

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206



*The vineyard
of the Lord
is the house
of Israel.*

-PSALM 80

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October 4
2026

Twenty-seventh
Sunday in
Ordinary Time

FROM LISANNE JENSEN

"The peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." — Philippians 4:7

Worry can easily fill our hearts. We think about our families, our health, our responsibilities, and all the uncertainties we cannot control. Yet St. Paul offers us a different way: bring everything to God in prayer.

Paul does not promise that our difficulties will simply disappear. Instead, he reminds us that when we place our concerns before God with prayer and thanksgiving, God gives us something the world cannot provide—a peace that reaches deeper than our circumstances.

St. Paul also encourages us to pay attention to what fills our minds. He tells us to dwell on whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, and worthy of praise. In a world that can often draw our attention toward fear and negativity, this is a beautiful invitation to look for signs of God's goodness all around us.

This week, when worry begins to take hold, may we turn it into prayer. May we entrust what we cannot control to God and allow the peace of Christ to guard our hearts and minds.

Fr. Quinn and Fr. Yusko and all who want to come waling from Amsterdam to Auriesville, 4th annual Eucharistic procession in honor of Isaac Jogues & Comanions: Four thousand pilgrims visited the Shrine on that first pilgrimage to the Shrine in 1885, most of whom walked 7 miles from the closest train station in Amsterdam, NY. Mark your calendars: we are once again planning to retrace the steps of the first pilgrims with our Annual Eucharistic Procession on Saturday, October 17, 2026, leaving at 7:30 a.m. from St. Mary's parish in Amsterdam and walking 7 miles along the Erie Canal rail trail to the Shrine as part of our North American Martyrs feast day weekend celebration. Check out the Shrine's calendar for details and please plan to join us if you can.

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 (10/3/26) 4:00 pm

† Luz Mercader
♡ Michael Anthony Sparks
† Thomas Warner

Sunday (10/4/26) 9:00 am

**Pro Populo
For the People**

Monday (10/5/26) 7:00 am

♡ Charles Crupi

Tuesday (10/6/26) 12:00 pm

† Christian Kalled
† Bill Bissotti

Wednesday (10/7/26) 9:00 am

Thursday (10/8/26) 12:00 pm

† Helen Zakens (53rd Ann)

Friday (10/9/26) NO MASS

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

† Luz Mercader
† Thomas Warner
♡ Michael Anthony Sparks
♡ Bill C

Sunday (10/11/26) 9:00 am

† Mary Ellen Kalled
♡ Kayla-Grace & Natashua Charles
† Howard Coons
† JoAnn Crawford

*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

Allison Samson

WEDDINGS

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WORKS OF MERCY

Sr. Patricia Lynch, Food Pantry Coordinator

**Jean Huber, Heidi Stack, Michelle Syrotynski,
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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 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, and household cleaning products.

*September statistics: Households -184, children- 157,
adults - 301 and seniors - 74.

OVER 50 CLUB

We will be meeting on **Monday October 5th** in the church
hall at 12:30. Bring your lunch and something to share.

We will be collecting our \$5.00 dues. For more info call
Anne Snyder at: (518) 869-5247.

BLANKET MINISTRY

Thank you to everyone who has been making baptismal
blankets, I happy to say we have enough on hand for many
baptisms! Now, the next ask is if you would continue to
make blankets any color(s) for our Christ Child Society.

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (10/4/26)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 80

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:6-9

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-43

THIS WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (10/11/26)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-10a

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 23

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

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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 on 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!

New this fall: we have added preschoolers to Faith Formation! Pre-K, K, and Grade 1 will have a combined gathering for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in our brand-new atrium with Ms. Maria!



Mr. Michael T. O'Kane, Principal
Kerry Barlow, Administrative Assistant

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BlessedSacramentSchoolAlbany

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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, 9 a.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."

Fall has officially arrived, and we are looking forward to all that October has in store for our students and families!

~This past week, we completed our first lockdown drill and fire drill of the school year. We were grateful to have members of the Albany Fire Department here to guide us and help us. These drills are an important part of keeping our students and staff safe.

~Please note that on Friday, October 9th, there will be no aftercare.

~Monday, October 12th: school will be closed for Columbus Day.

~Thursday, October 15th: Town Hall Meeting, 6 p.m. in the school gym. Please join us here at Blessed Sacrament School for an important Town Hall meeting as we discuss the possibility of bringing our Middle School back to BSS. We would very much like to hear from our parents and families as we look toward the future of our school.

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!

September Bonus Points

3x Points

-Avis, Express, Lark & Lavender, Sephora

4x Points

-Claire's, Foot Locker, Kay Jewelers, Ulta

FALL FUNDRAISER Congratulations to our Winners!

1st prize - Ed McMahon - \$1,000
 2nd prize - Thomas Carlson - \$500
 3rd prize - Anthony Brea - \$100
 3rd prize - Ruth Amodeo - \$100
 3rd prize - Blessed Sacrament School - \$100
 Mary Obru sold the most tickets
 Joe Dobek second most tickets sold
 Kion Spann - student that sold the most
 The raffle, after expenses, earned \$6,107.

EXPENSES

Total Cost/Still needed

A/C Repair \$15,000/\$14,450
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

Organ Repairs covered in full - Thank you!!

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

OFFERTORY: SHARING OUR TREASURE

Regular: \$4,359 (9/26/27)

Catholic University: \$806 (9/26/27)

Next 2nd collection:

Mission Sunday 10/18



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.

PLEASE NOTE: 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

"Like" us on Facebook:

(Sunday Masses are live streamed here)

facebook.com/BlessedSacramentCatholicChurch

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."



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.



Tuesday, 22 September there was a meeting of a subcommittee of the school board, we discussed the possibility of resuming a full middle school at Blessed Sacrament. With all the other middle schools of the City of Albany, public or private, clear across town, with the exception of Kipp, which has a particular focus, we believe it is worth exploring the possibility of resuming Catholic, private, middle school education for our neighborhood.

To that end, we're going to have an exploratory town-hall-style meeting for school families, parishioners, and the people of our neighborhood, all of whom may have a vested interest in our resuming our middle school. The meeting to be scheduled Thursday, Oct. 15 at 6:00 PM

We are going to e-mail and promote through the neighborhood associations (thank you Michelle Syrontinski) and the city (thank you Frank Zeoli), and also by door-to-door leafleting the neighborhood and the flyers are being designed by Arianna. And of course through social media. We need several people to work in teams to leaflet and door knock in the neighbor, if you can help us. This will happen during the day over the course of several days and, if you can only help once, that's great too. More details to follow.

Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons School Open House

Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons School, 2600 Albany Street, Schenectady, NY, will be hosting an Open House for prospective students and families on Wednesday, October 14, from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm.