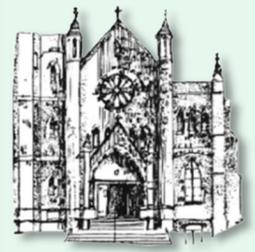
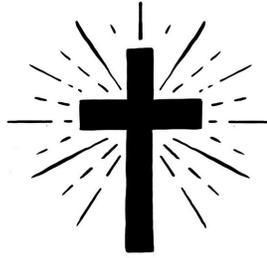


BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206

Blessed are they
who follow the law
of the Lord.

-PSALM 119-



February 15th
2026

6th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH

These past few weeks we have been reading from Matthew Chapter 5 which is one of the main canons of Jesus's teachings: the Sermon on the Mount. Today's Gospel part of a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom, none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus goes further and condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law, Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that; the written Scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of God.

OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, February 16th the Parish Office will be closed for Presidents' Day.

There will still be the 7am Mass that day.

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 SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

Monday | 7 am
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday | 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

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass | 7 AM
Prayer Service | 12 pm
Other Parish times on the back

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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.

February Holy Name Society Raffle Prize Winners:

\$200 - 1st = Joe Dobek
\$50 - 2nd = Doug Mero
\$25 - 3rd = Julie Ruf
\$25 Valentine's = Stephan (CDTA).

Next 7 pm meeting & Raffle Drawings will be Wednesday, March 4th; all parish men are invited. NOTE: anyone who receives "Mail-In" Raffle tickets and DON'T want to continue receiving tickets, OR want to RETURN "Unused" tickets - give the Rectory your message in an envelope with a note & your name. Thank you for your support! May God Bless you!

ASH WEDNESDAY

All Saints

- Prayer Service: 9:00 am, 12:15 pm & 5:30 pm

Mater Christi

- Prayer Service: 8:15 am & Mass: 5:30 pm

Our Lady of the Americas

- Prayer Service(In Spanish): 7 pm

STAY CONNECTED

"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/

Parish Website

<https://blessedsacramentalbany.org/>

THIS WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (2/14-2/15)

FIRST READING: Sirach 15:15-20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 119

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:17-37

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (2/21-2/22)

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 51

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

OFFERTORY: SHARING OUR TREASURE

Regular: \$4,786
Evangelist: \$272



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 THE PASTOR'S DESK:

New Mass Schedule Starting After Easter

As everyone may or may not be aware, there are only three priests actively assigned to the parishes of the city of Albany: Fr. Torres is responsible for the four churches downtown, which includes a Mass in Spanish, and Fr. Yusko and I (Fr. Quinn) are responsible for All Saints, Mater Christi, Blessed Sacrament, and the Shrine of Our Lady of the Americas, which also includes a Mass in Spanish, and a Mass in Urdu. St. Vincent, meanwhile, is taken care of by Mrs. Elizabeth Simcoe and older priests. Our neighboring suburban parishes also share priests between multiple parishes, in Colonie, Delmar, Westmere, etc. Retired priests, and hospital chaplains who have minimal time for parish work, help all of our parishes when the parish priests can't be present. I'm so grateful that they are all happy to help when called! But unfortunately, relying on so many priests in their 80s means that we must always be on the lookout for two things: the future priests of our parishes, which come from our families and parishes, and a schedule that doesn't rely heavily on octogenarians. Currently around the city and suburbs of Albany, there are 9 vigil Masses at 4:00. With just a few parish priests, and just under half of these Masses currently served by priests in their 80s, this is going to be impossible to sustain. The same goes for Sunday mornings, when the bulk of Masses land within the "Goldilocks Zone" of 9:00-10:30 AM. Masses that start within these times are generally more well-attended and have a greater variety of people. This might be because of the type of schedules young families with young children keep, because of the need for some people to ramp up to get going in the morning, or simply because a later time allows people who are up early all week to sleep in a little later. And it's not just the Masses that priests need to attend to; Sundays also have Faith Formation for young people, families, and those joining the Church through OCIA. Sometimes we get to celebrate a Baptism, or have time for Adoration, or the parish has a reception, or we are burning the palm for the ashes for Ash Wednesday. In short, there is a way to do Sundays better, so that we can all be together for the Lord's Day without having to have the priests leave immediately. Therefore, a new schedule is being developed for my parishes of Mater Christi, Blessed Sacrament, All Saints, and the Shrine (formerly St. Patrick) that can be handled, if need be, by only the active priests, with minimal help from our senior priests. **Stay tuned, because there is more to come on this topic next week.**



Holy Hour for Peace

Thurs, Feb. 19 at 7pm
Blessed Sacrament Church,
607 Central Ave., Albany
with Bishop Mark O'Connell

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.

Congratulations to Eleanor, Valentina, Anaya, Barritt, Emilio, Madelyn, Vera, Jaemario and Landen, as they received the gift of Reconciliation for the very first time last week. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to prepare for their first Eucharist in May.

Our next large group session is Sunday, February 22. 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. Please watch your email for additional sacramental preparation sessions.

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, 9a.m. (English) and 11 a.m. (Spanish); Mass & Adoration on the 1st Fridays of each month 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."



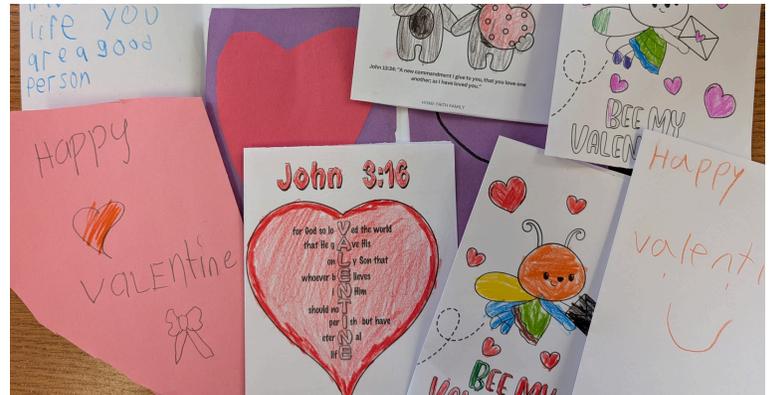
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-We have a new school Instagram! Please follow it!
https://www.instagram.com/blessedsacrament_school/

-The new School Website will be up and running very soon!

-February Break is scheduled for 2/16 through 2/20; no school that week.

-Religion students are creating handmade Valentine's Day cards for Blessed Sacrament Church's homebound and nursing facility parishioners. Spanish classes are also joining in!



The School Bucks Award Ceremony!
Wednesday, March 4, 2026 @ 5:30 pm
Colonie Center main court



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!

February Bonus Points

3x Points

-Famous Footwear, Torrid, Carter's, JD Sports

4x Points

-Verizon, Zales, Ulta, Upstate Thrift & Apparel

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (2/14/26)

Pro Populo (for the people)

Sunday (2/15/26)

† Daniel Lamphere
Daniel Lockart - 5th anniversary
† Richard Francis
† William Stevens

Monday (2/16/26)

♥ Michael Anthony Sparks
♥ Mesalina Terry
† Natale James

Tuesday (2/17/26)

♥ Libby McKeen
† Jim Fuller

Wednesday (2/18/26)

♥ David Seaman
♥ Kayla-Grace Charles
† Mary E. Barth
† Jack & Brian Cromie

Thursday (2/19/26)

♥ Bill C.

Friday (2/20/26)

Saturday (2/21/26)

† Robert Foley
† Florence, Joseph & Richard Zabinski
† V. Joseph Zell

Sunday (2/22/26)

♥ Tammy Forster
♥ The Matsui Cromie Family
† Jan Mika Jr.
† Joseph Palumbo

*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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**Jean Huber, Heidi Stack, Michelle Syrotynski,
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Sr. Maureen Joyce Outreach Center

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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.

*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, juice (32 oz), bar soap, toothbrush & toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, and household cleaning products.**

Food Pantry numbers: Households - 145, Children - 104, Adults - 230, and Seniors - 53

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