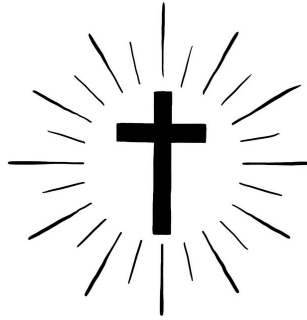


BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206

THE LORD IS MY
*light &
salvation*
-PSALM 27:1



January 25th
2026

3rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

WEEKLY REFLECTION

by Lisanne Jensen

Our second reading this weekend comes from St. Paul's first letter to the Christian community of Corinth and emphasizes the importance of unity: I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose.

The word "unity" derives from an Old French word meaning "uniqueness" and "oneness," and it also has roots in the Latin unitatem, meaning "sameness" and "agreement." In theological terms, "unity" also refers to the three persons of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. At the beginning of Mass, priests pray an opening prayer called the Collect, which describes this sacred oneness: "... through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever."

This letter from St. Paul is a beautiful and fitting message to begin Catholic Schools Week, where our theme this year is "United in Faith and Community." From Sunday, January 25th through Saturday, January 31st, we will celebrate and reflect on what brings us all together as well as what makes us unique and special. Here at Blessed Sacrament, we are united as one family in faith – part of the Body of Christ – and are partners in ministry as well as academics.

If you enjoy baking and have ever made bread from scratch, you know that separate ingredients such as flour, yeast, water, and salt are added to one large bowl. When everything comes together and the bread is formed, you can no longer see each separate ingredient. You now have one new creation: a loaf of bread. In the same way, we are all greater when we come together "in the same purpose": standing united in faith and community with God always at the center of our lives!

Let us continue to pray for our united church and school community. We have much to celebrate and are blessed indeed!

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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If no one answers, please leave a message.

End-of-year tax statements are available upon request. The request may be made by calling the office (518)482-3375 or sending an email to blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (1/24/26)

Sunday (1/25/26)
For the People

Monday (1/26/26)
♥ Michael Anthony Sparks

Tuesday (1/27/26)
† Franz Nicotina
† Walter Fonda
† Michael Delima

Wednesday (1/28/26)
♥ David Seamen

Thursday (1/29/26)
♥ Bill C
† Eleanor Calderone
† Dawn Crouch

Friday (1/30/26)
NO MASS

Saturday (1/31/26)
† Michael Anthony Curriere III
† Catherine & Joseph Burns

Sunday (2/1/26)
♥ Tammy & James Forster
† Hilah Greci
† Michael Matusic

*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.*

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(518) 462-9885

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.

The printing of our parish bulletin is generously provided by:



208 N. Allen St., Albany, NY, 12206; (518) 489-0188
Visit their website: www.mcveighfuneralhome.com

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Faith Formation continues to meet monthly with sessions for all ages, as well as parents, and preparations for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation retreats and ceremonies.

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
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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."



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-Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 25th and continues through the 31st. Our theme this year is "United in Faith and Community." We have several Catholic school students serving in ministry roles at this weekend's 9 a.m. Mass. Thank you so much for your continued prayers and constant support of our school! We are grateful for our parish community!

-There will be an open house Sunday, January 25th from 10am to noon! All are welcomed!

-This Wednesday at our 8:15 a.m. school Mass, we will be blessed to have our new Bishop of Albany, Mark O'Connell, celebrating our liturgy!

Here is just a sample of the many activities happening lately in our BSS classrooms:

- Grade 5 students recently experimented with mold growth on bread to see how light, moisture, and temperature affect it. They're making predictions, observing changes, and recording results.
- Grade 6 students have also been exploring science by extracting DNA from strawberries!
- Pre-K 3 is working on dexterity skills in STEM class while also being imaginative engineers!
- First grade recently did a Skittles experiment in STEM class and found out that Skittles are soluble in water. The warm water group's color dissolved faster to make beautiful colors.
- Following a lesson on "The Faith of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," religion students in Grades 3 and 4 wrote down their prayers and dreams for changing the world.



SCHOOL BUCKS



Hanging out at the mall? Maybe you're enjoying a sweet treat, or celebrating a big event with a delicious meal. Make sure to turn in your Colonie Center shopping receipts to help our school!

3x Points

-Upstate thrift & Apparel, Lids, Box Lunch, and Smoking Pig

4x Points

-Sepora, H&M, Ulta Beauty, and Grill & Wraps

Community Celebration of St. Brigid Celebración comunitaria de Santa Brígida

Sunday, February 1/1 defebrero, 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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<https://www.facebook.com/BlessedSacramentCatholicChurch>

Subscribe to our YouTube:

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Follow our Instagram:

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Parish Website

<https://blessedsacramentalbany.org/>

THIS 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

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (1/31-2/1)

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 146

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12a

OFFERTORY: SHARING OUR TREASURE

Regular: \$4,734
School: \$1,083



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.

FROM FATHER DAN ABOUT WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

This Sunday, now known as "Word of God Sunday", is a day we focus on the Scriptures as one of the two bedrocks of our Christian Faith, along with Tradition. And the Word of God is only effective when it gets out of the printed book and into our ears, out into the world to be heard. It comes into our ears, it takes its place in our minds, but it comes into our souls! Hearing the Word of God regularly, it can grow inside of us. The parables, such as of the Prodigal Son, or the Seven Last Words of Jesus from the Cross, or the poetry of the Psalms, take root and become guidance for us, applicable to so many daily situations in our lives.

At Vatican II, the bishops proclaimed: "after speaking in many and varied ways through the prophets, "now at last in these days God has spoken to us in His Son" (Heb. 1:1-2). For He sent His Son, the eternal Word, who enlightens all men, so that He might dwell among men and tell them of the innermost being of God (see John 1:1-18). Jesus Christ, therefore, the Word made flesh, was sent as "a man to men." He "speaks the words of God" (John 3:34), and completes the work of salvation which His Father gave Him to do (see John 5:36; John 17:4). To see Jesus is to see His Father (John 14:9).

It is everyone's responsibility, as the Prophets of old, to proclaim to others what we hear from God. But we do have Readers and Lectors who have special responsibility to bring to life, by their voices and storytelling gifts, the Words of the Scriptures, the Word of the Lord. The priests and deacons of the parishes, though they love being proclaimers themselves, are thankful for all those who have been willing to be lectors at Masses, on Sundays and throughout the week. Please pass on your thanks to them as well, as this weekend we bless our parish's lectors! And may we all put our voices at God's service, whether we are lectors at Mass or not.

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

This one-day conference is designed to help women:

- Grow from spiritual infancy into maturity
- Discern what strengthens their faith versus what hinders it
- Release emotional, relational, and spiritual baggage
- Step more fully into God's purpose with clarity and peace

\$30 Admission:

Includes meals, materials and a limited edition T-Shirt

Link to register: <https://pci.jotform.com/form/260014687571054>