

# BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

607 CENTRAL AVE., ALBANY, NY 12206



Repent  
FOR THE  
kingdom  
OF  
heaven  
IS AT  
hand

- MATTHEW 3:1-12



December 7<sup>th</sup>  
2025  
2<sup>nd</sup> Week of  
Advent

## BAPTISMS

Rhaenyra Elizabeth Werner

## FUNERALS

## WEDDINGS

Jeffrey Beischwinder &  
Katelyn Tortorello

Saturday, 12/6/25 — 9 AM

Confession 3 - 3:40 pm

4 PM

Pro Populo (for the People)

*Saint Nicholas, Bishop*

Sunday, 12/7/25 — 9 AM

♥ Michael Anthony Sparks

† Luigi & Elisa Cosentino

† William B. Fitzgerald

Unborn Babies

6 PM — Urdu

*2nd Sunday of Advent*

Monday, 12/8/25 — 7 AM

12 PM

♥ Barbara Collen

♥ Simon Kim

† Emily Ambrosine Phillips  
(Birthday)

*The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Patronal Feastday of the USA*

Tuesday, 12/9/25 — 12 PM

Confession and Adoration 12:30 - 1:30 pm

† John & Mary Lynch

† Casey Ryan Lynch

† Donald Partyka

† Katie Lynch Farrell

*Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin*

Wednesday, 12/10/25 — 8:15 AM

♥ Christina Kim

*Our Lady of Loreto*

Thursday, 12/11/25 — 12 PM

Confession and Adoration 12:30 - 1:30 pm

♥ Helen Kim

† Stephen Zakens (Birthday)

† Cain & Stackman Families

*Saint Damasus I, Pope*

Friday, 12/12/25

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, 12/13/25 — 4 PM

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

† Luis Mejia Sr.

† Francesco Mafalda Benincasa

† Amalia Sajdak

6 PM — URDU

*3rd Sunday of Advent*

## THIS 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

## NEXT 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

## CONTACT US

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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.*

This Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> please join us for our Parish  
Network Sing Along Event!  
Right here in the Blessed Sacrament School Gym!  
The Sing Along part is from 1-2 p.m.  
Then enjoy some Hot Chocolate, Cookies, Candy  
Canes, and Conversations after from 2-3 p.m.  
All are Welcomed to join us for this celebration of our  
community and the holiday season!  
We hope to see you there!



### 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 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  
GROGAN.K@TUICATHOLIC.ORG  
(518) 377-8886 EXT 106



### 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

273 Central Ave., Albany, NY, 12206; (518) 465-3685  
www.ourladyoftheamericas.org  
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."

## FROM FATHER DAN

There comes a time in each parish priest's life when he  
no longer looks around a congregation and thinks "I'm  
going to offer all your funerals; I'm going to bury you  
all" and instead thinks "you all are going to bury me".  
Now, I haven't arrived at that point yet, but recently,  
this November, the month of prayer for All Souls, we  
have had a number of funerals of people in their 50s  
(one of them my cousin), and one 10-year-old. My  
perception as to who I'm going to bury and not going  
to bury has been challenged. I've been reminded that  
tomorrow is not assured for me, or anyone, on this  
Earth. This is not to say that I am particularly  
unhealthy in any way, but one can never know for sure  
what a day brings. It's important for me to be aware of  
my mortality, otherwise, I end up like the character in  
Jesus' "Parable of the Rich Fool": after saving up so  
many good things, the rich man is told, "tonight, your  
life is expected of you". The plans he made, the  
priorities he had, all must be abandoned; God's timing  
takes precedence. Let's be sure to live our lives as if  
each day was precious, and indeed could be our last  
here, and take care to treasure the things that God  
prioritizes for us each day, knowing that as a loving  
father, he does act in our best interest.

## Decorating for Christmas

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

## 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

Congratulations to our students who received the sacrament of Confirmation on December 2; Natalie, Justin, Nicholas, Jocelyn, Braydon, Miriam and Michael. We pray that they are filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, stay strong in their faith and know that God is always with them. Thank you to St. Vincent's for hosting and to Father Quinn and Father Yusko for celebrating. And a huge thanks to their catechists Mr. and Mrs. McKenna for blessing us with their beautiful gift of faith.

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

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



# HELP US SUPPORT LOCAL FAMILIES

## DONATION DRIVE BREAKFAST

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 13, 2025**  
**FROM 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

### WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Our goal is to provide immediate relief through essential items such as clothing, toiletries, food, and other necessities that help families stabilize during difficult times.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Donate online — every \$25 feeds a family of four
- Drop off non-perishable food items
- Drop off clothing and personal items

Donate before the event  
Scan the Q/R Code:



### MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- Non-perishable food and bottled water
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant)
- Diapers and baby wipes
- New socks and underwear
- Gently used clothing and shoes
- Blankets and towels
- Gift cards (grocery, gas, or pharmacy)



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### BREAKFAST & DROP-OFF LOCATION:

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School website: [www.blessedsacramentschool.net](http://www.blessedsacramentschool.net)

Social media: [www.facebook.com/BlessedSacramentSchoolAlbany](https://www.facebook.com/BlessedSacramentSchoolAlbany)

Congratulations to Areeza Fatima (Grade 3) and Nartey Amoyaw (Grade 5) for receiving certificates of merit in the Young Writers USA "Spooky Stories Contest"! Grades 3-5 participated, and these two students were chosen to have their stories published in the Young Writers Anthology. We are so proud of their hard work, creativity, and achievement!

-Our Grade 5 students will be leading ministry roles in Monday's Mass for the Immaculate Conception (12/8, 9 a.m.). Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us! We will also have our regularly scheduled school Mass on Wednesday (12/10, 8:15 a.m.). All are welcome!

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

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



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.

**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**

**Scan the QR  
code to buy  
tickets**



**Drawing: December 12th**

**We are very grateful  
to McVeigh Funeral  
Home for sponsoring  
this raffle**



**Or you can stop by any of the  
parish offices to buy tickets!  
All Saints, Blessed Sacrament,  
and Mater Christi**

If you are using the QR code to purchase Giants tickets, please remember to supply your phone number. If you have already used the QR code and did not supply your phone number, please contact the rectory at 518-482-3375.

**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: **coffee, personal & feminine hygiene products, household cleaning products, and laundry detergent.**

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

**Scam Alert – Beware of Fake Emails or Texts**

Each year, several parishioners receive scam emails or text messages that appear to come from Father Dan or other parish staff. These messages often ask for money, gift cards, or urgent help. Please know — these messages are not from us. Our priests and staff will never ask for personal information, money, or gifts by email or text.

If you receive a suspicious message, do not reply or click any links. Instead, delete it right away or contact the parish office to verify.

**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 140 children, 80% of our goal of 175. Thank you for your continued support.**

*Thank you for your help!*

**NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE**

The National Night of Prayer for Life is an annual Catholic event that takes place from the evening of December 8th to December 9th. This coincides with the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the feast of St. Juan Diego, who witnessed Our Lady of Guadalupe apparitions. The purpose of this event is to pray for a greater respect for life in society and to end abortion.

In recognition of this event we are encouraged to pray the rosary during this evening.

**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.

**OFFERTORY: SHARING OUR TREASURE**

**Regular: \$4,221  
Thanksgiving: \$1,887  
Christmas: \$270**



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).