

# BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

607 CENTRAL AVE., ALBANY, NY 12206



## BAPTISMS

## FUNERALS

## WEDDINGS

Joseph, son of David,  
fear not to take unto  
thee Mary thy wife, for  
that which is conceived  
in her, is of the Holy  
Ghost.

-Matthew 1: 18-24



December 21<sup>st</sup>

2025

4<sup>th</sup> Week of  
Advent

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

† Dominic McNulty  
† Howard & Loretta Miller  
† Stella Allessio

**Sunday, 12/21/25 — 9 AM**

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

**6 PM — Urdu**  
*4th Sunday of Advent*

**Monday, 12/22/25 — 7 AM**

♥ Christina  
♥ William & Brian McDonald  
† Ralph Rapello  
† Jennifer Alicea

**Tuesday, 12/23/25 — 12 PM**

Confession and Adoration 12:30 - 1:30 pm

♥ Bill C

† Helen & Stephie Zakens  
† James B. Ryan  
† Anastasia 'Anna' DelSorbo

**Wednesday, 12/24/25 — 4 PM**

† Jack & Brian Cromie  
† Helen & Margaret  
† Sean & Suzanne Meher

*Christmas Eve*

**Thursday, 12/25/25 — 9 AM**

Office Closed

† Mary Ellen, Emil, David &  
Christian Kalled  
Ann & Elbert Anderson  
† Margaret & Otis Signer

**Mass in Urdu - 4 PM**

*The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)*

**Friday, 12/26/25**

Office Closed

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, 12/27/25 — 4 PM**  
Confession 3 - 3:40 pm

† Louis Huynh  
† Dave Cratty  
† Keith & Kenneth Stark

*Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist*

**Sunday, 12/28/25 — 9 AM**

† David Cratty  
† Salvatore 'Sam' Nicastro  
† Mary Dyer Pearson  
† Walter & Jozefa Kolodziej

**6 PM —URDU**

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*

## THIS 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

## NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (12/27-12/28)

**FIRST READING:** Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** 128

**SECOND READING:** Colossians 3:12-21

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

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## STAY CONNECTED

### Parish Website

<https://blessedsacramentalb.albany.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.

Your paragraph text

## LESSONS AND CAROLS

Join All Saints Lessons and Carols!  
Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30pm



**MARCH FOR LIFE BUS**

HOSTED BY ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026**

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 METROTRAIL 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."

## NY STATE DISCERNMENT

### RETREAT

JANUARY 8TH–10TH, 2026  
THE GOOD NEWS CENTER – UTICA, NY  
FOR MEN AGES 18+

Have you felt the Lord tugging at your heart to consider the priesthood?

Young men from across New York State are invited to a powerful weekend retreat designed specifically for those discerning a call to the Catholic priesthood. This annual statewide gathering—sponsored by the Vocation Directors of New York State—offers an ideal space for prayer, fraternity, clarity, and encouragement.

Over the course of the weekend, participants will: Join other discerners from dioceses all across New York Hear dynamic talks on the priesthood from the NYS Vocation Directors Meet and interact with seminarians and hear their vocation stories Grow in prayer and discernment through Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and guided reflections

Take the next step in discovering God's plan for your life This retreat is a trusted, supportive environment for any young adult Catholic man who desires deeper guidance as he listens for the Lord's call. Whether you have been discerning for years or have only recently begun thinking about the priesthood, you are welcome.

Please register by Thursday, January 1st by emailing [vocations@syrdio.org](mailto:vocations@syrdio.org)

## BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH STAFF

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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

Merry Christmas from Faith Formation!  
May the message of peace that the angels proclaimed on the first Christmas resonate in every one of your hearts and homes!

Our last large group session of the 2025 calendar year was last Sunday and was a great time with food, crafts, 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.bscffym.org/register](http://www.bscffym.org/register) and complete the online form. 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!

### ST. FRANCIS PRAYER GROUP

Will be not meet after the 9 am Mass this weekend, Next meeting will be Sunday, 1/18/26, after the 9 am Mass.



# Rosary Night

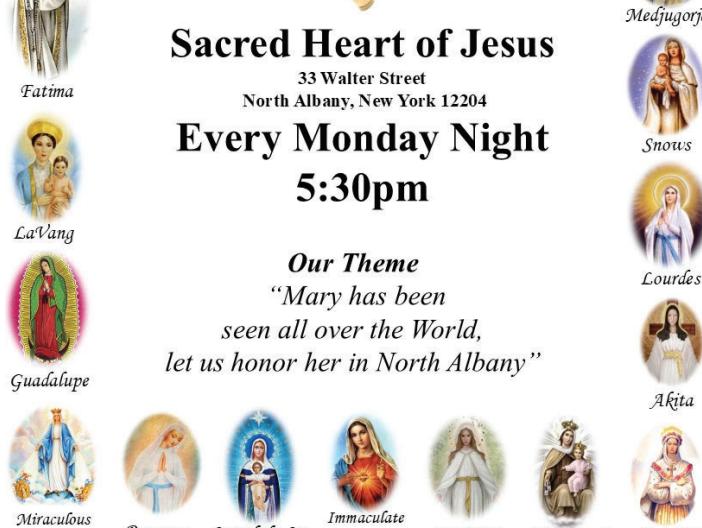
## Sacred Heart of Jesus

33 Walter Street  
North Albany, New York 12204

### Every Monday Night 5:30pm

**Our Theme**  
"Mary has been seen all over the World, let us honor her in North Albany"

**Miraculous Medal** **Banneux** **Star of the Sea** **Immaculate Heart** **Good Help** **Mt. Carmel** **LaSalette**



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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!

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

### ALL SAINTS PARISH NURSE CAROL HOUGH, RN

### STAYING HEALTHY OVER THE HOLIDAYS

There are many simple ways you can stay healthy over the busy holiday season.

Probably the easiest thing you can do is to wash your hands. Hand hygiene is your first line of defense to keep yourself and others from spreading illness.

Practicing mindful eating helps you balance treats with fruits and vegetables.

Avoid excessive alcohol. You should also be drinking plenty of water to stay hydrated, especially if consuming alcohol.

To maintain food safety, keep raw meats separate and be sure to cook foods to the proper temperature.

To manage stress, schedule downtime and don't overcommit. Remember you can say no if you feel overwhelmed.

Prioritize sleep by trying to get at least 7 hours of sleep a night.

Dress according to the weather. Instead of wearing one big coat you can dress in layers. Also keep your ears and fingers covered because frostbite can attack these areas quickly.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy 2026.

-Source:cdc.gov

## CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM

Each year 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. This year our goal was 175 children and because of all our generous donations we have reached our goal to serve 175 children through our Christmas Giving tree project. Your generous support every year has helped hundreds of families.

**Any additional donations will be used to serve last minute emergency needs of our school and food pantry 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.

**Thank you for your generosity.**

## 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”. Thank you for your generous response to our urgent request. We will always have a need for the blankets and will accept them at any time.

## 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.**

## THE BOUTIQUE

**The Boutique will be closed December 26 & 27.**

\*\*“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](mailto:blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com)

\*Due to space constraints, please hold summer clothing items until spring. We will not accept Christmas items until next October.

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Visit their website: [www.mcveighfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcveighfuneralhome.com)

## MASS WITH BISHOP MARK O'CONNELL

Bishop Mark O'Connell will be saying Mass here on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at the 9am.

Please stay after the 9am mass to chat & get to know Bishop Mark as he starts his journey to meet, learn, and understand people in his new Diocese.

## CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

**(12/24 - 12/25)**

**Blessed Sacrament**

Christmas Eve- 4:00 pm

Christmas Day- 9 am and 4 pm in Urdu

**All Saints**

Christmas Eve- 4:00 pm

Christmas Day- 10:30 am

**Mater Christi**

Christmas Eve- 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm

Christmas Day- 8:00 am

**The Shrine**

Christmas Eve- 5:30 pm

Christmas Day- 10:00 am

**St Vincent's**

Christmas Eve- 4:00 pm and 9:00 pm

Christmas Day- 10:00 am

**St. Mary's**

Christmas Eve- 4:00 pm

Christmas Day- 8:00 am

**Cathedral**

Christmas Eve- 5:00 pm and Midnight

Christmas Day- 11:00

**Christ our Light**

Christmas Eve- 4:00 pm

Christmas Day- 10:00 am

## NEW YEARS EVE AND NEW YEARS DAY MASSES

**(12/31 - 1/1/2026)**

**Blessed Sacrament**

New Years Eve- 4 pm

New Years Day- 9 am

## OFFERTORY: SHARING OUR TREASURE

**Regular:** \$8,705

**Flowers:** \$835

**Christmas:** \$600



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