

PARISH NEWS

\*Blessed Sacrament Church is looking for a **part-time office person** (five days a week, three hours a day). If you can help, please contact our parish office!

\*We need more **Eucharistic ministers** — especially for our weekend Masses. If you are interested in volunteering for this important ministry, please let our parish office know!

\*Another volunteer opportunity for serving our parish: we are in need of an additional **counter** for one of our collection counting teams. The team meets once every four weeks after the 9 a.m. Mass. Counting takes about one to one-and-a-half hours. Please contact our parish office if you’re interested!

\*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’d like to help!


\*The next **Holy Name Society (HNS)** meeting and raffle drawing will take place on August 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. All parish men are invited. You may purchase tickets for the raffle 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. Call Gene Loparco, treasurer, at (518) 265-0242, send an e-mail to [loparco88888@yahoo.com](mailto:loparco88888@yahoo.com), or mail your information to 22 Furlong Dr., Albany, NY, 12205.

FOOD PANTRY

\*Here are some items that our food pantry needs in particular right now: **toothpaste, soap, and laundry detergent (liquid or pods)**. 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

\*Our thrift store **shopping hours** are 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays with donations accepted Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon. We cannot accept winter clothing until the fall.



**OFFERTORY: SHARING OUR TREASURE**  
**Regular: \$7,462; The Evangelist: \$65**  
*Our second collection this weekend 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](https://secure.myvanco.com/YHAN/home).**

*The printing of our parish bulletin is generously provided by:*



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HAPPENING IN OUR DIOCESE

\*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](http://www.familypromisecr.org). You can also speak with executive director Mary Giordano for more details: (518) 650-8895 or [info@familypromisecr.org](mailto:info@familypromisecr.org).

\***Tea & Short Reads** with Fr. Dan continues! July 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup>: “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 9<sup>th</sup> (8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.). To register and for more information, visit online: [www.rcda.org/StepUp](http://www.rcda.org/StepUp).



**Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany**  
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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany progresses with the “Remade for Mission” initiative, the first step includes assessment and information sharing so parishioners can understand their parish’s current state of affairs. The self-reflection and information sharing process is not based on one area but is wholistic and covers a broad-spectrum including parish finances, liturgical attendance, sacramental life, volunteer participation and involvement, serving the needs of the people in the greater community, and the many components required in fulfilling our mission to the best of our ability.

Over many years we have become inwardly focused and living in a state of decline. We must honestly and critically assess, identify, and share this information with our parishes so they have time to contemplate and journey from an emotional state of mind to a rational state of mind. Many parishes have already commenced this assessment phase and will continue to do so in the weeks and months ahead. However, there are some parishes where the people are not aware their parish is struggling to survive. All parishes will follow the “Remade for Mission” timeline of discernment and implementation, but parish networks that are already journeying through the assessment and information sharing phase and are ready to take action will have the flexibility to submit their recommendations to Bishop ahead of the April deadline.

“Remade for Mission” is a difficult, but necessary process for our Church to refocus on why we exist and do so to the best of our ability while being responsible stewards of our limited resources. Let us unite as brothers and sisters in Christ and foster strong and vibrant communities. Remember, we are called to love one another and go out to serve the needs of all who reside within the geographical region known as the Diocese of Albany.

More information will be shared about Remade for Mission as the process unfolds. This will require much prayer, and we call upon the Holy Spirit to provide the wisdom and courage needed to best fulfill our mission.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Remade for Mission Support Team

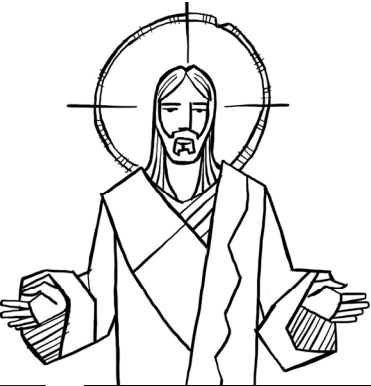
*We are God’s people sharing a responsibility to witness God’s unconditional love and to bring Christ’s healing presence to our world.*

# BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

## 607 CENTRAL AVE., ALBANY, NY 12206

One who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord

—PSALM 15



<div><p><b>BAPTISMS</b></p><p><b>FUNERALS</b></p><p>Barbara Osborn Sally Kilgallon</p><p><b>WEDDINGS</b></p></div>	<div><p><b>SATURDAY, 7/19/25 — 4 PM</b></p><p>✙ Cecilia Sanz ✙ Yvonne Catalano ✙ Bernadette Vermette</p></div> <div><p><b>MONDAY, 7/21/25 — 7 AM</b></p><p>♥ Simon Kim</p></div> <div><p><b>WEDNESDAY, 7/23/25 — 7 AM</b></p><p>♥ Andrew Kim</p></div> <div><p><b>FRIDAY, 7/25/25</b></p><p><b>NO MASS</b></p><p><i>Feast of St. James, Apostle</i></p></div> <div><p><b>SATURDAY, 7/26/25 — 4 PM</b></p><p>♥ Michael Anthony Sparks ♥ Katelyn &amp; Dylan Thompson ✙ Peter Rosenberger ✙ Louis &amp; Constance Mineau</p><p><i>Memorial, Sts. Joachim and Anne</i></p></div>	<div><p><b>SUNDAY, 7/20/25 — 9 AM</b></p><p>Pro Populo For the People</p><p><b>6 PM — URDU</b></p><p><i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p></div> <div><p><b>TUESDAY, 7/22/25 — 12 PM</b> <i>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m.</i></p><p>♥ Kristal Rodriguez Mercado ✙ Nicholas Perez ✙ Joan Juliano ✙ Mercy Francis</p><p><i>Feast of St. Mary Magdalene</i></p></div> <div><p><b>THURSDAY, 7/24/25 — 12 PM</b> <i>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m.</i></p><p>♥ Bill C</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><b>SUNDAY, 7/27/25 — 9 AM</b></p><p>✙ Jean Calderone ✙ Louis Huynh ✙ Carmella Burke ✙ Lawrence &amp; Ann Gallo</p><p><b>6 PM — URDU</b></p><p><i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p></div>
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

by Fr. Dan Quinn

There is an impulse inside of us to do our best for those people and things we find the most worthy of our attention. Abraham has this impulse, to prepare the best food he can for his visitors, who are either representatives of God, or are God himself. Martha and Mary have this same impulse, to do the best for Jesus as he visits. They may have disagreed as to what the best was, their well-prepared food or their attention, but they wanted to do the best for their Lord.

It has often been the case throughout the years that the church would spend a lot on high-quality art, music, buildings. Expensive to build, and expensive to maintain, but all for God and his people. Then there was an impulse to do a lot of this cheaply, so as to have more money for other things, for service to the poor. But this is a bad comparison. We are beholden to good art, good community, good education, good service to the poor, doing our best for all of it. Rich or poor, all deserve a beautiful church, priestly service, education in the faith, compassion and assistance in times of need, Church community, both here on earth and in the next life. Like Abraham, Martha, Mary, and so many other saints, let us put our best work at the service of God and his people.

\*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 21<sup>st</sup> (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](mailto:dchonski@gmail.com). Include your name and a contact phone number.

Our annual **Family Festival** will be held on September 27<sup>th</sup>. The Silent Auction has become one of the most popular ways to participate. You can help! We have sent a mailing to many vendors in the area seeking prizes. Maybe you or someone you know can donate a 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. Don’t forget those handmade items for our Craft Booth! More information to come!



THIS WEEKEND’S MASS READINGS (7/19-7/20)

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10a  
RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 15  
SECOND READING: Colossians 1:24-28  
GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

NEXT WEEKEND’S MASS READINGS (7/26-7/27)

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32  
RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 138  
SECOND READING: Colossians 2:12-14  
GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

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FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY



\*Summer is a wonderful opportunity for planning — and we are working on a new schedule and theme for our upcoming year of **family Faith Formation!** Our first gathering will be on Catechetical Sunday (Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>). We’ll begin by attending the 9 a.m. Mass together, then moving to the school gym for a delicious breakfast. Ms. Jensen will have an opening prayer and short talk, then individual small groups (“classes”) will meet from 10:30-11:30 a.m. We will come back to the gym for a closing prayer and dismissal at 11:45 a.m. *Entire families* are invited to participate in Faith Formation — which means that while children are meeting in their individual sessions, adults will also have their own special faith-sharing group! Our large group will meet once a month (but please note that our First Communicants and Confirmation candidates will likely have some additional sessions for their sacramental preparation).

\*To register for Faith Formation this coming year, please visit the website [www.bsc-ffym.org/register](http://www.bsc-ffym.org/register) and fill out the short form, call our office at (518) 438-5854, ext. 119, or send us an e-mail: [faithformationbsc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationbsc@gmail.com).

\*Have you ever thought about serving as a **catechist, assistant catechist, or substitute catechist** and supporting young people in their faith? We would love to have you join our Faith Formation team! Full support is provided, and diocesan safe environment requirements must be completed before volunteering. Contact our office for more details!

\*We’re also on **Facebook** ([www.facebook.com/bsc-ffym](http://www.facebook.com/bsc-ffym)) and **Instagram** (@blessedsacramentffym). Please give us a “like” and a follow if you could!



Are you an adult who is interested in joining the Catholic Church? Were you baptized in the Catholic Church but have not yet 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! Please call or e-mail our parish office if you are interested in joining us!



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\*Please save the date for two important upcoming events: first, our **Back-to-School BBQ** on Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m. — and our **2025 Family Festival** on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 2-6 p.m. in the school gym! We’ll be posting updated announcements about the Family Festival in each parish bulletin.

\*Our **first day of school** will be Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>! A complete 2025-2026 school year calendar can be found on our school’s website (listed above).

\*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 here: [blessedsacramentschool.net/visit-bss/](http://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 excited about this upcoming school year and are working on exciting plans! Reach out to us anytime at (518) 438-5854 or through e-mail: [info@blessedsacramentschool.net](mailto:info@blessedsacramentschool.net).

MORE COMMUNITY NEWS

\*The Sisters of Mercy of the Americas are looking for a **registered nurse** (licensed in New York State) to manage the day-to-day healthcare needs of the Sisters of Mercy in the Convent of Mercy and the Albany area. This person will provide health counseling and nursing services as well as act as health liaison with appropriate providers, including physicians, to ensure quality care as a sister’s healthcare needs change. This is a full-time position with competitive pay and excellent benefits. If you are interested, please send your resume to Jennifer Giuffrida, Regional Director of Health and Wellness, [jgiuffrida@sistersofmercy.org](mailto:jgiuffrida@sistersofmercy.org), or call (518) 437-3054.

\*The annual diocesan **Marriage Jubilee Celebration** will be held on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. at Christ Our Light, 1 Maria Dr., Loudonville. Couples celebrating their first, 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, or any special wedding anniversary are invited to attend this celebration that honors the enduring bond of love and strengthens the sense of community among couples within the Albany Diocese! 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, with an opportunity for photos with each couple. Please register through your parish office or send an e-mail to [Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org](mailto:Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org). The deadline for registration is September 7<sup>th</sup>.

\*Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 5-10:30 p.m., Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> from 5-10:30 p.m., and Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> from 3-9 p.m. is the **Annual Festa** hosted by Our Lady Queen of Peace/St. Margaret of Cortona (210 Princetown Rd., Schenectady).



**SHRINE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS**  
A MISSION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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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 38<sup>th</sup> annual **parish family weekend** at Pyramid Lake will be August 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. 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 21<sup>st</sup>! Please save the date!

\*View our Masses online through **Facebook**:  
[www.facebook.com/shrinechurchofourladyoftheamericas/](http://www.facebook.com/shrinechurchofourladyoftheamericas/)