

PARISH MINISTRY NEWS

\*Please note that there will be **no livestream** of our Sunday Mass on June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 22<sup>nd</sup>. We apologize for any inconvenience.

\*The **Over 50 Club** will meet June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30 p.m. in the church hall. We will be having our end-of-year sub sandwiches (\$5). Bring your beverage and a dessert to share! For more information, please call Anne Snyder at (518) 869-5247.

\*Did you know that the ***Holy Name Society*** (HNS) is dedicated to spreading devotion to the name of Jesus? For more information about its ministry, visit the national website at <https://www.nahns.org/>. The next meeting and raffle drawing of our local HNS will be held on Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the church. All parish men are invited. Note: \$1 raffle tickets are available in Blessed Sacrament’s parish office or from any HNS officer. Also, *unused* mailed tickets can be returned to the church office.

\*Do you enjoy crafting? Our annual **Family Festival** is scheduled for Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, and once again we will offer a table of handmade crafts. Last year, we had many beautiful items made by talented parishioners. Also, if you know someone else who would donate their creations, please spread the word to them!

FOOD PANTRY

\***We need volunteers!** They will help with setting up and taking down tables before and after pantry hours. Some volunteers are also needed to keep the flow of guests moving smoothly between check-in and pick-up stations. Volunteer your time anywhere from one day a month to every day the pantry is open! Each pantry day, we have about 40 guests. Please contact our parish office if you are able to help us!

\*Our food pantry currently needs the following items: **toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, disposable razors, canned goods, bread, cereal, and laundry detergent (liquid or pods).**

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

THE BOUTIQUE

\*Our thrift store’s **shopping hours** are 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays with donations accepted Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon. Please note: we **cannot** accept winter clothing until the fall due to space constraints.

\*Visit our **webpage** for complete details about The Boutique and guidelines for items that are accepted and not accepted: <https://blessedsacramentalbany.org/boutique/>.



HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITIES

\*St. Vincent de Paul Church, Albany, offers a monthly support group for those who are in the midst of the grieving process. All are welcome. For more information, contact St. Vincent’s Pastoral Outreach team at (518) 489-5408 or e-mail [pastoraloutreach@stvincentalbany.org](mailto:pastoraloutreach@stvincentalbany.org).

\***Spa City Catholic**, a regional young-adult group, in collaboration with the Albany Diocese, will launch the Alpha Program this summer. Alpha is a tool to be used as an entrance ramp into the Christian faith and an opportunity to reconnect with those who have fallen away to reignite their faith. Alpha is an 11-week course where people are excited for a conversation about faith, life, and God. Details: Saturday mornings, 10-11:30 a.m., June 21<sup>st</sup> through August 30<sup>th</sup>. Where: St. Peter’s Parish Center, 62 Hamilton St., Saratoga Springs. Our group is geared toward young adults ages 19-39. For more information, visit <https://alphausa.org/catholic-context/>; for questions or details about the Spa City Catholic group, send an e-mail to: [SpaCityCatholic@gmail.com](mailto:SpaCityCatholic@gmail.com).

\*S.A.L.T. 2025 “**Service Action Learning Team**” is happening July 14<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup> at Christ Our Light Church, 1 Maria Dr., Loudonville. There is a small cost of \$75 to cover some of the week’s supplies and food, beverages, and T-shirts. Payment can be made to RCDA Youth Ministry; please send your payment upon registration. To register and for more information, visit the website <https://forms.gle/n2Udc4Qsd4R795pGA>.

\*The ***Dominican Retreat and Conference Center (DRCC)*** in Niskayuna offers a multitude of faith-enriching activities and events all year long! Check out their full calendar here: <https://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/57658696>.


\*Here is some information about upcoming **Cursillo** retreats so that you can save the date! Women’s Weekend, August 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>; Men’s Weekend, October 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. Space is limited. The cost is \$235 per person, and financial assistance is available if needed. Applications are available online at [albanycursillo.org](http://albanycursillo.org) and can be e-mailed to: [albanycursillo22@gmail.com](mailto:albanycursillo22@gmail.com).

**OFFERTORY: SHARING OUR TREASURE**

**Regular:** \$6,417; **Churches of Central and Eastern Europe:** \$1,183

*Please note that this weekend’s second collection will benefit Catholic Communications. Blessed Sacrament needs at least \$9,000 each week in our collections to break even — not counting unexpected maintenance costs. **To donate online, scan the code or visit the website***

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# BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

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**JUNE 1, 2025**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**BAPTISMS**

**FUNERALS**

Marilyn “Mimi” Furbeck

**WEDDINGS**

**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 (Confession):** Tuesdays & 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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**STAY CONNECTED**  
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**“Like” us on Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/blessedsacramentcatholicchurch](http://www.facebook.com/blessedsacramentcatholicchurch) (*Sunday Masses are livestreamed here*)  
**Subscribe to our YouTube channel:** <https://www.youtube.com/@BSCAlbany>  
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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.*

<p><b>SATURDAY, 5/31/25 — 4 PM</b></p> <p>Pro Populo For the People</p> <p><i>Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></p>	<p><b>SUNDAY, 6/1/25 — 9 AM</b></p> <p>✙ Daniel Lamphere, Sr. ✙ Donald &amp; Dorothy Carman ♥ Tammy Forster &amp; Family</p> <p><b>6 PM — URDU</b> <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i></p>
<p><b>MONDAY, 6/2/25 — 7 AM</b></p> <p>✙ Czeslaw Kaszluga</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY, 6/3/25 — 12 PM</b> <i>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m</i></p> <p>✙ Peter J. Coleman</p> <p><i>Memorial, St. Charles Lwanga and Companions</i></p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY, 6/4/25 — 8:15 AM</b></p> <p>♥ Bill C.</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY, 6/5/25 — 12 PM</b> <i>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m.</i></p> <p>✙ Tito Greci ✙ Anthony La Falce</p> <p><i>Memorial, St. Boniface</i></p>
<p><b>FRIDAY, 6/6/25 — No MASS</b></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, 6/7/25 — 9 AM</b></p> <p><b>4 PM</b> ✙ Josephine K. Foley ✙ Terence Driscoll ♥ Michael Anthony Sparks</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY, 6/8/25 — 9 AM</b></p> <p>✙ Daniel Lamphere, Sr. ✙ Joanne Monahan ♥ Jeanne Albertson</p> <p><b>6 PM — URDU</b> <i>Pentecost</i></p>



That the World Might Grow in Compassion

by Lisanne Jensen

Each year, the Pope asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. For June 2025 (which is also dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus), he would like for us to pray that “each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his heart, learn to have compassion on the world.” (If you’d like to see a complete list of the Pope’s intentions for 2025, they are listed here: [www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2025](http://www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2025)).

Along these lines, this past Tuesday, May 27th, was “K” for “Kindness Day” at Blessed Sacrament School as part of the ABC Countdown to the end of the school year. For my students in Grade 3 religion class, I shared a lesson on [St. Veronica](#), the patron saint of kindness. She earned this title for bravely stepping out from the crowd and offering Jesus a cloth to wipe his face as he journeyed toward the cross to be crucified. She risked so much — her own life, really — to perform this simple act of human dignity, as many people in the crowd were extremely angry and violent and there were Roman soldiers everywhere.

Sometimes, we might feel that our simple acts don’t really matter or won’t make a difference in the world ... but that thought couldn’t be farther from the truth! Matthew 25:40 tells us, “... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

God gifted St. Veronica with a spirit of empathy, compassion, and kindness. May we also call upon the Holy Spirit to guide us and give us the strength and courage to reach out to others in this way, even when the situation might be difficult! Lord Jesus, help make our hearts like yours!

THIS WEEKEND’S MASS READINGS (5/31-6/1)

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 97

SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

NEXT WEEKEND’S MASS READINGS (6/7-6/8)

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-11

RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 104

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

GOSPEL: John 20:19-23



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Mass Schedule: Sundays, 9 a.m. (English) and 11 a.m. (Spanish); please note that there will be no Masses on Tuesdays or Fridays until Fr. O’Connor returns.



- Our **St. Francis Prayer Group** always meets on the third Sunday of each month in the church after Mass. The next gathering will be Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to join us! This group gets together to pray, worship, and deepen their faith in God, inspired by the life and teachings of St. Francis of Assisi.
- Another news item related to St. Francis: every first Friday of the month, a **nocturnal prayer service and benediction** will be offered at St. Francis of Assisi Church on Delaware Avenue. This event takes place from 7:15-8:15 p.m. Please use the side entrance of the church, which is fully handicapped accessible.

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FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

A Note from Ms. Jensen

I cannot believe that May is ending and **June** is upon us! We’ve had a terrific year of Faith Formation, and I want to thank everyone who made it possible: our beloved families, our outstanding catechists, our amazing Faith Formation coordinator Shannon Crisafulli, our dedicated clergy and staff members at [Blessed Sacrament Church](#) and [Blessed Sacrament School](#), and our entire Blessed Sacrament community for their constant prayers and support!

Our first Faith Formation gathering took place on Catechetical Sunday (September 15, 2024), and we tried something new: inviting **entire families** to participate! Instead of dropping off their children and coming back at dismissal time, parents stayed for their own faith-sharing group — and it blossomed beyond anything I could have possibly envisioned! Many adults in the group even said that they want to *continue meeting* even though Faith Formation sessions have ended for the year! One adult told me that she has never before had a place where she could share about her faith and is extremely grateful to be part of this group. We’ve really created a “support system” in many ways — for exploring our faith, discussing parenting-related topics and challenges, hearing other parents’ experiences and insights, brainstorming ways to develop and encourage our children’s faith, and overall just growing in faith *together*.

The overarching theme for this Faith Formation year was “**The Beatitudes**” (found in Matthew and Luke’s Gospels). Each month, we explored [one Beatitude](#) with questions such as, “What does this mean in our own lives?” and “How can we live out Jesus’s teachings daily?”. The etymology of the word “Beatitudes” comes from the Latin *beatus*, or “blessed,” which is also part of the name of our church and school — and we are truly blessed indeed! (By the way, if anyone has an idea for next year’s Faith Formation theme, please let me know! I’m always open to suggestions!)

On a personal note, I’m quickly approaching my **one-year anniversary** of working here at Blessed Sacrament. In addition to Faith Formation, I teach the Catholic faith to Grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 at Blessed Sacrament School. I feel absolutely honored to serve at Blessed Sacrament and know firsthand how special our community is. With one year almost under my belt, I feel super excited about making plans for this next year of faith enrichment! Thank you so much to everyone who has been incredibly welcoming and has helped me so much along the way!

Plans are underway for a **Vacation Bible School** here at Blessed Sacrament during the week of July 7<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>. Children entering kindergarten through Grade 5 this fall will be eligible to participate, and children in Grades 6 and older may serve as our VBS leaders! Watch for more information! Make sure to “[like](#)” [us on Facebook](#) and [visit our website](#) from time to time. Also remember that Faith Formation doesn’t end just because school is out or Faith Formation sessions have concluded. Faith is a *lifelong* journey!

God bless you all as we enjoy these last few weeks of school and anxiously anticipate a **summer of fun and making great memories!** [Please let us know](#) how we can pray for you, too. It would be a privilege! ~Lisanne Jensen



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\*We can’t say thank you enough to everyone who helped with and participated in our **2025 Central Albany Catholic Schools Reunion** on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>! It was a huge success with lots of special memories made and celebrated. Stay tuned for photos to be published in next week’s bulletin!

\*Registration is open for **BSS’s Summer Camp**, which will take place June 30<sup>th</sup> through August 8<sup>th</sup>. The cost per child is \$200 a week. Please register by June 2<sup>nd</sup> (this Monday!). For more information: [info@blessedsacramentschool.net](mailto:info@blessedsacramentschool.net).

\*Please keep our middle school students (Grades 5-8) in your prayers as they take their **final exams** this upcoming week!

\*Did you know that we have a webpage with ideas for how to **support our school**, even during the summer months? Check out <https://blessedsacramentschool.net/support-our-school/>.

