

PARISH MINISTRY NEWS

*Our annual **Family Festival** will be held on Saturday, September 27th. The Silent Auction has become one of the most popular ways to participate! This year, the Silent Auction and Basket Auction will both be *live* on the day of the festival. You can help! We have sent a mailing to many vendors in the area seeking prizes. If you know of any business that might be interested in donating prizes in return for advertising on our website, we have flyers available explaining how to participate. Maybe you or someone you know can donate a themed basket or prize packages to be auctioned. We’ve had some lovely prizes in previous years: jewelry, women’s accessories, themed baskets, event and dinner tickets, and much more. Please help us make this an even bigger event this year!

BLESSED SACRAMENT FOOD PANTRY

*Here’s what we need right now: **toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, disposable razors, feminine hygiene items, and laundry detergent (liquid or pods).**

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

THE BOUTIQUE

*Blessed Sacrament’s thrift store **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/>.

St. Vincent de Paul, Albany, presents a “Faith in Film” series each summer. Here are the upcoming films (7 p.m.):

July 8th: “Babe” — Gentle farmer Arthur Hoggett wins a piglet, Babe, at a county fair. Narrowly escaping his fate as Christmas dinner, Babe bonds with motherly border collie Fly and discovers that he too can herd sheep. But will the other animals accept him?

July 22nd: “The Visitor” — A lonely, aimless, middle-aged college professor discovers a young couple living in his New York City apartment, both of whom are undocumented immigrants. Their spirit draws him out of his shell until circumstances challenge their newfound friendship.

August 5th: “Spitfire Grill” — A woman who is released from prison goes to work in a small-town café, The Spitfire Grill, owned by Hannah, whose gruff exterior conceals a kind heart and little tolerance for the Grill’s regular customers.

August 19th: “The Band’s Visit” — A band comprised of members of the Egyptian police force head to Israel to play at the inaugural ceremony of an Arab arts center, only to find themselves lost in the wrong town.

HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITIES

*S.A.L.T. 2025 “**Service Action Learning Team**” is happening July 14th through 17th 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>.

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

Tea & Short Reads

Wednesdays at 12:30 PM
All Saints Parish Office “Upper Room”
12 Rosemont St
Albany NY 12208

July 9	On the Role of Literature in Formation <i>by Pope Francis</i>	
July 16	A Temporary Matter <i>by Jhumpa Lahiri</i>	
July 23	I See His Blood Upon the Rose <i>by Joseph M. Punkett</i> The Gifford Girl <i>by Leonard Feeney</i>	
July 30	The Invisible Man <i>by G.K. Chesterton</i>	
Aug 6	The History of Red <i>by Linda Hogan</i>	
Aug 13	The Necklace <i>by Guy de Maupassant</i>	

Read the selected story then join us for lively discussion and a cup (or two) of tea!

OFFERTORY: SHARING OUR TREASURE

Regular: \$5,087; **Mission:** \$1,868

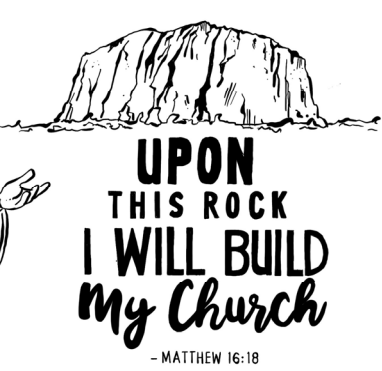

Blessed Sacrament needs at least \$9,000 each week in our collections to break even — not counting unexpected maintenance costs that might arise. To donate online, scan the code or visit the website secure.myvanco.com/YHAN/home. Our second collection the weekend of July 20th will be to support our school!

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UPON
THIS ROCK
I WILL BUILD
my Church

— MATTHEW 16:18

<p>BAPTISMS</p> <p>Lincoln John Kuyrkendall</p> <p>FUNERALS</p> <p>Robert Murray</p> <p>WEDDINGS</p>	<p>SATURDAY, 6/28/25 — 4 PM</p> <p>✚ Joanne Monahan ✚ Louis Huynh ✚ Bernadette Vermette</p> <p>SUNDAY, 6/29/25 — 9 AM ✚ Joanne Monahan ✚ Jean Fitzgerald ✚ Marion Hendrick ♥ Bill C 6 PM — URDU</p> <p><i>Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul</i></p> <p>MONDAY, 6/30/25 — 7 AM</p> <p>♥ Andrew Kim ✚ Rose Tacelly</p> <p>TUESDAY, 7/1/25 — 12 PM <i>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m.</i></p> <p>♥ Chang Sho Kim</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, 7/2/25 — 7:00 AM <i>Please note new summer Mass time</i></p> <p>♥ Christina Kim</p> <p>THURSDAY, 7/3/25 — 12 PM <i>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m.</i></p> <p>✚ Connie Hughes ♥ Michael Anthony Sparks</p> <p><i>Feast of St. Thomas</i></p> <p>FRIDAY, 7/4/25</p> <p>NO MASS</p> <p><i>Please note: Mass intentions with a ✚ indicate that the person is deceased; ♥ indicates that the person is alive.</i> <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><i>Independence Day; all offices closed</i></p> <p>SATURDAY, 7/5/25 — 9 AM</p> <p>4 PM</p> <p>Pro Populo For the People</p> <p>SUNDAY, 7/6/25 — 9 AM ✚ Mary Ellen Kalled ✚ John Waldron ✚ Joanne Monahan ♥ Bill C 6 PM — URDU</p> <p><i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>
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FROM OUR PAROCHIAL VICAR
by Fr. Stephen Yusko


*O Roma felix, quae duorum principum
Es consecrata glorioso sanguine!*
“O happy Rome, by noble leaders graced,
Consecrated by their glorious blood!”

These words from the sixth-century hymn *Aurea luce et decore roseo* (“With Golden Radiance and Roseate Heus”), traditionally sung on the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, give utterance to the profound miracles that God can work in and through sinful men. For before their encounter with Christ and their transformation by the gift of the Holy Spirit, were these saints not sinners like us?

Simon Peter, the lowly fisherman who denied Christ three times, admitted this truth when he said to Jesus, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.” And Paul, the once-feared Saul who was accomplice to the murder of St. Stephen and persecuted countless Christians after him, confessed that he was “the foremost of sinners.”

Yes, sinners indeed they were. Yet, Christ did not come to call the righteous, but sinners — and so, here we stand on this Solemnity praising God for the gift of these lowly sinners who have become glorious saints through the profound mercy of God. Simon transformed into Peter, the Prince of Apostles and Rock of Faith upon which the waves of disbelief and division are scattered. Saul, born anew as Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles and Builder of the Church, amidst trials and tribulations tirelessly preached the crucified and risen Jesus, through whom sins are forgiven and creation is made new. Simon and Saul, Peter and Paul, enemies who have become friends, cowards who have become martyrs, sinners who have become saints.

Today, therefore, Sts. Peter and Paul are raised up for us as examples of hope. Hope that like them, we though sinners may become great saints. For when examining their lives,



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Mass Schedule: Sundays, 9 a.m. (English) and 11 a.m. (Spanish); Mass and Adoration on Fridays at 6:30 p.m.

FROM THE PARISH BULLETIN:

*Our 38th annual **parish family weekend** at Pyramid Lake will be August 15th-17th. Adults: \$70; children younger than 18: free.

***Pennies for the Parish** continues! Grab a jar at church or use your own. Fill it with your quarters, nickels, dimes, and pennies — and turn in your filled jar when you come to any Mass!

*View our Masses online through **Facebook**:
www.facebook.com/shrinechurchofourladyoftheamericas/

“Who would not now believe in grace so vast” as the hymn continues. That “such great sins are washed in blood so pure?” On this wonderful solemnity then, plead with Sts. Peter and Paul to intercede for you, that you may encounter Christ anew and allow yourselves to be transformed into saints by His grace. While everything may be impossible without Christ, with Christ everything becomes possible. Like Sts. Peter and Paul, then, let’s go to Jesus and do the impossible with, in, and for Him.

*Now, kindly Shepherd Peter, take our prayers,
Forgive our sins and lift us to the skies:
Through your blest cross reveal the gates of life
Where Christ has given love's eternal prize.
O Paul, wise teacher, form us in your ways,
Lift up our hearts to reach the starry heavens:
Until that day we fully understand
What now in part we hold in hope and faith.
To the eternal Trinity be praise,
Power and glory, honor, jubilee:
In unity, whose rule shall never cease,
From age to age through all eternity. Amen.*

THIS WEEKEND’S MASS READINGS (6/28-6/29)

FIRST READING: Acts 12:1-11
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 34
SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18
GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-19

NEXT WEEKEND’S MASS READINGS (7/5-7/6)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:10-14c
RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 66
SECOND READING: Galatians 6:14-18
GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

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MEET AND GREET OUR

Summer SEMINARIAN!

GILBERT KIMORO

TUESDAY, JULY 8

IN BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH, 6-7 PM

Hear about his personal faith journey, his vocations path, and try traditional treats from his home country of Tanzania!

For more information:
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FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

*Confirmation candidates and high school students: We have a wonderful parish service opportunity for you! Blessed Sacrament’s **Family Festival** will take place on Saturday, September 27th from 2-6 p.m. Help is desperately needed, and this event would be a terrific chance for you to serve God as well as our community! Please contact Ms. Jensen in the Faith Formation office if you are able to help: faithformationbsc@gmail.com or (518) 438-5854, ext. 119.



Instagram

*BSC Faith Formation & Youth Ministry is now on Instagram! Please give us a follow: [@blessedsacramentffym](https://www.instagram.com/blessedsacramentffym)

*You can also still find us on **Facebook**, too: www.facebook.com/bsc-ffym/

Colonie Center Mall

SCHOOL BUCKS

Step #1: Have fun shopping and dining at **Colonie Center!**

Step #2: Bring your original receipts to either our **school or church offices** to accumulate points for BSS!

June Points Opportunities:

3X: H&M, L.L. Bean, Sephora, and Ulta Beauty

4X: Auntie Anne’s, Dunkin’, Torrid, and Kay Jewelers

Bonus: 1,000 points for every Hot Cuts receipt turned in!
At the end of the year, the winning school earns \$8,000!



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*Come see why our Blessed Sacrament School community is so special! **Registration is now open** for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. Prospective families can schedule a tour and receive more information by visiting our website: <https://blessedsacramentschool.net/visit-bss/>. BSS offers a solid foundation of Catholic faith and education for children entering preschool (three- and four-year-olds) through Grade 6. Please reach out to us anytime at (518) 438-5854 or through e-mail: info@blessedsacramentschool.net.

*BSS’s **Summer Camp** begins this Monday, June 30th and continues through August 8th. Please keep all of our children and staff in your prayers for a fun summer experience!

*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/>.



*Pictured above: our four-year-old preschool students are **published authors!** Their book, *Llamazing Llamas*, came in the top 50 out of 70,000-plus entries! What incredible talent ... we are so proud of you!



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SCAN TO REGISTER!

*Children entering kindergarten through Grade 5 this fall are able to participate in BSC’s first-ever **Vacation Bible School**, happening August 18th through 22nd from 9 a.m. to noon each day! Scan the QR code on the flyer at left to register, or visit the website www.bsc-ffym.org/vbs. It’ll be an awesome, faith-filled week!