

**UPDATED WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Effective **Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>**, the weekday Mass times at Blessed Sacrament Church and at all our parish network will be as follows:

Mondays:

**7 a.m.** — Blessed Sacrament Church  
**8:15 a.m.** — Mater Christi

Tuesdays:

**7 a.m.** — All Saints *(for the months of July and August)*  
**8:15 a.m.** — Mater Christi  
**8:30 a.m.** *(Spanish)* — Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas  
**12 p.m.** — Blessed Sacrament Church *(with Adoration and Confession available afterward)*

Wednesdays:

**7 a.m.** — Blessed Sacrament Church; becoming 8:15 a.m. when the school year begins *(as the weekly school Mass)*  
**5:30 p.m.** — Mater Christi *(with Adoration and Confession available beforehand)*

Thursdays:

**9 a.m.** — All Saints  
**12 p.m.** — Blessed Sacrament Church *(with Adoration and Confession available afterward)*

Fridays:

**8:15 a.m.** — Mater Christi *(also the school's Mass)*  
**6:30 p.m.** *(bilingual)* — Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

*Please note: There are Masses each weekday at noon at St. Peters hospital chapel and St. Mary's downtown. Also having weekday Masses are St. Pius, Christ the King and St. Thomas*

**DIOCESAN NEWS**

\***“Gala for Good”** will celebrate the Franciscans of Siena College and benefit Catholic Charities of the Albany Diocese. Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 p.m. at the Sarazen Student Union Center, Siena College. For more information: <https://www.ccrca.org/img/uploads/Events/GalaForGood-Digital-Invite.pdf> or call (518) 453-6650.

\***“The Power of One Hour”** video series, teaching about the Catholic Mass, is now closed captioned in English (for the hard of hearing), Spanish, and Vietnamese. The webpage gives details about how to access the closed captioning. Simply click on a video, click the little wheel at the bottom of the screen (settings icon), click subtitles, and click the option you prefer: <https://www.rcda.org/powerofonehour>.

\*A **Catholic young women's leadership forum**, offered by the Given Institute, is a five-day event designed for ages 21-35. For more information: <https://giveninstitute.com/>.

**COLLECTIONS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT**



Refinishing Gymnasium Floor  58% paid; need \$2,540  
Parking Lot Paving & Painting  73% paid; need \$3,795  
*Consider becoming a Blessed Sacrament School “Angel”! Sponsor tuition for a school student, either in full or partial — \$5,000 for one year.*

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

- 6/16 — Father's Day
- 6/19 — Juneteenth *(all parish offices closed)*
- 7/4 — Independence Day *(all parish offices closed)*

**FOOD PANTRY**

\*For every \$2.50 reusable **“Fight Hunger”** shopping bag sold during July 2024 at the Hannaford supermarket located at 900 Central Ave. (Century II Mall, Albany), our food pantry will receive \$1!

\*We are so grateful for all our amazing volunteers! Sr. Patricia would like to create a list of **backup volunteers** — especially several Spanish-speaking volunteers who could help serve the pantry on an on-call basis when someone is unable to help. Let our parish office know if you can help!

\*We need diapers in sizes newborn, 5, and 6. Also, we would like to have Spaghettios (size 15.8-oz. cans). Infant clothes and baby items are always accepted, and **our list of other needs** includes: personal hygiene items, shampoo, soap, feminine hygiene products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and coffee (not instant).

\*The food pantry is **open** Mondays and Thursdays, 10-11:30 a.m.

**THE BOUTIQUE**

\*The Boutique is not accepting winter clothing, men's suits, and Christmas items until further notice. We are still in great need of **girls' clothing**, though.

\*We are open Saturdays, 9 a.m.-noon, and accept donations on Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m.-noon.

**Colonie Center's School Bucks Program**

*Here's how it works: after shopping and dining at Colonie Center Mall, save and turn in your receipts! For every dollar spent, our school will receive two points ~ and the first-place winning school will receive \$8,000! This money would go a long way toward supporting our students in the classroom and beyond! Turn in your receipts to our parish office or at the mall's office (by Sephora).*

**June Bonus Points Opportunities:**

**3X:** H&M, Express, Cinnabon, and Five Below  
**4X:** Sbarro, Regal, Lids, and 25Silver  
*Also, receive 1,000 bonus points for each Regal receipt turned in!*

**OFFERTORY REPORT**

**Regular:** \$5,116; **Catholic Charities:** \$668

*This weekend's second collection is for School Support. Thank you so much for your constant support of our school, parish, community, and world! We are incredibly grateful for your generosity!*

*Our parish bulletin is provided by:*



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“IT IS LIKE A MUSTARD SEED, WHICH IS THE SMALLEST OF ALL THE SEEDS ON EARTH. YET WHEN PLANTED, IT GROWS AND BECOMES THE LARGEST OF ALL THE GARDEN PLANTS, WITH SUCH BIG BRANCHES THAT THE BIRDS CAN PERCH IN ITS SHADE.”

MARK 4: 31-32



**16 JUNE 2024**

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Happy Father's Day!  
God Bless all our Fathers,  
living and deceased.*

**FUNERALS**  
  
Joan Audi  
Joan Mirabile

**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**  
**Weekend Masses:** Saturdays, 4 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m. *(English)* and 6 p.m. *(Urdu)*  
**Weekday Masses:** As scheduled in the bulletin  
**Reconciliation:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:30-1:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 3-3:40 p.m.  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Tuesdays & Thursdays, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

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**Submit Bulletin Items to:** [bulletin.blessedsacrament@gmail.com](mailto:bulletin.blessedsacrament@gmail.com)

**STAY CONNECTED**  
**Parish Website:** [blessedsacramentalbany.org](http://blessedsacramentalbany.org)  
**“Like” Us on Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/blessedsacramentcatholicchurch](http://www.facebook.com/blessedsacramentcatholicchurch) *(SundayMass livestreamed here)*  
**Subscribe to Our YouTube Channel:** <https://www.youtube.com/@BSCAlbany>  
**Download myParishApp:** Text app to 55321

*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.*

<p><b>SATURDAY, 6/15/24 — 4 PM</b></p> <p>✠ Ruth Testa ✠ Eleanor M Ryan ✠ Mary Lou Coleman Campbell ✠ Frank Zickas ✠ Richard Francis</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY, 6/16/24 — 9 AM</b></p> <p>Pro Populo For the People</p> <p><b>6 PM — URDU</b></p> <p><i>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day</i></p>
<p><b>MONDAY, 6/17/24 — 7 AM</b></p> <p>✠ James Smith ✠ Wesley Ridenour ✠ Barbara Soden</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY, 6/18/24 — 12 PM</b> <i>12:30-1:30 p.m., Confession &amp; Adoration</i></p> <p>✠ Thomas Mittler ✠ John Mooney ✠ Stephen Zakens ✠ James Cennamo ✠ Jack O'Hare</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY, 6/19/24 — 7 AM</b></p> <p>♥ Christina Kim</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY, 6/20/24 — 12 PM</b> <i>12:30-1:30 p.m., Confession &amp; Adoration</i></p> <p>♥ Simon Kim ♥ Michael Anthony Sparks</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY, 6/21/24</b> <b>NO MASS</b> St. Pius - 9:00 St. Mary downtown - 12:00 St. Peter's hospital - 12:00 St. Thomas - 12:15 Our Lady of the Americas - 6:30 pm (bilingual)</p> <p><i>Memorial, St. Aloysius Gonzaga</i></p>	<p><i>Please note: Mass intentions with a ✠ indicate that the person is deceased; ♥ indicates that the person is alive.</i></p> <p><i>If you are having a Mass offered and would like to bring up the gifts, please see an usher before the liturgy begins.</i></p>
<p><b>SATURDAY, 6/22/24 — 4 PM</b></p> <p>✠ William Houlton, Jr. ✠ David Kalled ✠ Gerald Miller ✠ Virginia B Zell ✠ Leonard A Liuzzi ✠ Victor M Alicea, Sr. ✠ Cara V Liuzzi</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY, 6/23/24 — 9 AM</b></p> <p>✠ Jean Fitzgerald ✠ Norbert Crouchley ✠ Eleanor M Ryan ✠ Ellen Ann Miller</p> <p><b>6 PM — URDU</b></p> <p><i>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>

## FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus appears reluctant to reveal his identity as the Son of God. After performing miracles of healing, he warns those cured to tell no one. Also, when preaching, Jesus chooses to speak in parables, leaving them to discern his message. Only to his disciples does he explain the parable's meaning — and he does this in private at a later time.



Today's Gospel reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells those gathered that this is "how it is with the kingdom of God." A man scatters seed which, over time, sprouts and develops. Then, when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this way, it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established. Although already present in Jesus and his group of 12, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God's kingdom.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus's part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. All we need is a little faith — and God will do the rest!

Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the apostles is now given to us. But, just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in The Lord's Prayer, we pray: "Thy kingdom come." We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith. ~Deacon Gerry



**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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**Confesora Franco, Faith Formation**

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[www.ourladyoftheamericas.org](http://www.ourladyoftheamericas.org)

**Mass Schedule:** Sundays, 9 a.m. (English) and 11 a.m. (Spanish); Fridays, 6:30 p.m. (bilingual); also, beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. (Spanish).

### THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

**FIRST READING:** Ezekiel 17:22-24  
**RESPONSORIAL:** Psalm 92:2-3, 13-16  
**SECOND READING:** 2 Corinthians 5:6-10  
**GOSPEL:** Mark 4:26-34

### NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

**FIRST READING:** Job 38:1, 8-11  
**RESPONSORIAL:** Psalm 107:23-26, 28-31  
**SECOND READING:** 2 Corinthians 5:14-17  
**GOSPEL:** Mark 4:35-41

*We are searching for volunteers to help plan and execute our Parish Cookout! If you are interested in helping, please call or e-mail our parish office. Thank you!*



### NEWS FROM OUR URDU COMMUNITY

\*Fr. Francis Tanveer Maurice is working on publishing three books on **liturgical hymns** for Pakistani and South Asian Christians and is seeking some financial support. Please contact our parish office at Blessed Sacrament if you would be interested in financially supporting this effort!

\*We continue to offer a 6 p.m. Mass in **Urdu** on Sunday evenings at Blessed Sacrament.

### PARISH STAFF

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### WORKS OF MERCY

**Sr. Patricia Lynch, Food Pantry Coordinator**  
**Jean Huber, Heidi Stack, Michelle Syrotynski,**  
**and MaryEllen Walsh, The Boutique**

**Sr. Maureen Joyce Outreach Center**  
369 Livingston Ave., Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 462-9885

\*Our school would like to wish all those who are dads and father figures a super happy **Father's Day** this weekend!

\*Our **Grade 8 Graduation** is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Congratulations to all of this year's graduates ... and please keep them in your prayers!

\*The professional photos that were taken at our **Catholic Schools Reunion** on May 31<sup>st</sup> are now ready for download! Visit online: <https://clareelizabethphoto.pic-time.com/-albanycatholicsschoolsreunion2024/gallery>

\***Field Day 2024** was a hot one! Students were treated to a day full of games, snacks, races, and delicious snacks. The splash pad, Beestera Soccer clinic, and Kona Ice were all new additions to Field Day — and students and teachers would all agree that they were the cherry on top of an already incredible day! Thank you so much to all our sponsors and volunteers: Westland Hills, Beestera Soccer Training, 15Love, Kona Ice, *Capital District Transportation Authority* (CDTA), and Jani Poppins Bubble Parties!

\*Did you know that we offer an "**Angel**" program? If you are able, please consider the amazing gift of sponsoring tuition for one of our students, either in full or partial — \$5,000 for one year. Fr. Dan has brought our "sponsor-a-student angel wings" to the back of the church. You can choose a "wing" (bearing the name of a student to sponsor) or make a general donation.



2024 Spring Concert

### FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

\***Happy Father's Day** from Faith Formation! We wish all our families a blessed celebration of all the dads in their lives. And to our "fathers" at church — Fr. Quinn, Fr. Gorenski, and Fr. O'Connor — we are so grateful for your teaching and leadership!



\*While regular Faith Formation sessions have ended, please watch your e-mails for **summer events for our Confirmation candidates**. It is important that Confirmation candidates continue their preparations over the summer to prepare for the sacrament, which will be scheduled by the bishop's office for sometime in the fall. If you could, please keep all of our youth and their catechists in your prayers!

\*If you are interested in **learning more** about the Faith Formation program, registering for next year's classes, or volunteering, e-mail us at [faithformationbsc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationbsc@gmail.com).

### CATHOLIC CONNECTIONS

Here's an article about how to live out your Catholic faith after graduation: <https://focusequip.org/living-out-your-catholic-faith-after-graduation/>.



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Registration for 2024-2025 is now open!  
Please contact us for more information!

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### COMMUNITY NEWS

\*St. Pius X Church, Loudonville, is hosting a five-day **icon retreat** from June 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. Led by iconographer Veronica Royal, this unique workshop will focus on the timeless art of painting "Christ the Good Shepherd." The cost is \$750 per person with a \$200 non-refundable deposit to secure your spot. Whether you are new to the art form or have prior experience, Veronica's guidance will deepen your faith and refine your artistic abilities. To register, visit <https://form.jotform.com/241303554366049>.

\*On Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in Christ the King Church's Knights Chapel (20 Sumter Ave., Albany), **Coffee & Conversation** will welcome Fr. Pat Butler. Fr. Pat is currently pastor of St. Edward the Confessor Church, Clifton Park, where he has been assigned since 2006. He will surprise us with a topic of his choice. Come say hello and enjoy some refreshments!

\*Br. Mickey McGrath will offer a retreat called "**The Earth Is Our Mother**" on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Mary Mother of Hope Parish Center, 804 Page Blvd., Springfield, MA. The cost is \$25 preregistered by September 1<sup>st</sup> or \$30 at the door. To preregister, visit online: <https://mission.maryknoll.us/earth-mother>. Bring your own bag lunch; coffee, tea, and snacks will be provided. Questions? Contact Kevin McCarthy Nino at (914) 559-2651 or e-mail [kmccarthy@maryknoll.org](mailto:kmccarthy@maryknoll.org).

\***New Life Maternity Home**, located in Hudson, is the only Catholic maternity home in our Albany diocese and provides a refuge for pregnant moms in dire need. They address not only a woman's immediate needs but also focus on empowering them for the future. For more information, please visit their website: <https://newlifematernity.org>.