

*If you attend a Mass anywhere throughout our Albany Diocese and place *your* parish's **offertory envelope** (i.e., from Blessed Sacrament, All Saints, Mater Christi, or Our Lady of the Americas) into the collection basket, please know that your contribution will always make its way back to the proper parish!

*In celebration of the **Jubilee Year**, the parishes of All Saints, Blessed Sacrament, Mater Christi, and Our Lady of the Americas will join on Sunday, September 21st for a Eucharistic procession at 2 p.m. and picnic at 3 p.m. We will meet at Mater Christi and process around the neighborhood, returning to the church for benediction.

***Family Festival:** We continue to ask your help in seeking prize donations for our Silent Auction and making crafts for our craft booth. We had some lovely prizes in previous years — jewelry, women’s accessories, themed baskets, event and dinner tickets, and much more. Raffle ticket returns are coming in. More are available in the rectory, in church, and at the school. Tickets for the ziti and meatballs dinner will be on sale starting next weekend. Thank you for all your support!

*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 for sacramental preparation 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 soon. Contact our parish office if you are interested!

*August **HNS** raffle ticket winners: \$200 1st prize, Linda Loparco; \$50 2nd prize, K. DiNovo; \$25 3rd to 5th prizes, M. Joyce, Doug Mero, and S. Coleman. Next drawing: Wednesday, September 5th at 7 p.m. in the Forman Room. All parish men are invited!

*In July 2025, we proudly served **233 households** consisting of 216 children, 402 adults, and 92 seniors! Your generous and thoughtful contributions help make this possible! Our pantry is open **Mondays and Thursdays**, 10 to 11:30 a.m. There is no formal drop-off time for food donations, but 8:30 to 9 a.m. is a recommended time.

***Items needed right now: bread, soap, toothpaste, and laundry detergent (liquid or pods).**

*Our thrift store **shopping hours** are 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays; donations are accepted Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon. We're located in the church basement!

The printing of our parish bulletin is generously provided by:



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*As the Jubilee Year 2025 draws to a close, and as our diocese embarks on the “ReMade for Mission” initiative, we will gather as fellow pilgrims and disciples to pray together and to fan the flame of hope through inspiring presentations by **Fr. Frank Donio, S.A.C.**, director of the Catholic Apostolate Center in Washington, D.C. Fr. Frank will help us reflect on what it means to be pilgrims of hope and disciples on mission in today’s Church and world and will offer us some practical ways such a vision can be implemented in parishes, pastoral networks, and the wider community. This Jubilee gathering will include morning refreshments, a festive morning prayer, two talks by Fr. Donio, lunch, and a synodal listening session and sharing. There is no cost to attend; however, advance registration is required (by September 10th). To register, visit the website <https://webapps.rcda.org/ParishFaithFormation/>. For further information, please see <https://www.rcda.org/offices/office-discipleship-formation> or call the Office for Discipleship Formation at (518) 453-6670.

*A **Spanish Mass** for the feast of the Assumption will take place on Thursday, August 14th at St. Francis of Assisi, 391 Delaware Ave. (St. James Place), at 5:30 p.m. with Bishop Scharfenberger as celebrant.

*The Consultation Center, located on Lancaster Street across from the Pastoral Center in Albany, is looking for a **billing and office manager**. This position is responsible for financial management, reporting, and record keeping. Duties include day-to-day operations of the office, consisting of scheduling, correspondence, record keeping, insurance/client billing, reimbursement for services, maintaining and ordering inventory, managing relations with vendors, and preparation of financial reports. Salary range is \$20 to \$22 per hour, 35 hours per week. The Consultation Center offers counseling services as well as spiritual direction and other services. For more information or to apply for this position, go to “Employment Opportunities” on the diocesan website’s Human Resources page: www.rcda.org.

*Wednesday, August 13th is the last gathering for **Tea & Short Reads** with Fr. Dan! It'll take place at 12:30 p.m. in the All Saints parish office "Upper Room," 12 Rosemont St., Albany; "The Necklace" by Guy de Maupassant will be discussed. Find the complete text here: <https://blessedsacramentalbany.org/tea-short-reads/>.

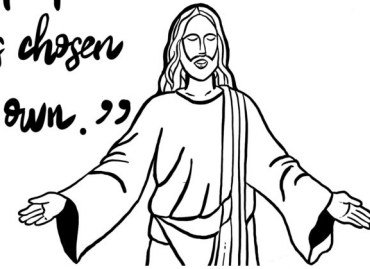
*St. Vincent de Paul Church's final movie in the **"Faith in Film"** series will be at 7 p.m. on August 19th: "The Band's Visit." St. Vincent's is at 900 Madison Ave., Albany.



Regular: \$7,579
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.**

“Blessed the people
the Lord has chosen
to be His own.”

PSALM 33:12



AUGUST 10, 2025

**NINETEENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

<p>Baptisms</p> <p>Funerals</p> <p>Weddings</p>	<p>SATURDAY, 8/9/25 — 4 PM</p> <p>† SETH GRENCI ♥ Kaitlyn Wilson Thompson † Monica Dofmarais † Bernadette Vermette</p>	<p>SUNDAY, 8/10/25 — 9 AM</p> <p>† ELIZABETH DESORBO † BERNADETTE VERMETTE ♥ KRISTAL RODRIGUEZ MERCADO</p> <p>6 PM — URDU <i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>
	<p>MONDAY, 8/11/25 — 7 AM</p> <p>♥ Michael Anthony Sparks</p> <p><i>Memorial, St. Clare</i></p>	<p>TUESDAY, 8/12/25 — 12 PM <i>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m.</i></p> <p>† John & Mary Lynch † Katie Lynch Farell † Casey Ryan Lynch † Donald Partyka † Robert Mittler</p>
<p>CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST Weekend Masses: Saturdays, 4 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m. (<i>English</i>) and 6 p.m. (<i>Urdu</i>) Weekday Masses: As scheduled in the bulletin Reconciliation (Confession): Tuesdays & Thursdays, 12:30-1:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 3-3:40 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 12:30-1:30 p.m.</p> <p>CONTACT US 607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206 Website: www.blessedsacramentalbany.org Office Phone: (518) 482-3375 Office E-mail: blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. For submitting bulletin items: bulletin.blessedsacrament@gmail.com</p> <p>STAY CONNECTED Parish Website: blessedsacramentalbany.org “Like” us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/blessedsacramentcatholicchurch (Sunday Masses are livestreamed here) Subscribe to our YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/@BSCAlbany 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, 8/13/25 — 7 AM</p> <p>† DAVID KALLED</p> <p><i>Memorial, St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe</i></p>	<p>THURSDAY, 8/14/25 — 12 PM <i>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m.</i></p> <p>♥ Simon Kim ♥ Bill C</p> <p><i>Memorial, St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe</i></p>
	<p>FRIDAY, 8/15/25 — 7 AM</p> <p>12 PM</p> <p>† Lours HUYNH</p> <p><i>Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</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, 8/16/25 — 4 PM</p> <p>† Robert Foley † Jack & Brian Cromie † Janet Campbell</p>	<p>SUNDAY, 8/17/25 — 9 AM</p> <p>† FRANCIS J. CUMMINGS † ALICE & RAYMOND, SPAILING. SR. † ROSEMARY KEANE</p> <p>6 PM — URDU <i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>


FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK
by Rev. Daniel Quinn

Sometimes in our lives, we come to a point where we think it's too late. "It's too late to start something new." "You can't teach an old dog new tricks." "That's the sort of thing I should've accomplished when I was younger." "It's too late; I can't go back; they won't accept me back."

What I hear in today's readings is that it's never too late. It wasn't too late for Abraham and Sarah to have a baby, even though everyone thought so. it's not too late to change our whole approach to life, to no longer live in fear, if that had been a concern. It's never too late to have hope. If we, as the Lord's prayer says, ask for each day our daily bread, and, in effect, to ask for and be open to whatever God wants to give us each day, then each day is a new opportunity. I've got is called us to something, no matter how old or young we are, if he has called us to something new, he'll give us the joy of accomplishing it, and the strength to accomplish it.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Blessed Sacrament – Friday, 7 a.m. and 12 p.m.
All Saints – Friday, 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Mater Christi – Thursday, 5:30 p.m. and Friday, 8:15 a.m.
Cathedral – Friday, 5:30 p.m.
St. Mary’s – Friday, 12:05 p.m.
St. Francis (bilingual) – Thursday, 5:30 p.m.
(with Bishop Scharfenberger as celebrant)
Christ Our Light – Friday, 12:15 p.m.



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



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

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Rev. Mr. Miguel Fabian, Deacon
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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.

**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.”*

THIS WEEKEND’S MASS READINGS (8/9-8/10)
FIRST READING: Wisdom 18:6-9
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 33
SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-48

NEXT WEEKEND’S MASS READINGS (8/16-8/17)
FIRST READING: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 40
SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:1-4
GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-53

MORE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

*A relic of **St. Veronica’s veil** (sanctioned officially by the Vatican) will be on display at Mater Christi this weekend (August 9th and 10th). For more information about the veil, visit online at <https://tinyurl.com/4fsbr56j>.

*Monday, September 22nd at Capital Hills Golf Course, there will be a golf tournament to benefit the **Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Catholic Education Fund**, sponsored by St. Mary’s, Crescent. September 18th is the deadline to register. The event includes a complimentary lunch; a happy hour with beer, wine, and soda; dinner; greens fee and cart; a practice range; and men’s, ladies, and mixed foursomes. For more information and to register, call (518) 482-5572 or e-mail sundaes1@yahoo.com.

*The Auriesville Shrine will host its annual Catholic Professionals Conference and Mini Retreat on August 23rd from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The conference is titled, “**Living by the Light: Gender Dysphoria: Justice and Compassionate Care.**” To learn more and/or register, visit stbernards.regfox.com/living-by-the-light-2025.

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FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

*We have a terrific ministry opportunity available for this upcoming Faith Formation year! Are you (or someone you know) interested in serving as Blessed Sacrament Church’s **middle school catechist** for Grades 6-9 Faith Formation? You would be instrumental in helping provide a solid foundation of Catholic faith for our young Church! The time commitment is once a month, September through April. Diocesan safe environment requirements must be met beforehand, and full training and support (including teaching materials) is provided. Please contact our Faith Formation office if you’d like more information about this position: faithformationbsc@gmail.com or (518) 438-5854, ext. 119. Your impact on young people will shape them for a lifetime!

*Our first Faith Formation gathering will be Sunday, September 21st. **Registration is open** ... visit online at www.bsc-ffym.org/register and complete the short form. You can also call or e-mail our office if you prefer. We gather once a month after the 9 a.m. Mass and 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! The closing/dismissal is at 11:45 a.m. Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation is included. We would love to have your family be part of our family!

*This weekend is the last weekend that we will have our summer seminarian, **Gilbert Kimaro**, with us here at **Blessed Sacrament!** He will soon return to his studies for the priesthood. We want to wish him very well and keep him in our prayers as he continues studies toward his ordination! He will be ordained a deacon next year, and then the following year, he will join the priesthood! Sincere thanks for all he has done for us here this summer!*



Blessed Sacrament

FAMILY FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 27, 2025
2 to 6 p.m. in the school gym

We are one family united in faith ~ and we have a LOT to celebrate!
Come join us for food, fellowship, and fun!



Enjoy homemade baked ziti with meatballs!



Enter to win fabulous themed gift baskets!



Be part of the action with family activities!



Sample bake sale goodies and shop handmade crafts!

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*Our **Summer Camp** ended on Friday, August 8th with lots of colorful fun! Campers enjoyed tie-dyeing T-shirts and battling in “color wars.” Many thanks to everyone who helped with our camp this year to make it so memorable!

*We’re accepting **registrations** for the 2025-2026 school year! Visit our website, www.blessedsacramentschool.net, and under the “Admissions” tab, click “Visit BSS” to fill out the form and schedule a prospective family tour. We offer a solid foundation of Catholic faith and education for children entering preschool (three- and four-year-olds) through Grade 6. Reach out anytime at (518) 438-5854 or by e-mail: info@blessedsacramentschool.net.

Colonie Center Mall



Back-to-school shopping at the mall? Save and turn in your receipts ... and support our school at the same time!

Bring your Colonie Center Mall receipts to our parish or school office — or submit them at the Management Office near Sephora. Details: 2 points per \$1 spent; a minimum of 8,000 shopping points required to qualify to win. School Bucks is based on actual dollars spent by personal visits of family members, friends, and supporters of each participating school (not a receipt drive). Bills made from non-in-store purchases will not be accepted. Store employees may not be used to collect receipts for schools. All receipts must be redeemed within 60 days of purchase date. Receipts will be collected from 1/1/25 until 1/15/26. Receipts dated prior to 1/1/25 will not be accepted. Receipts for returned items will also not be accepted. *At the end of the year, the winning school earns \$8,000!*

August Points Opportunities:
♣ 3X: Poke N Ramen, H&M, Gift Emporium, Stitch & Time
♣ 4X: Torrid, Dunkin, Famous Footwear, Sephora
♣ Bonus: 1,000 points for every Frozen D Lite receipt turned in!

**Also, through 8/31, receive a \$25 gift card when you spend \$150 or more at Colonie Center! <https://tinyurl.com/e89b7mtk>*