BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

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First Sunday of Advent

The Deacon's Bench:

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, which occurred I. 70 AD.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know that our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

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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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (11/28/26) 4:00 pm
✝ Josephine K Foley
✝ Florence & Phillip Ladouceur
✝ Thomas Warner

Sunday (11/29/6) 9:00 am
✝ James 'Mitch' Mitchell
✝ Elvira & Luigi Cosentino
Intentions of the Heffernan Family
♡ Michael Anthony Sparks

Monday (11/30/26) 7:00 am
✝ Joseph & Frances Bologna
✝ Ronald J Coleman

Tuesday (12/1/26) 12:00 pm
♡ Bill C
♡ Helen Kim (bday)
✝ Eileen Karis

Wednesday (12/2/26) 9:00 am
✝ Lillian M Coleman
♡ Michael Anthony Sparks
✝ Henry & Sandra Wilson

Thursday (12/3/26) 12:00 pm
✝ Mary Lou Flanagan
✝ Zellerita McKnight

Friday (12/4/26) NO MASS

Saturday (12/5/26) 4:00 pm
Pro Populo
For the People

Sunday (12/6/26) 9:00 am
♡ Bill C
✝ Kalled Family
✝ Elvira & Luigi Cosentino
♡ Malgorzata & Iveneusz Wittbrodt*
(*Margaret & Eric 40th Ann)

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 Saturday 9 a.m. to noon.
Donation drop offs are Tuesday & Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.
Check out Blessed Sacrament's Facebook page for a TikTok about The Boutique.

FOOD PANTRY

We are always in need of personal & feminine hygiene products, household cleaning products and coffee.

ROSARY GUILD

Last call for reservations for our Christmas Brunch. Please call Marge Mineau at 518-250-4080 by Sunday, November 29.

OVER 50 CLUB

Over 50 Club will meeting Monday, December 7, 12:30 pm. in the church hall for our chicken parm luncheon, bring your beverage and an item for the food pantry. For more info call Anne Synder at 518-869-5247.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Thank you for supporting Holy Name Society's Monthly $1 Raffle Program. Next month. HNS will have SIX additional prizes; a Total of $525 Prizes (1st = $275, 2nd = $75 and 3rd to 7th = $25 each). All parish men are invited to attend the 6:30 pm meeting and drawing, on DECEMBER 2nd, in the church basement.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are in need of a few people to visit our homebound once a month. We are also looking for volunteers to visit our homebound and nursing home folks for Christmas.

THIS WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (11/22/26)

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 23
SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (11/29/26)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 80
SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
GOSPEL: Mark 13:33-37

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Blessed Sacrament's Faith Formation program helps 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.

Please continue to 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, Prince and Madi
May the Lord strengthen them to live as faithful witnesses of Christ and active members of our parish community.

Our next session is Sunday, December 13. Registration is always open! 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!







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!

November Bonus Points

3x Points -Boxlunch, Lids, Regal, Claire's
4x Points -Sephora, H&M, Famous Footwear & Victoria's Secret

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From our school principal, Mr. O'Kane: "Thanksgiving is a very special time of year. It gives us an opportunity to pause, reflect, and give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. Here at Blessed Sacrament, we are especially grateful for our wonderful students, supportive families, dedicated teachers, and the entire school community that makes our school such a special place to be." We are also so thankful to the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Church as well as our generous donors who continually support our school -- not only financially but also with their prayers! We are blessed indeed and have so much to be grateful for!

- Regular classes at BSS will resume this Monday, 11/30
- Thanks to the kind and thoughtful contributions of our students and families, BSS was able to donate a large amount of Thanksgiving foods and supplies to Blessed Sacrament's Food Pantry through our recent Thanksgiving Food Drive! Students in Mr. Bloom's Grades 4/5 class packed up the items and brought them over to the pantry, then received a tour. Thank you to everyone who helped provide food for those in need in our community!
- BSS is organizing a field trip to our local Bimbo Bakery for students in Grades 2–5 on Friday, December 11th. We are excited about this special opportunity for our students!
- Save the date for our Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 22nd from 6 to 7 p.m. In the school gym! It'll be a beautiful and joyous evening of showcasing our students' musical talents!



A new way to donate to our School is via Clynk: donate your 5¢ bottle deposits to our school with bags tagged to our account, or donate from your account to us: account #900997295. https://www.clynk.com/

CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING Sign up for our Christmas Giving program began in early October. Food Pantry clients & eligible school families can sign up to receive one gift certificate for each child in the household who is 12 years of age or younger, along with a gift certificate to a local supermarket. Our goal this year is to serve 160 children. Your generous support in previous years has helped hundreds of families. If you can help, please drop your donation in the collection, at the Church Office table in the parking lot vestibule, at the rectory or in the mail. Indicate that the donation is for the Christmas program. Monetary donations only please. Specific stores have offered us discounts for their certificates. Thank you.



LAST CHANCE !!
GIANTS TICKETS PACKAGE FUNDRAISER

Drawing is **December 2** so time is running out to get your tickets 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. 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. **Deadline for online purchase is 11/30.**

EXPENSES

Total Cost/Still needed

A/C Repair ..... $15,000/$8,800

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.....$1,510,000/$1,490,000

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

OFFERTORY: SHARING OUR TREASURE

Regular: $ 6,490 (11/22)
Catholic Campaign for Human Development: $1,246
Upcoming 2nd collections:
Fuel 12/6
School Support 12/20

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.

The pope's November 2026 prayer intention: "Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less."



Mary, Our Lady of Light Rosary Group

When: every second and fourth Wednesday
Time: 5:30 pm (next meeting: 12/9)
Where: Blessed Sacrament Church
All are welcome!
Contact: text/call (518) 637-6311
or e-mail rosarylight@aol.com



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Mass Schedule: Sundays,9a.m. (English) and 11 a.m. (Spanish):Mass & Adoration on the 1ª 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 SPEAKING COMMUNITY

Every Sunday evening at 6 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament, we offer Mass in Urdu. All are welcome to join us!

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