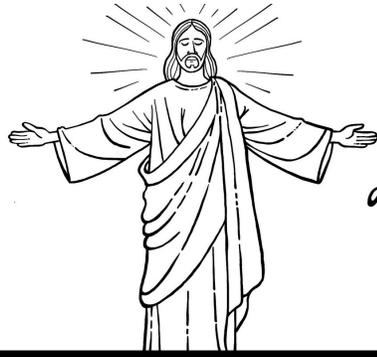


BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206



*Rise
and do not be
afraid.*

MATTHEW 17:7



March 1st

2026

2nd Sunday of Lent

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: New Mass Schedule Starting After Easter

NEW MASS SCHEDULE ON THE BACK!

Every club, a gardening club, a book club, a hiking club, a bowling club, a volunteer organization, or political party needs to have club meetings. Finding times that work for everyone is one of the hardest parts of keeping everyone organized and while newsletters and other forms of media help, including social media, people have to be in the same room together, see each other in-person in order to build the bonds of the community and accomplish the works of the club, whether it's bowling, gardening, hiking, or putting together the St. Patrick's Day Parade. As members of the Christian family, our most important "family meeting" or "club meeting" is the time we have each week for the Lord's Day, at the Lord's Supper. We're more than a club, we are the church, formed by God as a family, as his children. We meet regularly on the Lord's Day around His table, for what we describe as the "source and summit" of our faith, the celebration of the Eucharist. From this flows our strength and our mission and our vision and our context for the rest of our life's work. And each week we bring back to that Sunday Eucharist the joys, successes, sorrows, and failures, looking for help, transformation, and the care that comes from Our Father. So making sure the Mass is a treasured part of our week, and being prepared to do it well, are so important. This is a bigger movement or mission than any of the rest. We're involved in helping the salvation of the world. To do it properly, we need to have everyone together, from young to old, and we need a priest. Without enough men taking on the role of a priest, living the priestly life, we have to rearrange our Sundays so that we can do this well. Of course, the ultimate solution is to grow more priests out of our families. We all hope and pray that the life and ministry of priesthood is attractive to men, so that God's calling to them to priesthood can be heard and encouraged: by the community, by families, and by the example that our current priests set by their love, service, and self-sacrifice. It's very different from other walks of life that can be so attractive, but is nonetheless a fulfilling way of life for those who are called to it.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (During Lent)

Friday | (After 12 pm Mass) 12:30 pm & 6 pm (Urdu)

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please contact the priests at (518)482-3375.

If no one answers, please leave a message.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (2/28/26)

♥ Bill C.

† Carol Young

† Joseph Montimurro

† William "Bill" Stevens

Sunday (3/1/26)

♥ Sarah Hollo

♥ Libby McKeen

† William Stevens

Monday (3/2/26)

♥ Marcy Hill

† Baney Bologna

Tuesday (3/3/26)

† Helen F. Prall

Wednesday (3/4/26)

† Jack & Brian Cromie

Thursday (3/5/26)

† James B. Ryan (10th Anniversary)

† Nora Lou Prall

† Josephine Busch

Friday (3/6/26)

♥ Michael Anthony Sparks

† Deceased members of the Brennan, Neilon,

Krzyzanek & Zakens families

Saturday (3/7/26)

† Gary Matthews

† V. Joseph Zell

Sunday (3/8/26)

Pro Populo (Mass for the people)

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.

BAPTISMS

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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.

*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

THIS WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (2/28-3/1)

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 33

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (3/7-3/8)

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:3-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 95

SECOND READING: Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

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DONATIONS FOR ROSE COLORED VESTMENTS

Any money received above the cost of the vestments will be used to replace the altar servers' albs, which are in great need of being replaced.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Faith Formation continues to meet monthly with sessions for all ages and preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

Please pray for Eleanor, Valentina, Anaya, Emilio, Madelyn, Vera, Jaemario and Landen who continue preparing for First Communion with a retreat this weekend.

Our next large group session is this Sunday, March 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!



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-A **First Communion Retreat** for parents and students to participate in together will be held on Sunday, March 1st after Blessed Sacrament Church's 9 a.m. Mass until noon in the school gym. This retreat is for students who will receive the sacrament of First Communion this year. The purpose is to deepen the understanding of the sacrament. *Both school families and Faith Formation families are invited to attend.*

-Friday, March 6th is a **half day** (noon dismissal). Aftercare will be available.

-Our New School Website is Live! Please check it out!



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 & 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."

HELP US SECURE EXTRA SCHOOL BUCKS POINTS!!

Schools will earn bonus points just for attending—200 points for every student and 400 points for each faculty or staff member present!

Wednesday, March 4, 2026 @ 5:30 pm
131 Colonie Center, Albany, New York 12205



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

Reflections on the life of St. Francis of Assisi during the 800 th anniversary of his death.

The Poor Man Who Gave Up Everything—And Gained More Besides

On Jan. 10 th , Pope Leo XIV declared 2026 a “Year of St. Francis” to celebrate the 800 th Anniversary of the humble Friar’s passing from this world to the glory of Heaven.

Francis was born wealthy, and as a young man, he loved to party and have fun. But he rejected earthly fame and fortune, and embraced poverty—giving away all he owned, literally stripping the clothing from his back and embracing poor people themselves—so as to experience Christ more closely. In so doing, Francis learned to see God not only in the people he met, but in every created thing, from water to fire, air and wild animals, a connectedness he memorably celebrated in the beautiful Canticle of Creation song that he wrote, and which is one of the earliest examples of popular poetry or literature written in the common language, easily understood by everyone. Ironically, it was Francis’ desire to live a life of humility and drastic poverty that made him more famous and successful, attracting men and women even to this day who are seeking to copy his example and live in peace with God and all his creation. Of Francis, Pope Leo said his life “points to the authentic source of peace. Peace with God, peace among human beings, and with creation are inseparable dimensions of a single call to universal reconciliation.” This Lent, as Christians look for things and experiences to “give up” in order to deepen our own faith, we can learn for the “Poverello,” the Little Poor Man, who gave up everything and in return, gained even more. Peace and all good!

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Regular: \$5,942

Black and Native American: \$964



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To donate online, scan the QR code above or visit secure.myvanco.com/YHAN/home.

Starting the Sunday after Easter (April 11/12), the Mass schedule will be as follows:

All Saints - 4:00 Saturday (Confession at 3:00); in place of two Masses on Sunday at 8:00 and 10:30, there will be one Mass at 10:00.

Blessed Sacrament - 4:00 Saturday moves to 5:00 PM (Confession at 4:00); 9:00 Sunday stays put. 6:00 PM Sunday in the Urdu language for the Pakistani people continues according to the availability of the visiting priest who speaks the language (when he is unavailable, there is a simpler prayer gathering at 6:00, but parishioners attend another Mass time).

Shrine of Our Lady of the Americas - 9:00 Sunday continues only with retired priests; when none are available, parishioners attend another Mass; 11:00 in Spanish.

Mater Christi - 4:00 Saturday moves to 5:30 PM (Confession at 4:45); 8:00 Sunday stays put; 10:30 Sunday moves to 11:00 AM.

Confession precedes the Saturday Masses, but if a priest is coming from another church, the time for confession may be shortened.

Other opportunities for confession:

11:30 AM - M/W/F at St. Mary

12:30-1:30 on T/Th at Blessed Sacrament

4:00-5:30 PM - Wed at Mater Christi

7:30-9:00 AM - 1st Saturdays at Blessed Sacrament

P.S. When Mass times change at a parish, statistically, people often keep their preferred Mass time rather than their parish. I find this interesting because I have always thought of a parish as the group, who would stick together no matter what time they would meet for Mass. Of course, studies have shown that generally people don't think like this, except in small towns or rural areas where there might only be one Mass at a parish anyway. But apparently, usually, people might drive a little farther to keep the time they like to keep the routine to which they have become accustomed. A good question for discussion, then, is, how you do think about your Mass time and place? How do your neighbors think about it? What are the priorities at play? I have shared my thoughts for a few weeks now, and I'll have a little more next week.

THE OVER 50 CLUB

Will meet Monday March 2nd at 12:30 p.m. in the church hall. Bring your lunch, beverage and something to share. For more info call: Anne Snyder @ (518) 869-5247

ROSARY GUILD

Will meet on Thursday March 12th at 12:30pm in the Church basement. We'll be collecting feminine hygiene products for the food pantry, and handing out Easter cards to be sent to the Home bound and Nursing Homes. There will be corned beef sandwiches for lunch. Also keep making baby blankets, and sweater sets for our Baby Shower on Sunday April 12th. All women of the Parish are welcome to attend.