

# BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

607 CENTRAL AVE., ALBANY, NY 12206



STAY Awake!  
FOR YOU DON'T KNOW  
ON WHICH DAY YOUR LORD  
Will Come.

—MATTHEW 24:37-44



November 30<sup>th</sup>  
2025

First Sunday of  
Advent

BAPTISMS

FUNERALS

WEDDINGS

Saturday, 11/29/25 — 4PM  
Confession 3 - 3:40 pm

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

Sunday, 11/30/25 — 9 AM

† Joseph & Frances Bologna  
† Catherine Kolach  
† Thomas Boyle  
† Richard Haggerty  
6 PM — Urdu

*First Sunday of Advent*

Monday, 12/1/25 — 7 AM

♥ Michael Anthony Sparks  
† Ruth, Billy & Elsie Fox  
† Chang-Ho Kim

Tuesday, 12/2/25 — 12 PM

♥ Andrew Kim  
† Regina Brandenstein  
† Lillian M. Coleman

## THIS 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

## NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (12/6-12/7)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10  
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 72  
SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-9  
GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

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## STAY CONNECTED

### Parish Website

<https://blessedsacramentalbany.org/>

### "Like" us on Facebook

(Sunday Masses are live streamed here)

<https://www.facebook.com/BlessedSacramentCatholicChurch>

### Subscribe to our YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/@BSCAlbany>

### Follow our Instagram

[https://www.instagram.com/blessed\\_sacrament\\_parish\\_ny/](https://www.instagram.com/blessed_sacrament_parish_ny/)

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.

Wednesday, 12/3/25 — 8:15AM

♥ Soon-Ja Kim

*Saint Francis Xavier, Priest*

Thursday, 12/4/25-12 PM

Confession and Adoration 12:30 - 1:30 pm

♥ Young-Sang Paul Kim  
† George Fredette

*Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

Friday, 12/5/25

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, 12/6/25 — 9 AM

Adoration & Confession 7:30

4 PM

Confession 3 - 3:40 pm

Pro Populo  
For the People

*Saint Nicholas, Bishop*

Sunday, 12/7/25 — 9 AM

Unborn Babies

♥ Michael Anthony Sparks  
† Luigi & Elvira Cosentino  
† William B. Fitzgerald

6 PM — URDU

*Second Sunday of Advent*

**From Lisanne Jensen, Faith formation Teacher:** How much time do you spend each day waiting on something? If you're a student, perhaps you wait for the school bus to arrive in the morning. Then, in class you raise your hand and wait for your teacher to respond. You might wait in line for your lunch in the cafeteria. When you're at home, relaxing by playing on your phone or tablet, you might feel impatient waiting for your favorite video game to load (or for spotty wi-fi to work again!). You might even find it difficult to wait for your birthday to finally arrive or for a beloved family member to come visit. Grownups usually spend a lot of time waiting in traffic, waiting in line at the grocery store, waiting on the phone to talk with customer service, waiting at the dentist's office, waiting on the results of a medical test... and as an expectant parent, eagerly waiting for your child to enter the world. In other words, this world requires much waiting (and patience). Is it possible, however, to find any joy in waiting? This weekend, we mark the First Sunday of Advent. We're waiting for Christmas to arrive, when we celebrate Jesus's birth. Waiting might sometimes seem like a burden instead of a blessing, but waiting is often part of our spiritual journey. During these times of anticipation, we can deepen our faith and experience personal growth. Psalm 27:14 encourages us to "Wait for the Lord; take courage; be stouthearted, wait for the Lord!". James 1:2-4 advises, "Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance." Waiting definitely isn't easy, but God's wisdom can help us through it. Also, take advantage of everything offered at church during this Advent season: Mass, prayer services, Reconciliation, Faith Formation, opportunities to serve others, and much more! Maybe we can try to embrace the peace that comes from knowing that God is at work, even if we can't see or sense it immediately. Never ceasing to pray and worship God can renew your spirit and fill you with much joy, even while waiting!



### 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

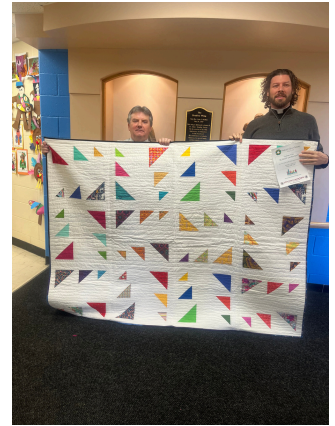
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[www.ourladyoftheamericas.org](http://www.ourladyoftheamericas.org)  
[OLAmericaShrine@gmail.com](mailto:OLAmericaShrine@gmail.com)

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."

Thank you to the Modern Quilt Guild for the two beautiful Quilts that they donated to us!



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### WORKS OF MERCY

**Sr. Patricia Lynch, Food Pantry Coordinator**

**Jean Huber, Heidi Stack, Michelle Syrotynski,  
and MaryEllen Walsh, The Boutique**

### Sr. Maureen Joyce Outreach Center

369 Livingston Ave., Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 462-9885



## 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!

Our next large group session is Sunday, December 14 and will include a special Christmas story and sing along! New registrants are always welcome.

Families should watch their email for additional dates for our students preparing for the sacraments.

To register, please visit the website [www.bsc-ffym.org/register](http://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](mailto:faithformationbsc@gmail.com). We would love to have your family join us!



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Thank you so much to everyone who contributed items to our 2025 Thanksgiving food drive! We are so grateful!

Our Christmas Concert is Thursday, December 11 at 6 p.m. in the school gym. Everyone is invited!

Save the date: Albany's new bishop, Mark O'Connell, will celebrate our school Mass on Wednesday, January 28 at 8:15 a.m.!

Picture: Students in Grades 3 and 4 religion classes decorated sparkly crowns to celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King.

**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**

**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.

## HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Next Holy Name society meeting & Raffle Drawing is WED., December 3rd - at 7pm TEN prizes: \$200, \$50 and 8 x \$25 Winners.



**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: **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](mailto: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 your 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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Visit their website: [www.mcveighfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcveighfuneralhome.com)

**REMADE FOR MISSION**

Thank you to everyone for coming to our Remade for Mission Meeting at the AOH Hall. As a community we were able to talk about and understand each other and what we love and what can help us grow as Catholics. If you weren't able to join but want to see and hear what was talked about here is a link our recap video of the meeting-  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SDklke5YWbk>

If you also would like to share your input to the questions here is a link to a form you can fill out-  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScbT0r3VRe2yxP0JIPuYaHiE5IlWLS8bg\\_R6fyJaYiYVgYKA/viewform?usp=preview](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScbT0r3VRe2yxP0JIPuYaHiE5IlWLS8bg_R6fyJaYiYVgYKA/viewform?usp=preview)

If you have any questions you can email [albanyuptownsynodquestions@yahoo.com](mailto:albanyuptownsynodquestions@yahoo.com)



**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: \$5,534  
School: \$1,819**



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](https://secure.myvanco.com/YHAN/home).