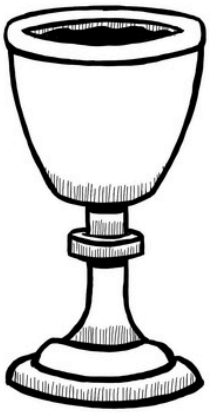
# BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206



"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God"

-Psalm 63:1

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November 8
2026

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Times

**The office is closed Wednesday 11/11 for Veterans' Day**

## THE DEACON'S BENCH

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. You may have noticed that it follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be unprepared

There was a custom in first-century Palestinian wedding traditions for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

Our parable contains several levels of interpretation. You may recall last week's Gospel spoke in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism. We see today is a continuing critique of early Judaism as it suggests the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

Today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man, who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

## RCDA WEBSITE - A NEW GROWING IN FAITH WEBPAGE

Whether you teach the faith, want to learn more, or find topics for faith group discussions, this page is for you. The Growing in Faith webpage https://www.rcda.org/growing-faith includes Bishop Mark Teaches videos, The Power of One Hour video series, the State of the Saints video series, The Called to Serve podcast, a link to Franciscan University's FREE Catechetical Institute, and links to special webpages we have created teaching about Reconciliation, Adoration, and Prayer.

# 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**

## CONTACT US

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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 (11/7/26) 4:00 pm**
✝ Ronald Guiry
✝ Thomas Warner

**Sunday (11/8/26) 9:00 am**
♡ Kayla-Grace & Natashua Charles
✝ Thomas, Eileen, & Susan Lydon
✝ Robert Merges

**Monday (11/9/26) 7:00 am**

**Tuesday (11/10/26) 12:00 pm**
✝ Helen Zakens (bday)
✝ Mary & Frank Gambacorta
✝Brian, Kathy & Maria Mooney
✝ Mary & John Lynch, Katie Lynch Farrell, Casey Ryan Lynch, Donald Partyka

**Wednesday (11/11/26) 9:00 am**
✝ Mary Ellen Kalled

**Thursday (11/12/26) 12:00 pm**
✝ Luz Mercader
♡ Michael Anthony Sparks
♡ Bill C

**Friday (11/13/26) NO MASS**

**Saturday (11/14/26) 4:00 pm**
✝ Cassie Crouchley
✝ Anthony & Mary Nardiello
✝ Antoinette Robbins

**Sunday (11/15/6) 9:00 am**
**Pro Populo**
**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.*

**THIS WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (11/8/26)**
**FIRST READING: Wisdom 6:12-16**
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 63**
**SECOND READING:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
**GOSPEL:** Matthew 25:1-13

**NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (11/15/26)**
**FIRST READING:** Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20, 31-31
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** 128
**SECOND READING:** Thessalonians 5:1-6
**GOSPEL:** Matthew 25:14-30

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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.

## FOOD PANTRY

*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, cranberry sauce, gravy and bread.
October statistics - Households-220; children-219; adults-344 and seniors-101

## ROSARY GUILD

Our meeting is Thursday, November 19 @ 12:30 pm in the Church Basement. We will be collecting sanitary products for the Food Pantry. We'll be taking reservations and money ($30) for our Christmas Brunch on December 5. We will also be passing out Christmas Cards to be sent to homebound and nursing homes. We'll be having pizza for lunch. All women of the Parish are welcome. Hope tosee you all then!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**: We are in DIRE need of assistance. We have two parishioners who wash and iron the white linen purificators, towels and corporals each month. These items are used at all Masses by the priests to purify the Chalice, Paten and his fingers before and after communion. This task is not very time consuming spending 1-1 1/2 hours per week for 4 weeks. You would then rotate this assignment with other members of the committee on a monthly basis. If you can commit to this assignment, please contact the Parish Office Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Do you consider yourself a friendly, welcoming person? If so, we are looking to create a team of greeters to welcome people before the weeknd Masses.

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.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

Holy Name Society's November $1 Raffle Winners: $275 - First = Elmo Kearsing, $75 - Second = Linda Loparco, $25 - 3rd to 6th Prizes = Sam Syrotynski, Flo Borter, David Kearsing and C. Bittner. December's Drawing will have additional $25 Prizes for Christmas, a Total of 9 Winners, selected at HNS Meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 2nd, at 7pm in the Church Basement's Foreman Room. All parish men, are invited to attend. Monies assist the church & school programs. God Bless and thank you for your supporting this Raffle Program and Donations.





## Mary, Our Lady of Light Rosary Group

When: every second and fourth Wednesday
Time: 5:30 pm (next meeting: 11/25)
Where: Blessed Sacrament Church
*All are welcome!*
Contact: text/call (518) 637-6311
or e-mail rosarylight@aol.com



# 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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- We had a wonderful Halloween celebration on Friday, October 30th in our school gym! Many thanks to everyone who sent in treats ... and what amazing costumes were displayed! Students were treated to cupcakes and a showing of "The Great Pumpkin."
- Many thanks to our students in Grades 2/3 for taking on liturgical roles (lectors, gift bearers, etc.) in this past Wednesday's school Mass! All are welcome to join us for our weekly school liturgies ... they aren't only for faculty and students!
- Next Wednesday (Veterans Day), there will be no 9 a.m. school Mass and instead the Mass will be at 7 a.m. On Wednesday, November 18, our teachers will take on the ministry roles in the 9 a.m. Mass!
- In honor of All Souls Day, religion classes decorated skulls and talked about Dia de los Muertos in Spanish-speaking cultures.

## 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.

Our Confirmation class only will have a special gathering this Sunday, November 8th immediately after the 9 a.m. Mass. Sponsors are asked to attend this session as well (if they are available); otherwise, a parent may attend in their place.

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, and Roman**

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

Our next large-group Faith Formation session will be Sunday, November 15th in the school gym after the 9 a.m Mass. It's still not too late to sign up!
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!

**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.

## 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/$8,900

*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.....$1,526,000/$1,506,000

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

### OFFERTORY: SHARING OUR TREASURE

**Regular: $5,070** (11/1)

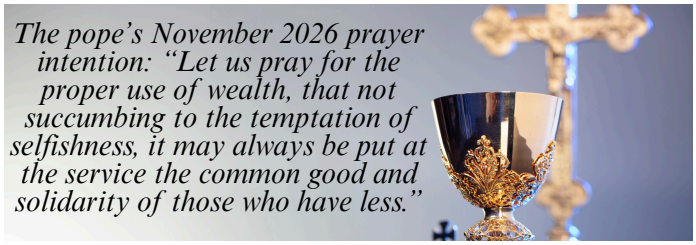
2nd collection: School Support 11/15
Campaign for Human Development 11/22

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.

### STAY CONNECTED

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Follow our Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/Blessed-sacrament_parishny
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**Memorial Mass for Deceased Priests** Saturday, November 21, 2026 at 10:30 AM, Siena College Friary Chapel, 515 Loudon Road, Loudonville. Celebrant: Father Julian Davies, OFM. Sponsored by the Community of Mary, Mother of Mercy

### St. Andrew Dinner with Bishop Mark O'Connell

Young men in high school are invited to a special dinner with Bishop Mark O'Connell, seminarians, and priests from our diocese on November 10th at the Historic St. Mary's in Albany.

This dinner will be a relaxed opportunity to meet Bishop Mark, and other faithful teens who are beginning to pray about where God is calling. During the evening, we will discuss vocational discernment, and how to know if God may be calling you to the priesthood. You do not need to want to be a priest to attend! Rather, this event is for any young man who wants to grow in his faith and remain open to God's will for his life. High school is a great time to start exploring your vocation – join us! Registration required, use information below:
https://albanypriest.org/vocation-event/nov10dinner/



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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!