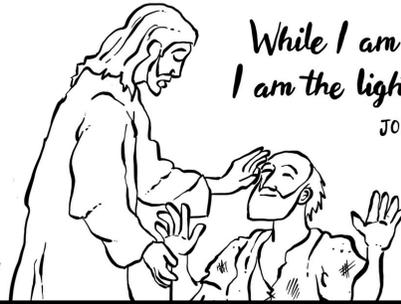
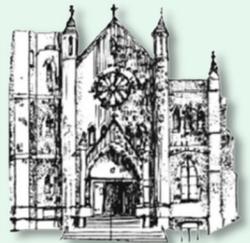


BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206



*While I am in the world,
I am the light of the world.*

JOHN 9:5

March 15th
2026

4th Sunday of Lent

FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH

Today's Gospel tells us the story of Jesus healing of the man born blind. It invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made known. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also don't believe that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind. Our Gospel has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

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 | 12:30 pm (after the 12 pm Mass) & 6 pm (Urdu)

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (3/14/26)

† Betty Canopy
† V. Joseph Zell
† Victor Alicea Sr.

Sunday (3/15/26)

♥ Virginia Cromie
♥ Tammy Forster
† Allyssa Tillson Moody

Monday (3/16/26)

† Joseph Yong-Ki Kim

Tuesday (3/17/26)

♥ Bill C.
† Michael Kevin McLoughlin
† John Waldron
† Anna Gi-Sun Kim

Wednesday (3/18/26)

No Mass

Thursday (3/19/26)

♥ Helen Kim
† James B. Ryan (Birthday Anniversary)
† Bobbi & Dale Jeffers
† Angela & Anthony Nicotina
† Bianca Audino

Friday (3/20/26)

♥ Michael Anthony Sparks
† Chang-Ho Kim

Saturday (3/21/26)

♥ Bill C.
† V. Joseph Zell
† Ruthann & Frank Testa
† William Spear

Sunday (3/22/26)

† Frank & Roseann DeSorbo
† Judith Early
† Jack & Brian Cromie

*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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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, laundry detergent and household cleaning products.**

Food Pantry numbers: Households - 151, Children - 111, Adults - 260, and Seniors - 63

THIS WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (3/14-3/15)

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 23

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (3/21-3/22)

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:12-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 130

SECOND READING: Romans 8:8-11

GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

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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 will meet this weekend to continue to prepare for their upcoming First Communion on May 3 at the 9am mass.

Our next large group session is next 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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For more than 50 years, state lawmakers have been required to reimburse Catholic and other nonpublic schools for the full cost of complying with administrative mandates such as collecting and reporting student data on attendance, tests, and immunization records. The state, however, owes more than \$30 million in overdue reimbursement to our schools, including more than \$11 million for complying with the state’s student immunization program (SSIP). As lawmakers negotiate a state budget, please add your voice to help secure these needed funds for our Catholic schools!

Here is the link to Compose Your Message!

<https://www.nyscatholic.org/action-center?vsrc=%2FCampaigns%2F134607%2FRespond>



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

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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.”

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!

March Bonus Points

3x Points

-L.L. Bean, Stitch-N-Time, Simply Beautiful, and Paul Mitchell

4x Points

-Box Luch, Ulta Beauty, Lids, and Sephora

OFFERTORY: SHARING OUR TREASURE

Regular: \$5,906



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

I know that this change of Mass times will not be easy for some, and I'm sorry for the need to make adjustments. However, circumstances are what they are. I hope that my explanations over the last five weeks have shown how complex the difficulties are. I know that I see all 10 Masses across the four churches, while most people only see one or two, at their own usual Mass times, and changing our routines can be difficult. When being tasked with 4 churches and their schools, I also had to greatly adjust the patterns and routines of my life. And of course there are more considerations, with Masses at the hospital, convent, and other parishes, that I have not gone into. As a gentle reminder, not everyone who belongs to our parishes has the luxury to travel, who instead attend their closest church, who walk or use public transportation. Making sure the Mass schedule takes their needs into consideration was also one of the priorities I had, along with the people who helped me assemble the new schedule. As a final note, I'd encourage us all to remember the importance of encouraging serious consideration of the vocations God calls us to. More and more often nowadays, serious decisions are put off. While in the past, teenagers were visiting convents, religious orders, seminaries, and then in their 20s made these commitments, these days it's after university or the beginning of a career that these vocations are being considered. Marriage, too, is happening later in life, with the result that children are being born parents in their late 20s and 30s. Add to that the fear that some have to make a commitment because it necessarily involves sacrifice, and all of this contributes to the priesthood not being something men are considering, or see as having much value by contrast to the other good choices out there. But I guarantee it does. It has such great value and is such a good life to live, despite it being a different set of sacrifices from those of married life. So please encourage young men to consider the priesthood, or religious life. Encourage young men and women to be strong in their convictions to make commitments to each other in marriage, or in the consecrated life as sisters or brothers. And it all starts with encouraging them to belong to the church at all, to being baptized and active members of our Church, living the challenge of the Christian life, and the call to holiness that God has for all of us.

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The Franciscan Jubilee Indulgence

Reflections on the 800th anniversary of the Saint's death

One night in 1216, while Francis was immersed in prayer, a radiant light lit up the church and he saw above the altar Christ and his Holy Mother, surrounded by a multitude of angels. They asked Francis what he wanted for the salvation of souls. Francis replied, "I ask that all those persons who have repented, and confessed their sins, and come to this church may obtain a full and generous pardon, and a complete remission of all their faults." "What you ask for is very great!" the Lord said to Francis, since Plenary Indulgences were given only to knights during medieval times who fought for a holy cause, like the Crusades. St. Francis was able to put it in reach of all! During this Year of St. Francis, celebrating 800 years since the death of our Holy friend, Pope Leo XIV has extended the Plenary indulgence to the whole world and it can be applied to oneself or to a baptized deceased. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines an indulgence as "remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian, who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints." (CCC 1471) The six steps required for obtaining the plenary indulgence include: 1. Visit, in the form of a pilgrimage, any place of worship named after St. Francis (There are two churches dedicated in honor of St. Francis in Albany, on Delaware Avenue and in the South End); 2. Spend time in prayer, focusing on the example of St. Francis, his love for all and his zeal for peace among people. 3. Conclude your prayer with the "Our Father," Nicene Creed, and invocations ("Pray for us") to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Clare and all the Saints of the Franciscan Family; 4. Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, Pope Leo; 5. Attend Mass and receive Holy Communion, and 6. Participate in sacramental confession within 20 days. The elderly, the sick and those who, for serious reasons, cannot leave their homes can obtain the plenary indulgence by spiritually joining in the Jubilee celebrations and offering their prayers, pains or sufferings to God. The Franciscan Jubilee Year is considered a gift for the entire Church and an occasion for genuine spiritual renewal, an opportunity for each of us, in the words of Pope Leo, "following the example of the Saint of Assisi, to become a model of holiness of life and a constant witness of peace."

Holy Name Society's Monthly Raffle Drawing

\$200 - 1st Prize = Mike Strycharz

\$50 - 2nd Prize = Michelle Mineau

\$25 - 3rd Prize = Helen Borgo

Next Meeting & Drawing is April 1st, with 6 Prizes:

#200-\$75-\$50 & Three \$25's for 6 Prizes worth \$400

Total Prizes. HNS thanks you for your support