

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

607 CENTRAL AVE., ALBANY, NY 12206



December 14th

2025

3rd Week of
Advent



Lord, come and save us.

-PSALM 146

BAPTISMS

FUNERALS

WEDDINGS

Saturday, 12/13/25 — 4PM
Confession 3 - 3:40 pm

† Florence & Philip Ladouceur
† Jack & Brian Cromie
† Frank Zell

Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Sunday, 12/14/25 — 9 AM

† Darlene Skadra
† Francesco Mafalda Benincasa
† Amalia Sajdak

6 PM — Urdu

3rd Sunday of Advent

Monday, 12/15/25 — 7 AM

♥ Michael Anthony Sparks
† Joseph & Frances Bologna
† Robert & Frances Skinkle

Tuesday, 12/16/25 — 12 PM
Confession and Adoration 12:30 - 1:30 pm

♥ Bill C.
† Robert Mittler
† George Fredette

Wednesday, 12/17/25 — 8:15AM

♥ Kayla-Grace Charles
♥ Natash-u-a Charles (safe surgery)
† Anna Gi-Sun Kim

Thursday, 12/18/25 — 12 PM
Confession and Adoration 12:30 - 1:30 pm

† Cecilia Sanz
† Maria Arias
† Nicola Audino
† Joseph Young-Ki Kim

Friday, 12/19/25

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, 12/20/25 — 4 PM
Confession 3 - 3:40 pm

† Dominic McNulty
† Howard & Loretta Miller
† Stella Alleccio
† Gina Weir Bauer

Sunday, 12/21/25 — 9 AM

♥ Michael Anthony Sparks
† Daniel Lamphere Sr.
† Ellen Fitzgerald
† Luis Mejia Sr.

6 PM — URDU

4th Sunday of Advent

THIS WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (12/13-12/14)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 146
SECOND READING: James 5:7-10
GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (12/20-12/21)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:10-14
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 24
SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7
GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-24

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Parish Website

<https://blessedsacramentalbany.org/>

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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.*

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Join All Saints and Mater Christi for Lessons and Carols!
Mater Christi- Friday, December 19th 7pm
All Saints- Monday, December 22nd 6:30pm



COST PER PERSON: \$75 CHECK OR CASH, \$79 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 JANUARY 14, 2026, THE
TRIP WILL BE CANCELLED. CHECKS WILL BE HELD
UNTIL THAT TIME.

CAN'T MAKE THE TRIP? YOU CAN STILL SUPPORT
SOMEONE BY SENDING A DONATION TO ST. PAUL'S.
WE WILL NEED TO TAKE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.
PLEASE PURCHASE A METRO RAIL PASS IN ADVANCE
AT WMATA.COM.

"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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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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Mass Schedule: Sundays, 9a.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 all for coming to our Sing Along event! It was so great to see our community come together during this busy holiday season for an amazing event! We even had a surprise visit from Saint Nicholas! We hope everyone has a blessed Advent and we can't wait to do more parish network events!



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Sr. Maureen Joyce Outreach Center

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FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Our last large group session of the 2025 calendar year is this Sunday, December 14 and will include a special Christmas story and sing along! Our first large group session of the 2026 new year will be Sunday, January 25.

Larger group sessions begin with 9am mass, then gathering and breakfast in the gym, then smaller breakout sessions until 11:30am, including a session for parents. Sacramental preparation requires some additional meetings. New registrants are always welcome.

To register, please visit the website www.bsc-ffym.org/register and complete the online form. 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!

ST. FRANCIS PRAYER GROUP

Will be meeting after the 9 am Mass next weekend Sunday, December 21st

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Parish is in need of volunteers to visit our homebound/nursing home parishioners for Christmas. If you available and would like to help please call the parish office.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

We will be decorating the Christmas tree and the church for Christmas after the 9 a.m. Mass on Dec. 14th. Please come and help. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Wednesday, December 24 – 4:00pm

Thursday, December 25 – 9:00 am & 4:00 pm in URDU.

Holy Name Society RAFFLE WINNERS

\$275 1st = Joe Dobek, \$75

2nd = Dolores Manderson

3rd to 10th \$25 Winners =

Flo Borter

John Van Wie

Joe Dobek

Mary Strycharz

Linda Loparco

Judy Storey

Nancy Hourigan

Nickie Barone donated back her prize.

Thank You, all for making the HNS raffle a success, to keep it going. Next meeting-drawing is WED. Jan 7th.

Anyone who wants to be placed on our "Mailing List", give Treas. Gene Loparco a call: (518) 265-0242 or home 518-456-4667



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-Our new Bishop of Albany, Mark O'Connell, will be the primary celebrant at our school Mass on Wednesday, January 28th! Please join us!

-Our Grade 5 students led ministry roles in Monday's Mass for the Immaculate Conception (12/8, 9 a.m.). Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us!

-Siena University stopped by this week (12/9) to deliver presents to preschool through Grade 4.

-Christmas Break is scheduled for Monday, December 22nd through January 2nd.



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. Due to significant increase in our food pantry clients In recent weeks, we are updating the target goal for the number of children to be served to 175. Thank you for your generosity.

We have received enough to serve 160 children, 92% of our goal of 175. Thank you for your continued support.

Thank you for your help!

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: **Chilli, hash, coffee, tea, toilet paper, personal & feminine hygiene products, and household cleaning products.**

Our Food Pantry Statistics: Households served: 304
Children: 331, Adults: 49, Seniors: 115

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

*Due to space constraints, please hold summer clothing items until spring.

MASS WITH BISHOP MARK O’CONNELL

Bishop Mark O’Connell will be saying Mass here on Sunday, December 21st at the 9am.

FROM FATHER YUSKO

Advent is a season of waiting. We wait with eager longing for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Yet, in an age of same-day delivery, streaming services, and smartphones I know of few words in common usage that are as despised as the verb “wait.” In our age of convenience waiting is a frustrating reality. Yet, on this third Sunday of Advent, also called Gaudete Sunday, the Church not only bids us to wait for the Lord, but to wait with joy; to rejoice and take joy in our waiting. As our entrance antiphon states: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.” How can one possibly rejoice when what – or better, who – is desired is not yet present? How can one possibly rejoice when one is waiting? To help answer this difficult question, I would like you to imagine a child on Christmas Eve. Is that child angry or joyful? Bored or excited? In my experience, that child will likely be joyful and excited. In fact, any child will ordinarily be overcome with giddiness for the coming day. Why? Because children believe – they have faith (albeit natural faith and hope) – that Santa is going to bring them what they desire, which is nothing other than the gifts that they already love. That faith, hope, and love for the gifts transforms the entire experience of waiting. It ceases to be tedious and frustrating, and becomes pleasant and joyful. This third Sunday of Advent, then, lets learn from our children. When we are waiting, whether we be waiting in line at the store, at a restaurant, or in traffic, stop dwelling on the fact that you do not yet have what you want, but rather remember that you are soon to receive the gift that you desire. In other words, stop lamenting what you do not yet have and begin anticipating what you will soon receive. Life is ultimately filled with waiting: waiting in sickness, waiting in poverty, waiting in loneliness. In the midst of it all we Christians are called to wait with joyful anticipation, something that is only possible if we cease dwelling on what we do not have, and begin remembering Him in whom we have all and from whom we receive all: Jesus Christ. As our joy in the midst of waiting will be commensurate with our faith, hope, and love in and for Jesus, this Sunday ask Him to increase these theological virtues. For in believing, hoping, and loving Him all the more, you will more readily wait for His coming with joy.

OFFERTORY: SHARING OUR TREASURE

Regular: \$5,351

Fuel: \$1,874

Christmas: \$165



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.

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