

PARISH MINISTRY NEWS

*Our church is looking for **Eucharistic ministers** for our weekend Masses. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Fr. Dan, Fr. Yusko, or Stephen Crouchley. In particular, we really need Eucharistic ministers at 9 a.m. on Sundays!

*Thank you so very much to parishioner **Greg Matusic** for the beautiful and creative artwork that he provides every week for our church bulletin! We are blessed to have his artistic skills!



FAMILY FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 27, 2025 – 2 to 6 p.m.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL

605 CENTRAL AVE ALBANY, NY 12206

*We are off and running to make this year’s **Family Festival** on September 27th our best year ever! We continue to ask for your help in seeking prize donations for our Silent Auction, making crafts for our Craft Booth, and selling raffle tickets (which will be mailed to you in the next few weeks). More information will be coming throughout the summer. Let’s make this a real parish event!

BLESSED SACRAMENT FOOD PANTRY

*Here’s what our food pantry needs right now: **canned veggies & fruit, jelly, instant potatoes, stew, hash and pork ‘n beans**. The Regional Food Bank was out of this items.

*The 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!

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).

HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITIES

*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.

*Get ready for more **Tea & Short Reads**! July 9th is our next gathering; we will discuss “On the Role of Literature in Formation” by Pope Francis. All gatherings take place on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. in the All Saints parish office “Upper Room,” 12 Rosemont St., Albany. You can find the complete text of all the readings here: <https://blessedsacramentalbany.org/tea-short-reads/>.

St. Vincent de Paul Church, 900 Madison Ave., Albany, presents a “Faith in Film” series each summer. Here are the upcoming films (each begins at 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.

OFFERTORY: SHARING OUR TREASURE
Regular: \$5,834

Our second collection the weekend of July 20th will go toward 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 code or visit secure.myvanco.com/YHAN/home.

Thank you for your continued support!



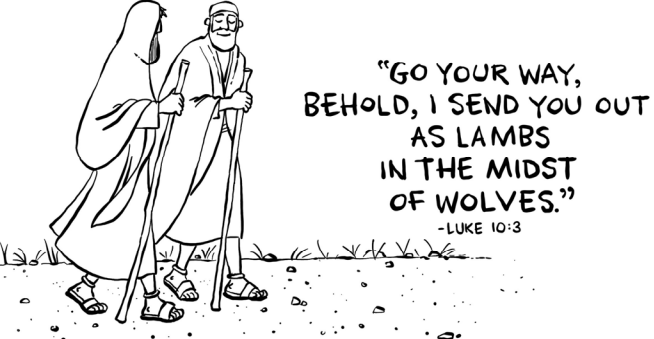
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BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

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<p>BAPTISMS</p> <p>Vera Mae Stevens</p> <p>FUNERALS</p> <p>WEDDINGS</p>	<p>SATURDAY, 7/5/25 — 9 AM</p> <p>4 PM</p> <p>For the People Pro Populo</p> <p>MONDAY, 7/7/25 — 7 AM</p> <p>✙ Joseph & Frances Bologna</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, 7/9/25 — 7 AM</p> <p>♥ Michael Anthony Sparks</p> <p>FRIDAY, 7/11/25</p> <p>NO MASS</p> <p><i>Memorial of St. Benedict</i></p> <p>SATURDAY, 7/12/25 — 4 PM</p> <p>♥ Katelyn Wilson Thompson ✙ Jack & Brian Cromie ✙ Yvonne Catalano ✙ Marion C Hendrick</p>	<p>SUNDAY, 7/6/25 — 9 AM</p> <p>✙ Mary Ellen Kalled ✙ John Waldron ✙ Joanne Monahan ♥ Bill C</p> <p>6 PM — URDU</p> <p><i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p> <p>TUESDAY, 7/8/25 — 12 PM</p> <p><i>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m.</i></p> <p>✙ John & Mary Lynch ✙ Donald Partyka ✙ Katie Lynch Farrell ✙ Casey Ryan Lynch</p> <p>THURSDAY, 7/10/25 — 12 PM</p> <p><i>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m.</i></p> <p>✙ Piotr Stach ♥ Kristal Rodriguez Mercado</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>SUNDAY, 7/13/25 — 9 AM</p> <p>✙ Vincent DiSimone ✙ Daniel Lamphere, Sr. ♥ Michael Anthony Sparks</p> <p>6 PM — URDU</p> <p><i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>
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FROM THE DEACON’S BENCH

Last week, Jesus used strong language about the difficulties of discipleship. This week, Jesus appoints 72 people to go ahead of him to every town and place he plans to visit, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. He sends them in pairs. In the Law of Moses, two witnesses were needed for a testimony to be credible. It was also probably a safer way to travel.

When they enter a house, their message is simply “peace.” They are not to demand special treatment but eat and drink whatever is given to them. They are to stay in one house and not look around for one that provides better accommodations. They are to heal the sick as a sign that the Kingdom of God is at hand for them. Like Jesus’s miracles, healing is a sign of the coming of the kingdom. If the town will not receive them, they are to shake the dust from their feet and move on. Even in the case of such rejection, however, they should know that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

When they return from their journeys, they are rejoicing because their mission was successful. Demons were under their power because of Jesus’s name. Jesus may have sent them out as lambs among wolves, but at the conclusion of this passage he assures them that they have been given power over the enemy and that nothing will harm them — not even serpents and scorpions.

A key theme of today’s Gospel and last Sunday’s Gospel is discipleship — its challenges, difficulties, and rewards. Sharing in the mission of Jesus is difficult, but everyone — including us — is called to do it. We are to pray about it as the early apostles did and let the Holy Spirit guide us to discipleship. ~Deacon Gerry



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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.

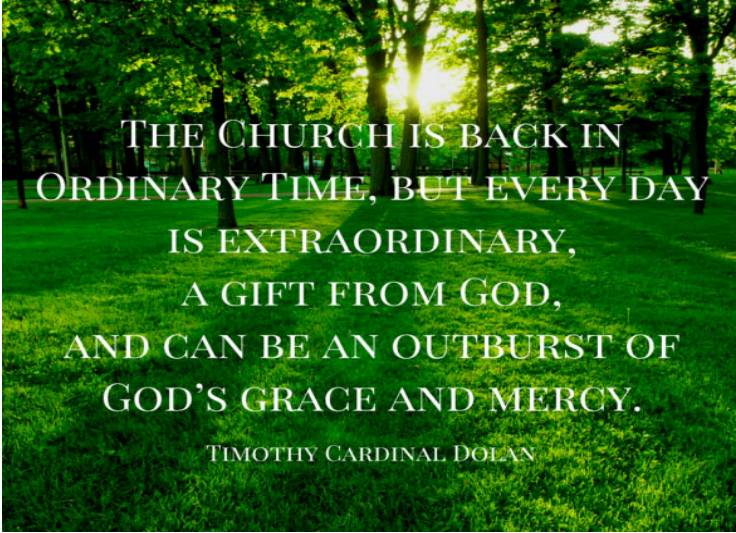
FROM THE PARISH BULLETIN:

*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!

*Please delete any **spam e-mails or texts** (especially requesting money or gift cards) appearing to be from Fr. Dan/Fr. O’Connor.

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




THIS 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

NEXT 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



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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(518) 462-9885

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

*Can you spot Tanzania on a world map? Have you ever tried a Tanzanian dessert? Come join us on Tuesday, July 8th at 6 p.m. in Blessed Sacrament Church for a very special event: meeting and greeting our summer seminarian, **Gilbert Kimoro!** He will talk about his Catholic faith as well as his vocations journey, his life growing up in Tanzania, and his experiences preparing for the priesthood. After his talk (and some questions and answers), we will serve some traditional Tanzanian treats in the rear of the church. Don’t miss it!

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:
(518) 438-5854, x119
faithformationbsc@gmail.com

*Calling all **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., and we need your help! 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 volunteer: faithformationbsc@gmail.com or (518) 438-5854, ext. 119.

*Blessed Sacrament’s **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** will take place the week of August 18th-22nd from 9 a.m. to noon each day. Our VBS is open to children entering kindergarten through Grade 5 this fall — and those in Grades 6 and older are eligible to serve as our VBS leaders! The cost is \$30 per family; however, confidential payment arrangements can be made. Please see the flyer on the right for more details!

*From Ms. Jensen: If anyone needs a lightweight, foldable wheelchair (Equate brand from Wal-Mart), one is available for free. Please call or text (518) 965-9199. Thank you!

*We’re now on Instagram! [@blessedsacramentffym](https://www.instagram.com/blessedsacramentffym)



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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.

*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/>.

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SCHOOL BUCKS

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!



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SCAN TO REGISTER!