monday, 11/24/25 — 7 AM

♥ Bill C
† William & Mary Rose Frankovic
† Eileen Frankovic Leonard - 30th
Anniversary

*Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions,
Martyrs*

Tuesday, 11/25/25 — 12 PM

♥ Michael Anthony Sparks
† John & Mary Lynch
† Katie Lynch Farrell
† Casey Ryan Lynch
† Donald Partyka

Wednesday, 11/26/2 — 8:15AM

No Mass

Thursday, 11/27/25 — 9 AM

Confession and Adoration 12:30 - 1:30 pm

† Fernando Arias
† John Costantini
† Jacobs, Maciora, and Mik
Families
Office Closed

Thanksgiving Day

Friday, 11/28/25

No Mass
Office Closed

*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, 11/29/25 — 4 PM

Confession 3 - 3:40 pm

♥ Barbara Collen
† Ronald Stalpinski
† Josephine K. Foley
† Rose & Nicholas Soldevere

Sunday, 11/30/25 — 9 AM

† Joseph & Frances Bologna
† Catherine M. Kolach
† Thomas Boyle
† Richard Haggerty

6 PM — URDU

First Sunday of Advent

THIS WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (11/22-11/23)

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 5:1-3
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 122
SECOND READING: Colossians 1:12-20
GOSPEL: Luke 23:35-43

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (11/29-11/30)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 122
SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14
GOSPEL: Matthew 24:37-44

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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.*

This past Sunday, November 16, 2025, students from Blessed Sacrament School received the Sacrament of Baptism, and the celebration was truly a joyful blessing for our entire parish family. The students, who came from different nationalities were radiant and excited, each dressed beautifully for this sacred occasion.

Their parents and godparents stood proudly beside them, sharing in the joy and reverence of the moment. The atmosphere throughout the church was warm, sweet, and filled with love. Our Deacon, Gerry Ladouceur... was equally delightful, bringing a special sense of enthusiasm and grace to the ceremony.

It was a memorable and heartfelt day, one that reminded us of the beauty of our faith, the unity of our community, and the blessing of welcoming these young ones into God's family.



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
Debbie Klose, Organist

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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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WORKS OF MERCY

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Sr. Maureen Joyce Outreach Center

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FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Please continue to 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 Sunday. The McKennas led the Confirmation candidates in preparing Christmas cards for the Sisters of St. Joseph living in area nursing homes. Mrs. Jensen led a very engaging parent session. Thank you to all of our families for the generous food pantry donations. Our next large group session is Sunday, December 14 and will include a special Christmas story and sing along!

Registration is always open! 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!



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We are so grateful to Albany's Irish-American Heritage Museum for sponsoring a special presentation on Monday, November 17th for our students in Grades 3-6! "Branar's 'You'll See'" is a one-woman act depicting the novel Ulysses by James Joyce through music, dramatic reading, and pop-up characters and scenes. Our students were enthralled and asked so many questions! What a terrific learning experience!

Next week, we have a full day of school on Monday, November 24th and then a half day on Tuesday, November 25th (noon dismissal; no aftercare). There will be no school on Wednesday, November 26th through Friday, November 28th to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Thank you so much to everyone who donated items to our 2025 Thanksgiving Food Drive! We are so blessed to be able to help provide for those in need, especially during the holidays!

Our 2025 Winter/Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday, December 11th at 6:30 p.m. in our school gym. All are welcome to join us for an evening of holiday spirit!

**Sunday, December 7th 1-3 PM in the
Blessed Sacrament School Gym**

Join us for a Community Sing-Along

**All Saints - Blessed Sacrament - Mater Christi
Our Lady of the Americas Shrine**

**All are welcomed to join! Bring your Family and
Friends for a great time with community!**

Please use the sign up sheets in the back of church to sign up



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!

NOVEMBER POINTS OPPORTUNITIES

3x: Sbarro, Off the Pier Arcade, Piercing Pagoda, and Smoking Pig Bakery & Deli

4x: P.F. Chang's, H&M, Claire's, and Torrid

Extra bonus point opportunity:

100 bonus points for every item handed in for Ronald McDonald House. Drop-off is located inside the management office. Check out the list of needed items on the [Ronald McDonald page](#).

Safety reminder: Individuals have been approaching people in the parking lot, at their vehicles, and inside the church. Do not give them money. Kindly direct them to the parish office so we can guide them to the right support.

If you are approached, inform us right away so we can ask them to leave or contact local authorities if needed.

**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

**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 McVeigh Funeral Home for sponsoring
this raffle**

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: **canned hash, chili and pork & beans, 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 am to 12 pm on Saturdays. **Donation** drop offs, Tuesday & Friday, 9 am to 12 pm.

*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 OVER 50 CLUB

The Over 50 Club will meet on Monday Dec.1st at 12:30 in the church basement for our Christmas Chicken Parm luncheon. Water will be available , or bring you choice of beverage. For more information call: Anne Snyder at: (518) 869-5247

ROSARY GUILD

*Reservations for our Christmas Brunch may be made until Monday, December 1st by calling Jan Rourke at (518)456-3693. The cost is \$30.

The printing of our parish bulletin is generously provided by:



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Deacon's Bench

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people who are suspicious about, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes “hating” one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.

CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM

Signup for our Christmas Giving program. 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. 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. Due to significant increase in our food pantry clients, our new target goal for the number of children to be served is 175. Thank you for your generosity. We will keep you updated in the bulletin and in the chart in the parking lot vestibule.

Thank you for your help!

Thank you all for your generous support. To date, we have received enough to serve 98 children, 56% of our goal to serve 175

OFFERTORY: SHARING OUR TREASURE

**Regular: \$6,954
Campaign for Human Development: \$1,306**



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.