

PARISH MINISTRY NEWS

*Our annual **Family Festival** will be held September 28th! The virtual Silent Auction has become one of the most popular events at the festival. This year, we will be adding ways for everyone to participate in our Silent Auction as well as adding another special auction in the school gym. You can help ... we welcome you or someone you know to donate a basket or prize packages to be auctioned. In past years, we've had some lovely prizes: jewelry, women's accessories, themed gift baskets, event and dinner tickets, and much more. Also, keep putting those craft skills to work with items for our craft booth. Please help us make this an even bigger event this year!

*Are you an adult who is interested in joining the Catholic Church? Were you baptized in the Catholic Church but haven't yet been Confirmed? Weekly **RCIA** and adult Confirmation classes to prepare adults to receive the sacraments will begin in mid to late September. We meet for an hour in the church immediately after the 9 a.m. Sunday Mass. If you are interested, please call the parish office and leave your name and contact information. A start date will be announced as soon as it is available.

*Would you like to help plan and execute our **Parish Cookout**? Please call or e-mail our parish office if you would like more information and are interested in helping!

DIOCESAN UPDATES

*The Albany Diocese is hosting the **Step Up Men's Conference** on Saturday, August 10th from 8:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at St. Edward the Confessor Church, Clifton Park. This conference will give men the tools needed to grow in holiness in everyday life. The event will include presentations from Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger and Mike Gormley; Reconciliation; Mass; Adoration; praying the Rosary; refreshments; and lunch. Early registration cost is \$50 per person until July 31st and includes lunch. College age and younger men are admitted free of charge. For more information and to register: <https://www.rcda.org/StepUp>.

*The 52nd annual **Marriage Jubilee Celebration** will be held Sunday, September 29th at 3 p.m. at Christ Our Light Church, 1 Maria Dr., Loudonville. Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Scharfenberger will celebrate Mass at 3 p.m. and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the Parish Hall at Christ Our Light immediately following Mass. Please register through your parish office or by e-mail to Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org.

***Faith enrichment event survey:** our diocese is planning a spring enrichment-type event for the future! Make your voice heard about the best dates and times. Volunteers are also needed! <https://forms.gle/Nih5FFqpG3YrGs92A>

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 **currently need** peanut butter, elbow pasta, tuna, tomato sauce, personal and feminine hygiene items, and diapers in sizes 3 and 4.

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

THE BOUTIQUE

*We're not accepting winter clothing, men's suits, and Christmas items until further notice. We still greatly need **children's clothing**, however.

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

It's blazing hot outside. Know what's cool? Turning your Colonie Center Mall shopping receipts into money to support our school! Here's how it works:

- After shopping and dining, you (and family and friends) can fill out the form from the mall's Management Office and either place it in the drop box at the Security Desk (located near the Regal entrance) along with your original receipts, or show your original receipts at the Management Office (located past the bathrooms near Sephora) to accumulate points. Shoppers must specify that the points should be allocated to Blessed Sacrament School.
- BSS receives 2 points per \$1 spent. A minimum of 8,000 shopping points is required to qualify our school to win.
- School Bucks is based on actual dollars spent by personal visits of family members, friends, and supporters of each participating school (not a receipt drive).
 - All receipts must be redeemed within 60 days of the purchase date. Receipts are collected 1/1/24 until 1/15/25.

July Bonus Points Opportunities:
3X: Express, Cinnabon, H&M, and Five Below
4X: 25Silver, Lids, Regal, and Sbarro
Also: Receive 1,000 bonus points for Regal receipts!

OFFERTORY REPORT

Regular: \$5,570. Our second collection next weekend is for Peter's Pence.

Our parish bulletin is provided by:



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Like Sheep Without a Shepherd



21 JULY 2024

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<p>BAPTISMS</p> <p>Maximus Arminius Hubert Malia Abemnuj Fonjiyang</p> <p>FUNERALS</p> <p>WEDDINGS</p>	<p>SATURDAY, 7/20/24 — 4 PM</p> <p>Pro Populo For the People</p>	<p>SUNDAY, 7/21/24 — 9 AM</p> <p>☩ Mary Alice & Edwin C Kunkel ☩ Roberta Krug ♥ Hafiz Zaman (healing)</p> <p>6 PM — URDU</p> <p><i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>
	<p>MONDAY, 7/22/24 — 7 AM</p> <p>☩ Joseph Szczepkowski ☩ Joan Guliano ☩ Mercy Frances</p> <p><i>Feast of St. Mary Magdalene</i></p>	<p>TUESDAY, 7/23/24 — 12 PM 12:30-1:30 p.m., Confession & Adoration</p> <p>☩ John Szczepkowski ☩ Corey Comperatore</p>
	<p>WEDNESDAY, 7/24/24 — 7 AM</p> <p>☩ Thomas Matthew Crooks</p>	<p>THURSDAY, 7/25/24 — 12 PM 12:30-1:30 p.m., Confession & Adoration</p> <p>☩ Lawrence & Anne Gallo Thanksgiving for answered prayers</p> <p><i>Feast of St. James</i></p>
	<p>FRIDAY, 7/26/24</p> <p>NO MASS</p> <p><i>Memorial, Sts. Joachim and Anne</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>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.</p> <p>CONTACT US 607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206 Website: www.blessedsacramentalbany.org Office Phone: (518) 482-3375 Office E-mail: blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Submit Bulletin Items to: bulletin.blessedsacrament@gmail.com</p> <p>STAY CONNECTED Parish Website: blessedsacramentalbany.org "Like" Us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/blessedsacramentcatholicchurch (Sunday Mass livestreamed here) Subscribe to Our YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/@BSCAlbany Download myParishApp: Text app to 55321</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>	<p>SATURDAY, 7/27/24 — 4 PM</p> <p>☩ Peter Rosenberger ☩ Yvonne Catalano ♥ Michael Anthony Sparks</p>	<p>SUNDAY, 7/28/24 — 9 AM</p> <p>☩ Mildred Lesch</p> <p>6 PM — URDU</p> <p><i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>

COLLECTIONS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

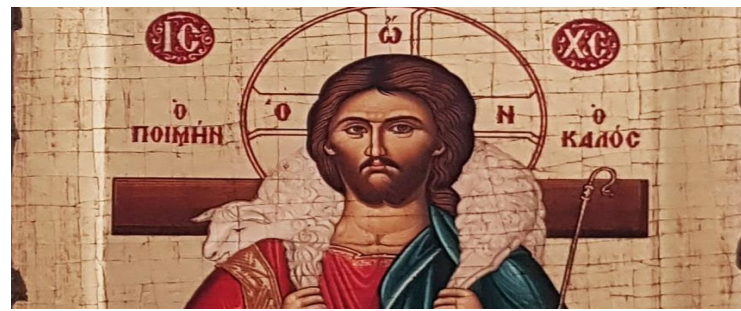
Refinishing Gymnasium Floor ██████████ 58% paid; need \$2,540
 Parking Lot Paving & Painting ██████████ 73% paid; need \$3,795

*Consider becoming a Blessed Sacrament School "Angel"!
 Sponsor tuition for a school student, either in full or partial — \$5,000 for one year.*

A MESSAGE FROM FR. YUSKO

In last week's Gospel, we encountered Christ sending out his disciples two by two with the authority and task to cast out demons and heal the sick as well as to preach and teach. As you can imagine, none of these tasks are effortless. To boldly confront and free those in possession of the enemy; to caress and restore to health the sick and the dying; and to instruct the ignorant and boldly proclaim the good news to those who either do not believe it or will not accept it — each of these tasks is physically, mentally, and spiritually taxing. And so, it is consoling to find that upon the successful return of the exhausted and famished apostles, Jesus invites them to rest: "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place to rest awhile."

In this short yet tender invitation, we see the compassion of Jesus. It is revealed to us that Jesus does not demand the impossible. Does he demand everything that we have and are? Yes. For we are to love the Lord our God with all of our hearts, souls, minds, and strength. Yet, in this demand he sees, understands, and respects our weaknesses and limitations and meets us in them. When we are utterly spent in our effort to serve him, he calls us to cease working and come with him to a deserted place to rest a while. As Jesus says elsewhere in the Gospels: "Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Thus, Jesus calls us to not only work but also to rest. He calls us to embrace leisure at its proper time, and to undertake it in the proper way, so that our bodies and souls may be refreshed and reinvigorated by the spring of living water that has been poured into our hearts by the Good Shepherd. Renewed, then, by resting at the side of the Good Shepherd, we are able to take up our work again — whether that work is at home, in the office, in the Church, or in the streets — pouring out ourselves anew with Christ for the salvation of souls and the greater glory of God.



To conclude, then, the questions that I wish to leave you with to meditate on are as follows: Do you apply all of your efforts and abilities to your work? No matter what you do for work, do you do it as though you are working for God? Do you take up the call to rest when you have spent yourself in your work? How do you rest? Do you spend your time in leisure with Christ in prayer, or do you tend to waste your time on activities that may be "mindless" but not refreshing? Strive to take some time to rest with the Good Shepherd each day, and you will find that no matter how taxing your work may be, through his grace you are refreshed and renewed.

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS (7/20-7/21)

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 23:1-6

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:13-18

GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS (7/27-7/28)

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44

RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 145:10-11, 15-18

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-6

GOSPEL: John 6:1-15

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*Our **Summer Camp** began July 1st and continues through August 9th for students entering Grades 1-4 this fall. Activities include arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor games, STEM activities, small group sizes, and lunch included (thank you, Ms. Michelle!). We are so grateful to everyone who is making this summer's camp a wonderful experience for our kids!

*We currently need the following items for **school supplies** for this fall. If you could contribute any of these items listed, we would be so appreciative! You can drop them off at our parish or school office:

feminine sanitary pads | new underwear (sizes varying)
new children's socks | hair ties | markers
glue sticks | colored pencils | pencils
backpacks | spray deodorant



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

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FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

*We have a **new website!** Visit www.bsc-ffym.org for more information about Faith Formation and Youth Ministry as well as faith-based resources and more. (The site is currently under construction, but we'll be adding new content often!)



*Also, we have a **new Facebook page!** Be sure to check out www.facebook.com/bsc.ffym and give us a "like"! We'll post important information there, too.

*Faith Formation sessions (including preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation) will resume in the fall. Be on the lookout for **2024-2025 registration information** coming soon!

*If you're interested in joining our program this coming year, volunteering (perhaps as a catechist!), or if you have any questions, please **e-mail us** at faithformationbsc@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC CONNECTIONS

LifeTeen is offering a new 2024 report for download: **"The State of Catholic Youth in America."** This report details five areas impacting teen discipleship. You can read and download the report here: <https://lifeteen.com/2024-report/>.



"Jesus, your choosing me gives me a sense of my place in the world, a sense of purpose. You are not waiting until I become a better person; you choose me here and now. What do you want me to do with my life today?" -from Sacred Space: A Little Book of Encouragement (via <https://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/2018/10/chosen-to-be-a-catechist/>).



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



NEWS FROM OUR URDU COMMUNITY

*We continue to offer a 6 p.m. Mass in Urdu on Sunday evenings at Blessed Sacrament Church. All are welcome!