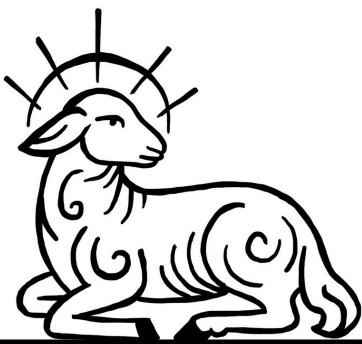


BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206



**Bethold,
The Lamb of God,
Who Takes away
The Sin of the World**
- JOHN 1:29



January 18th

2026

2nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH

Today we read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

Monday | 7 am
Tuesday & Thursday | 12 pm
Wednesday | 8:15 am (With School)

SATURDAY VIGIL 4 pm

SUNDAY 9 am & 6 pm Urdu

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday & Thursday | 12:30 pm
Saturday | 3 pm

ADORATION

Tuesday & Thursday | 12:30 pm

1st SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

Adoration & Reconciliation | 7:30 am
Mass | 9 am

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (1/17/26)

† Ruth Panunzio
† Susan Rooney
† Marjorie J Huges
† Kevin Foley

Sunday (1/18/26)

† Daniel Lamphere Sr.
♥ Tammy & James Forster & Family

Monday (1/19/26)

Tuesday (1/20/26)

† Angela & Anthony Nicotina
† Nikolo Aurdino

Wednesday (1/21/26)

♥ Michael Anthony Sparks
♥ David Seamen

Thursday (1/22/26)

♥ Bill C

Friday (1/23/26)

NO MASS

Saturday (1/24/26)

Sunday (1/25/26)

For the People

Please note: Mass intentions with a † indicate the person is deceased; a ♥ 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.

BAPTISMS

WEDDINGS

FUNERALS

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Sr. Maureen Joyce Outreach Center

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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 and Christmas items until Fall.

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, tea, toilet paper, personal & feminine hygiene products, and household cleaning products.**

BLANKET MINISTRY

*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.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Faith Formation held a beautiful retreat for our reconciliation students last Sunday. We prepared our students for this special sacrament and made soap and ten commandment key chains. Please pray for Eleanor, Valentina, Anaya, Barritt, Emilio, Madelyn, Vera, Jaemario

and Landen, as they prepare to receive the gift of God's mercy for the first time.

*photos attached

A special thank you for the generous donation in memory of Anne Lemme that we received recently. This gift will help us continue to share our faith with our community.

Our next large group session will be Sunday, February 8. Large 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!



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, 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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-Catholic School week is Sunday, January 25th through Saturday, January 31st!

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

-We are working on a brand new School Website! We will announce when it's up and running!



RAFFLE WINNERS

The January 2026 Raffle Prize Winners were:

\$200 First = Flo Borter
\$50 Second = Mary Strycharz
\$25 Third = Bob Snyder

Next WED. Meeting & Raffle Drawind is February 4th at 7pm. All parish men are invited to attend.,

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Each year on January 22, all dioceses in the United States are called to observe a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. January 22 is the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion throughout our nation. Since then, over 64 million children have been killed and untold numbers of women and men suffer in the aftermath. Even with the overturning of Roe vs. Wade on June 24, 2022, many states continue not to recognize children in their mothers' wombs as persons warranting protection and federal law fails to protect the lives of unborn children. This Thursday is set aside as a day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. This day is also a day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. We are called to observe this day through prayer, fasting and/or giving alms.

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Parish Website

<https://blessedsacramentalbany.org/>

THIS WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (1/17-1/18)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 40

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

GOSPEL: John 1:29-34

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (1/24-1/25)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 8:23-9:3

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 27

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

OFFERTORY: SHARING OUR TREASURE

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Blessed Sacrament needs at least \$9,000 each week in our collections to break even — not counting unexpected maintenance costs that might arise.

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Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas Iglesia Santuario de Nuestra Señora de las Américas

Community Celebration of St. Brigid Celebración comunitaria de Santa Brígida

Sunday, February 1/1 febrero, 2026



Join us for a bilingual Mass at 10:00 am followed by a story-telling presentation by Claire Nolan. After the presentation, we will be making St. Brigid crosses and enjoying light refreshments!

Únase a nosotros para una misa bilingüe a las 10:00 a. m., seguida de una presentación de cuentos a cargo de Claire Nolan. Después de la presentación, haremos cruces de Santa Brígida y disfrutaremos de un pequeño refrigerio.

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Come and Celebrate Love and Friendship!
¡Ven y celebra el amor y la amistad!



Valentine's Dinner
Cena de San Valentín

Friday/Viernes, February 13/13 de febrero, 2026
6:30 pm



\$25 person (Due prior to the event)
\$25 por persona (Pago a realizar antes del evento)



Menu Choice/Opciones del menú:
Pepper Steak/Filete de ternera con pimienta
Chicken Marsala/Pollo Marsala



Warrior Women Conference
Unraveled: Seeing Your Growth Through God's Tapestry
Letting the Master Weaver Shape Your Story
Saturday, February 7, 2026
New Life Fellowship | Saratoga Springs, NY
Doors open at 9:00 AM | Conference begins at 9:30 AM
More Information in next weeks Bulletin!