

*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 or received First Eucharist? Weekly **OCIA/RCIA** and adult 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!

*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!

***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 are 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.! Some items that we particularly need right now: **soap, toothpaste, and laundry detergent (liquid or pods).**

*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're located in the basement of Blessed Sacrament Church. Visit our webpage for more information: <https://blessedsacramentalbany.org/boutique/>.

Gene Solan died recently. He was a “founding father” of the *Council of Albany Neighborhood Associations* (CANA). During his career, he did missionary work abroad — and after he retired, he helped found this organization in the ‘70s and ‘80s and was a persistent, prime motivator long after that. Donations in his memory can be made to the Homeless and Travelers Aid Society in Albany. Read his obituary here: <https://tinyurl.com/4m5xnzbb>. ~John O’Grady, on behalf of the CANA Management Board: Tabora Marcus, Maura McNulty, Michelle Syrotynski, Arlene Way, and Alex Word

***Tea & Short Reads** with Fr. Dan continues! Wednesday, July 30th 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 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.

*The Albany Diocese will present the **Step-Up Men's Conference** on Saturday, August 9th from 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. To register and for more details, visit: www.rcda.org/StepUp. College age and younger men get in free.



Regular: \$5,209; School: \$1,780

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.mvvanco.com/YHAN/home.**

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Lord
TEACH US TO
pray
- LUKE 11:1



**SEVENTEENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

<p>BAPTISMS</p> <p>FUNERALS</p> <p>WEDDINGS</p>	<p>SATURDAY, 7/26/25 — 4 PM</p> <p>✠ Peter Rosenberger ✠ Constance & Louis Mineau ♥ Michael Anthony Sparks ♥ Katelyn & Dylan Thompson</p> <p><i>Memorial, Sts. Joachim and Anne (parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary)</i></p>	<p>SUNDAY, 7/27/25 — 9 AM</p> <p>✠ Jean Calderone ✠ Louis Huynh ✠ Carmella Burke ✠ Lawrence & Ann Gallo</p> <p>6 PM — URDU</p> <p><i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>
	<p>MONDAY, 7/28/25 — 7 AM</p> <p>♥ Bill C ♥ Kristal Rodriguez Mercado</p>	<p>TUESDAY, 7/29/25 — 12 PM</p> <p><i>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m.</i></p> <p><i>Memorial, Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus</i></p>
<p>CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST</p> <p>Weekend Masses: Saturdays, 4 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m. (<i>English</i>) and 6 p.m. (<i>Urdu</i>)</p> <p>Weekday Masses: As scheduled in the bulletin</p> <p>Reconciliation (Confession): Tuesdays & Thursdays, 12:30-1:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 3-3:40 p.m.</p> <p>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 12:30-1:30 p.m.</p> <p>CONTACT US</p> <p>607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206</p> <p>Website: www.blessedsacramentalbany.org</p> <p>Office Phone: (518) 482-3375</p> <p>Office E-mail: blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com</p> <p>Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.</p> <p>For submitting bulletin items: bulletin.blessedsacrament@gmail.com</p> <p>STAY CONNECTED</p> <p>Parish Website: blessedsacramentalbany.org</p> <p>“Like” us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/blessedsacramentcatholicchurch</p> <p>(Sunday Masses are livestreamed here)</p> <p>Subscribe to our YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/@BSCAlbany</p> <p>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>WEDNESDAY, 7/30/25 — 7 AM</p> <p>FRIDAY, 8/1/25</p> <p>NO MASS</p> <p><i>Memorial, St. Alphonsus Liguori</i></p>	<p>THURSDAY, 7/31/25 — 12 PM</p> <p><i>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m.</i></p> <p><i>Memorial, St. Ignatius of Loyola</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>SATURDAY, 8/2/25 — 9 AM</p> <p>4 PM</p> <p>For the People Pro Populo</p>	<p>SUNDAY, 8/3/25 — 9 AM</p> <p>✠ Patrick Riley ♥ Michael Anthony Sparks ✠ Yvone Catalano</p> <p>6 PM — URDU</p> <p><i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>

HE KNOWS WHAT’S IN OUR HEARTS
by Lisanne Jensen

Due to the nature of my jobs (director of Faith Formation and school religion teacher), I’m often asked to lead groups in prayer. Sometimes it’s a prepared prayer that I’ve written ahead of time, but usually it’s spontaneous (where I’m just “winging it” and letting the Holy Spirit take over). Either way, it’s one of my favorite things to do — but that wasn’t always the case!

Before I became Catholic and was asking a lot of questions about God and faith, I was a member of a local moms’ group. We had small breakout sessions one day, and I was nominated to lead the small group in prayer. I instantly felt nervous and shy, and I wasn’t sure that I felt comfortable praying out loud in front of everyone. I didn’t know the proper words to say. Someone else in the group advised me, “Just say what’s in your heart.” So, I took a deep breath and did exactly that. Afterward, everyone commented on how heartfelt and genuine my prayer was and how it really inspired them. At that moment, I realized that God just wants to know what’s in our hearts — and spending time with him in conversation is the important part, not whether we stumble over our words or don’t know what to say or forget to mention something. He just wants that closeness with us.

This weekend’s Gospel passage is about prayer. In Luke, one of Jesus’s disciples asks him, “Lord, teach us to pray.” It’s a question that we, too, might have on our minds — how should we be praying? Jesus responds with, “Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us …” (Luke 11:2-4). Those words sound familiar to us, of course! We know them as The Lord’s Prayer (sometimes called the “Our Father”). For children receiving

the sacrament of First Reconciliation, I actually use a beautiful Examination of Conscience that’s based on The Lord’s Prayer! Christians all over the world know this prayer.

One of my favorite parts of the Our Father is, “Give us this day our daily bread.” These words remind me that God always gives us everything we need each day, so we shouldn’t be anxious or afraid (I know, that’s easier said than done!). We can count on him to provide — and he always seems to answer our prayers beyond what we could have ever imagined!

Even when we pray, and we might not know what to say or what to pray for, we can rest assured that God knows what’s in our hearts and will guide us. So, let’s do as St. Paul urges us: pray without ceasing! And, “Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God” (Philippians 4:6).

THIS 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

NEXT WEEKEND’S MASS READINGS (8/2-8/3)

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 90

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21



FROM OUR URDU COMMUNITY

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

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FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

*If you’d like to register your child for **Faith Formation** at Blessed Sacrament Church this fall, please visit the website www.bsc-ffym.org/register and complete the short form. Or, you can call our office at (518) 438-5854, ext. 119, or send us an e-mail at faithformationbsc@gmail.com. *(There is a small registration fee, but please know that a confidential payment arrangement can be made in the case of financial difficulty.)* Our Faith Formation office is located on the second floor of Blessed Sacrament School.

*Our first family Faith Formation session will be held on **Sunday, September 21st** immediately after the 9 a.m. Mass. Our amazing catechists will be recognized and blessed at this Mass for Catechetical Sunday! We will have breakfast in the school gym, followed by small-group sessions (“classes”) from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Adults even have their own faith-sharing group! Our closing and dismissal will be at 11:45 a.m. We are super excited about this brand-new year!

*We’re on **Facebook** (www.facebook.com/bsc-ffym) and **Instagram** (@blessedsacramentffym). Give us a “like” and a follow to stay updated on the latest news!



The Annual Diocesan **Marriage Jubilee Celebration** will be held on Sunday, September 14th at 3 p.m. at Christ Our Light Church, 1 Maria Drive, Loudonville. Couples celebrating their first, 25th, 50th, or any special wedding anniversary are invited to attend this celebration, which honors the enduring bond of love and strengthens the sense of community among couples within the Albany Diocese.

The liturgy is at 3 p.m., and there will be a reception afterward in the Parish Hall. Please register through your parish office, or you may e-mail Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org. The deadline for registering is Sunday, September 7th.

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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!

*Are you single and Catholic? If so, you’re invited to join 400-plus singles coming from all over the United States (and beyond) at the **20th Anniversary National Conference for Single Catholics** in Denver, CO on August 22nd through 24th! (Can’t travel? Join the virtual option with online socials and small-group discussions.) This is your chance to connect with like-minded singles of all ages. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass with Archbishop Samuel Aquila, Adoration, fellowship, and more. Use the promo code PARISH25 for a discount. Visit the website www.nationalcatholicsingles.com for more information and to register.



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*BSS’s **Summer Camp** continues! Pictured above: campers and volunteers enjoy an outdoor picnic together in the beautiful summer weather. Pictured below: for “Superhero Week,” campers used paper plates to create Captain America shields! BSS’s Summer Camp runs through August 8th.

***Registration is open for our upcoming 2025-2026 school year!** Visit www.blessedsacramentschool.net — and under the “Admissions”

tab, click “Visit BSS” to fill out the short form to schedule a tour. We offer 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 info@blessedsacramentschool.net. We would love to share with you what makes our Blessed Sacrament community so special and have your family be part of ours!

*Even though it’s summer, you can still **support our school** in various ways! Check out the website <https://blessedsacramentschool.net/support-our-school/>. Thank you so much for your prayerful support of our community!

*Our **first day of school** will be Thursday, September 4th!



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FROM THE PARISH BULLETIN:

*Mission statement: “*We are a vibrant, welcoming, multicultural Catholic community in the heart of the City of Albany celebrating and ministering the presence of Jesus with our parishioners and neighbors.*”

*Congratulations to **Fr. Joe Angelini** on his 60th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood! Thank you so much for all you have done for our parish and community!

*View our Masses online through **Facebook**:
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