

PARISH MINISTRY NEWS

*The *Holy Name Society* (HNS) thanks you for your ongoing support in our \$1 monthly raffle. July winners are as follows: \$200 1st place prize = April Murphy; \$50 2nd place prize = Elmo Kearsing; and three \$25 winners = Stephan (CDTA), Ronald Guiry, and Alexander Santiago. Our next drawing will be at our August 6th meeting at 7 p.m. All parish men are invited. You may purchase tickets at the rectory or from HNS officers. Also, parishioners who would like to be part of the raffle program may have tickets mailed to them. We'll need your name and home address. Either call Gene Loparco, treasurer, at (518) 265-0242, send an e-mail to loparco88888@yahoo.com, or mail your information to 22 Furlong Dr., Albany, NY, 12205. God bless you!



FOOD PANTRY

*We proudly announce our statistics for **June 2025**: 201 households served, which consist of 168 children, 355 adults, and 72 seniors!

*Here are some items that our Blessed Sacrament food pantry needs in particular right now: **toothpaste, soap, and laundry detergent (liquid or pods)**. Thank you so much for helping us meet the needs of our community!

*Our food pantry is open **Mondays and Thursdays**, 10 to 11:30 a.m. There is no formal drop-off time for food donations; however, 8:30 to 9 a.m. is a recommended time because the pantry starts to get very busy around 10 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. The thrift store is located in the basement of Blessed Sacrament Church.

*Please note: we **cannot** accept winter clothing until the fall. We currently need children's clothing, however!

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July Points Opportunities:

♠ 3X: H&M, Foot Locker, Gift Emporium, LA7

♠ 4X: Carter's, Express Factory Outlet, Torrid, Sephora

♠ Bonus: 1,000 points for every Torrid receipt submitted!

At the end of the year, the winning school earns \$8,000!



FROM OUR URDU COMMUNITY

We proudly offer Mass in Urdu every Sunday evening at 6 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament! Please join us!

HAPPENING IN OUR DIOCESE


***Cursillo** retreats are special experiences that can enrich, inspire, and renew your faith. The Women's Cursillo Weekend will be held August 21st-24th, and the Men's Cursillo Weekend will take place October 2nd-5th. Space is limited. The cost is \$235 per person; however, financial assistance is available if needed. Applications are available online at albanycursillo.org; e-mail completed applications to albanycursillo22@gmail.com. You can also visit the website or send an e-mail for more details.

***Tea & Short Reads** with Fr. Dan continues! July 16th is the next gathering (12:30 p.m. in the All Saints parish office "Upper Room," 12 Rosemont St., Albany). Find the complete text of all the readings and our schedule here: <https://blessedsacramentalbany.org/tea-short-reads/>.

*St. Vincent de Paul (900 Madison Ave., Albany) presents a **"Faith in Film" series** each summer. The next upcoming movie will be shown at 7 p.m. on 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.

***Step-Up Men's Conference**: Saturday, August 9th (8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.). Register: www.rcda.org/StepUp.

A **Summer 2025 Joshua Retreat** will be held on Saturday, July 26th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church, Voorheesville. This retreat will be co-directed by Deacon Gary Riggi and Sr. Dorothy Ederer. The retreat theme is "Jesus, Justice, and Joy" and will include lunch. A free-will donation will be accepted; please register by July 19th at www.joshuamountainministries.org (click the "Events" tab).



OFFERTORY: SHARING OUR TREASURE

Regular: \$4,882

Our second collection July 20th is for school support!

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.**


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—LUKE 10:25-37

<div><p>BAPTISMS</p><p>Giselle Kiara</p><p>FUNERALS</p><p>Kimberly Kerrigan</p><p>WEDDINGS</p></div>	<div><p>SATURDAY, 7/12/25 — 4 PM</p><p>♥Kaitlyn Wilson Thompson ✝ Jack & Brian Cromie ✝ Yvonne Catalano ✝ Marion C Hendrick</p></div> <div><p>SUNDAY, 7/13/25 — 9 AM ✝ Vincent DeSimone ✝ Daniel Lamphere, Sr. ♥ Michael Anthony Sparks ✝ Devin Nolan</p><p>6 PM — URDU <i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p></div>
<div><p>MONDAY, 7/14/25 — 7 AM</p><p>✝ Edwin & Mary Alice Kunkel ✝ Msg. James G Hart ✝ Yvonne Catalano ✝ John Stevens (6th Ann)</p></div> <div><p>TUESDAY, 7/15/25 — 12 PM <i>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m.</i></p><p>♥ Bill C ✝ Robert Mittler ✝ Bill Bassotti</p></div>	<div><p><i>Memorial, St. Kateri Tekakwitha</i></p><p>WEDNESDAY, 7/16/25 — 7 AM</p><p>✝ Louis Huynh</p></div> <div><p><i>Memorial, St. Bonaventure</i></p><p>THURSDAY, 7/17/25 — 12 PM <i>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m.</i></p><p>♥ Kristal Rodriguez Mercado ✝ Cecilia Sanz ✝ Franz Nicotino</p></div>
<div><p>FRIDAY, 7/18/25</p><p>NO MASS</p></div> <div><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></div>	<div><p>SATURDAY, 7/19/25 — 4 PM</p><p>✝ Cecilia Sanz ✝ Yvonne Catalano ✝ Bernadette Vermette</p></div> <div><p>SUNDAY, 7/20/25 — 9 AM</p><p>Pro Populo For the People</p><p>6 PM — URDU <i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p></div>


*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.*

MAKE ORDINARY TIME EXTRAORDINARY

Our Church is currently in the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. It’s the longest season in the Church year (33 weeks, to be exact!). Ordinary Time began back in June after the feast of Pentecost and continues through the start of Advent (with the Solemnity of Christ the King). It’s the time of year that isn’t part of the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter.

You might be wondering, “Doesn’t the word ‘ordinary’ mean boring or unimportant?” That statement couldn’t be farther from the truth! “Ordinary” actually just means “ordered” — numbered (or ‘ordinal’) weeks. The liturgical color assigned to Ordinary Time is green, which symbolizes spiritual growth, new life, and hope. Our goal during Ordinary Time is to reflect on Jesus’s teachings and how to live them out in our daily lives. The Gospel readings during Ordinary Time focus on Jesus’s ministry and teachings — so it’s a wonderful season where we can learn more about who Jesus is!

How can we do that? One way is to check out each weekend’s Mass readings ahead of time. They’re always listed in our bulletin, and you can also find them through the USCCB’s website: <https://bible.usccb.org/>. I also made a children’s Ordinary Time activity page ... you can use it during Mass (whether in person or watching online). Find it here (just download and print): www.bsc-ffym.org/resources. Also, here are just a few Catholic feast days that fall during Ordinary Time (see how many you already know!): <https://missions.ewtn.com/seasonsandfeastdays/>. The website Catechist.com also offers some good ideas for celebrating Ordinary Time as a family: www.catechist.com/catholics-know-ordinary-time/. You can make Ordinary Time extraordinary! ~Lisanne Jensen



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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 quarters, nickels, dimes, and pennies — and turn in your filled jar when you come to any Mass!

*Our Shrine Church **family picnic** will take place on Sunday, September 21st! Please save the date!

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

*Volunteers are needed to serve on a joint planning committee with All Saints, Blessed Sacrament, and Mater Christi to plan a **Eucharistic procession and picnic** in honor of the Pope’s Jubilee year, to be held on Sunday, September 21st (beginning at 2 p.m. at Mater Christi). We anticipate two to three planning meetings to organize this event. We plan to meet at the Buckingham Lake pond and process with the Eucharist to Mater Christi for Adoration and Benediction, followed by a joint parish picnic. If you are interested, please contact Denise Chonski at dchonski@gmail.com. Include your name and a contact phone number.

*Want to be part of a ministry that directly serves homeless families? Check out **Family Promise of the Capital Region** and become a volunteer! Help is needed with driving, making and serving food, and much more. For more information about Family Promise of the Capital Region, visit the website www.familypromisecr.org. You can also speak with executive director Mary Giordano for more information: (518) 650-8895 or info@familypromisecr.org.

*Do you have a green thumb? Consider helping with the garden at the **Sr. Maureen Joyce Center** on Livingston Avenue! Contact our parish office if you are interested!

THIS WEEKEND’S MASS READINGS (7/12-7/13)
FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:10-14
RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 69
SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-20
GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

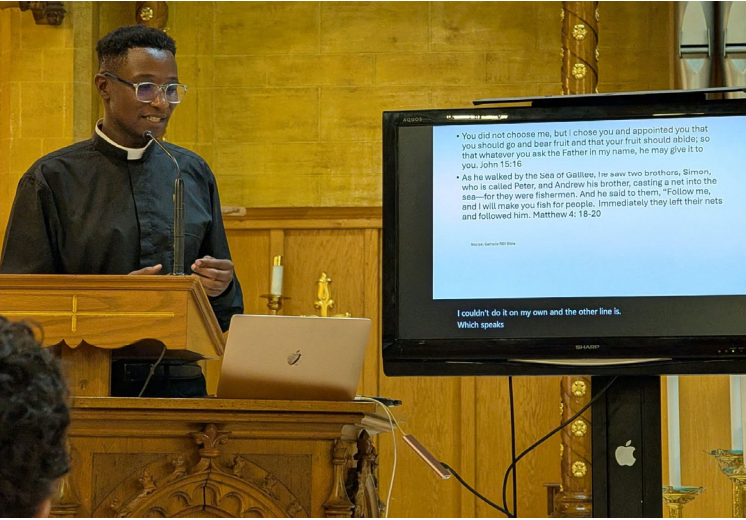
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FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:10-14
RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 69
SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-20
GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

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FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

*Our seminarian at Blessed Sacrament this summer, **Gilbert Kimoro**, gave an incredible presentation in the church on Tuesday evening, July 8th! He spoke about his life growing up in Tanzania, his faith journey, his adjustment to living in the United States, and his path toward the priesthood. He’s currently studying at the [St. Francis de Sales Seminary in Milwaukee, WI](#). Next summer, he will be ordained a deacon — and then the summer after that, he will become a priest. After his talk, he answered questions from the audience — and everyone enjoyed two traditional Tanzanian desserts: [mandazi](#) (East African doughnuts) and [pineapple salad](#). We are definitely blessed to have him here at our parishes (All Saints, Blessed Sacrament, Mater Christi, and the Shrine)!

*Our brand-new family Faith Formation year will begin on Catechetical Sunday, which is **Sunday, September 21, 2025**. The theme for this year’s Catechetical Sunday is “Always be ready to give an explanation ... for a reason for your hope” (1 Peter 3:15). According to the USCCB’s website, “*The 2025 theme encourages us to be prepared to share the basis of our faith, the Lord, and the hope he provides. In the same manner St. Peter encouraged the believers of his time, the scripture reminds us, the sharing should be done with gentleness and respect.*” BSC invites **entire families** to participate in Faith Formation, which means that while children are meeting in their individual sessions, adults also have their own faith-sharing group! Faith Formation meets once a month after attending the 9 a.m. Sunday Mass together (with breakfast in the school gym, followed by Faith Formation until 11:45 a.m.). First Communicants and Confirmation candidates will likely have some additional sessions for sacramental preparation. A full schedule will be coming soon!

***To register for Faith Formation** this coming year, please visit the website www.bsc-ffym.org/register or call/e-mail our office if you prefer: (518) 438-5854, ext. 119; faithformationbsc@gmail.com.

*Are you an adult who is interested in joining the Catholic Church? Were you baptized in the Catholic Church but haven’t been confirmed? Weekly **OCIA/RCIA** and adult Confirmation classes to prepare adults to receive the sacraments will begin in mid September. We meet in the church vestibule (Central Avenue entrance) immediately after the Sunday 9 a.m. Mass. An exact start date will be announced as soon as it is available!



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*Even during the hot summer months, fun and learning continue at BSS’s **summer camp**! This past week, our amazing assistant teachers helped campers make paint from sidewalk chalk. The paint was then used to add color to the caterpillar on our playground. (Many thanks to Ms. Mohabir for the photos!) Each week of camp has a theme, and this past week was “Shark Week.” Campers enjoyed a variety of educational shark-themed activities! Thank you so much to Ms. Mohabir, Ms. Shedrick, Ms. Ameeta, Mrs. Cooper, and our teen volunteers Annabelle and Narkey for making this summer’s camp an awesome experience!

*Come see why our BSS 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 who are entering preschool (three- and four-year-olds) through Grade 6. We’re so excited about this upcoming school year and are working on exciting plans for 2025-2026! Please reach out to us anytime at (518) 438-5854 or through e-mail: info@blessedsacramentschool.net. We would love to have your family be part of our family here at BSS!