

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206

Give the Lord
glory and honor

-PSALM 96



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October 18
2026

Twenty-ninth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time

FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH:

We have been reading the Gospel of Matthew, and we can see how each week the Jewish leaders become increasingly agitated at Jesus. Today, Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have needed a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favored the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus' response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus' response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that we can adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honor that we owe to God?

MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

Monday | 7 am
Tuesday & Thursday | 12 pm
Wednesday | 9:00 am

SATURDAY VIGIL

4 pm

SUNDAY

9 am & 6 pm Urdu

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday | 12:30 pm
Saturday | 3 pm

ADORATION

Tuesday | 12:30 pm

1ST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

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

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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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (10/17/26) 4:00 pm

† Luz Mercader
♡ Kayla-Grace & Natasha Charles
† Thomas Warner
♡ Bill C

Sunday (10/18/26) 9:00 am

† Amelia & Benny Lattanzio
† Otis & Margaret Signor
† Mary Pirolozzi

Monday (10/19/26) 7:00 am

♡ Bill C
† John McLoughlin

Tuesday (10/20/26) 12:00 pm

Wednesday (10/21/26) 9:00 am

Thursday (10/22/26) 12:00 pm

† Elizabeth Rothmund
† Honikel & Mayer Families
† Luz Mercader

Friday (10/23/26) NO MASS

Saturday (10/24/26) 4:00 pm

Pro Populo
For the People

Sunday (10/25/26) 9:00 am

† Jennifer Alicea
† Ulrich Tedschi
† Mary Spear (birthday)

The will be a special Mass at
Sacred Heart Church in N. Albany
on Monday Oct. 19

for the feast of **St. Isaac Jogues & Comp.**
5:30 Rosary - 6:00 Mass - 6:30 Coffee Hour

*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

WEDDINGS

FUNERALS

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WORKS OF MERCY

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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.

*We are accepting Fall/Winter items now. We will begin accepting Christmas items in November.

FOOD PANTRY

*Our food pantry is open on Mondays and Thursdays, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

*Items currently needed at our food pantry: reusable shopping bags (do not need to be new), diapers, personal and feminine hygiene, household cleaning products, coffee and infant/toddler and men's warm coats.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY - Raffle Prize Winners for October: \$200 1st = S. Coleman, \$50 2nd = Shawn Craggs and \$25 3rd = Shawn Craggs. Next Meeting & Raffle Drawing is November 4th at 6:30 pm; all parish men are invited to attend. November will have 3 Additional \$25 Winners & December will have 6 Additional \$25 Winners - get your tickets from officers OR call Gene Loparco (518) 265-0242, to mail tickets.

THIS WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (10/18/26)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 96

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-21

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

SECOND READING:

GOSPEL:

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FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Blessed Sacrament's Faith Formation program was created to help families grow deeper in their faith and love for God. It also serves as a pathway for children to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation (Confession), First Eucharist, and Confirmation.

Faith Formation meets once a month after the 9 a.m. Mass, from about 10 to 11:30 a.m. We first eat breakfast together and then break out into smaller groups. Parents and guardians attend as well to grow their faith alongside their children.

Our first session was September 20 and it was so great to see so many new and returning families! But it's not too late to register and join the next session **THIS SUNDAY, October 18!**

To register, visit blessedsacramentalbany.org/, click on "Programs," then "Faith Formation." If you have any questions, please call or e-mail our office: (518) 438-5854; faithformationbsc@gmail.com. We would love to have your family join us!

Please pray for our candidates who will receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit at the Sacrament of Confirmation on December 2 at St. Vincent De Paul Church:

**Kinslee, Narkie, Sabrina, Roman
Emery, Parker, Anthony**

May the Lord strengthen them to live as faithful witnesses of Christ and active members of our parish community.



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~Thank you so much to everyone who attended and participated in our school's Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, October 15th! We greatly appreciate your input and insight about the possibility of bringing a middle school back to BSS.

~Our faculty members did a wonderful job in ministry roles at our school Mass on Wednesday, October 14th! Everyone is welcome to join us for this Mass at 9 a.m. every Wednesday ... it's not only for our students and teachers!

~This past week was School Lunch Week, and the theme on Wednesday was circus fun! Ms. Michelle set up special circus-themed decorations, served circus animal-shaped chicken nuggets, and even gave out red clown noses and a special snack for students to take with them. Many thanks to Ms. Michelle for all she does every day!

~BSS would like to say a huge thank you to Officer Delaney and to the firefighters on Engine 10 from the Albany Fire Department. They took time out of their busy afternoon to spend with our students on October 8th to not only educate them about fire safety but also to allow our students to enjoy some fun on their fire truck!

~Don't forget to "like" our school's new Facebook page! Search for "Blessed Sacrament School-Albany, NY" or visit this link: www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61594360440367.



This week our teachers served at the weekly school Mass



Our students, Ms. Rosario and Mr. O'Kane enjoying Cafeteria Circus Day!

All Souls Day Memorial Mass - We will have Mass on Monday, November 2 @ 5:30 pm. We are aware that sometimes a family has experienced a miscarriage, and so we invite anyone who has suffered through this death to join us for this shared day of mourning, entrusting that child, along with all our deceased, into the loving hands of God. We're happy to include the name of the child, to be prayed for by name. Please contact the office if you would like your child's name included or other deceased loved one.

GIANTS TICKETS PACKAGE FUNDRAISER



Tickets are now on sale for a chance to win 4 tickets to the NY Giants vs The Cleveland Browns on December 20, 2026 1:00 p.m. kickoff. Reserved parking is included. Tickets are \$25 each, 5 for \$100. This is a real value for all those NY Giant fans. The raffle is benefit of our school so please promote this in your workplace, your club, your family. Posters are available in the rectory. Tickets are available by scanning the QR code to the left, office annex desk, rectory or school. You **must** include a phone number where you can be reached.

EXPENSES

Total Cost/Still needed

A/C Repair \$15,000/\$14,200
From the contractor: "You need a replacement coil, which is taller than you, Fr. Dan." This is the first major A/C repair since it was installed around 2010.

Diocesan Lawsuit Settlement.....\$1,760,000/\$1,745,00

*We're looking for donors to help with these expenses.
Thank you for your prayerful consideration!*

OFFERTORY: SHARING OUR TREASURE

Regular: \$4,295 (10/11)

2nd collections: Mission Sunday 10/18
School Support 10/25



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.

*Going forward the offertory report occasionally may be one week behind as some of the counting teams may not count until later in the week after the bulletin has been finalized. We will note which weekend the amount reported is attached to.

STAY CONNECTED

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(Sunday Masses are live streamed here)

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www.youtube.com/@BSCAlbany

Follow our Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/Blessed-sacrament_parishny

Parish Website: <https://blessedsacramentalbany.org/>

The pope's October 2026 prayer intention: "Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses."



The Diocese of Albany's Vocation Office is hosting a night of Confession and Adoration on Monday, October 26th, from 6–8 PM, with pizza to follow, at St. Pius X Church in Loudonville, NY.

During this time, there will be Adoration and Confession, along with the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Taizé Service - Tuesday Nov. 8, 7-8 at All Saints

The Christ Child Society of Albany invites you, your family and friends to a Holiday Shopping Extravaganza on Saturday, November 14 from 9:00am–3:00pm in the St. Madeleine Sophie Parish Center, 3500 Carman Road in Schenectady, NY. Come start your holiday shopping with your favorite local vendors such as Tupperware, Longaberger, Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, The Nut Lady, Just for Ewe crafts, Peacock Pots Pottery, Paper Pie with Meaghan, Sweet On You and many more while enjoying complimentary refreshments. Please join us to shop, nibble, and socialize all while supporting the CCS ministries serving the children of our community.



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OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS**
A MISSION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Rev. Francis O'Connor, Chaplain

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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."



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!