

PARISH MINISTRY NEWS

*Blessed Sacrament’s **Family Festival** is getting closer and closer! 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 meatball dinner will be on sale starting next weekend. Thank you for all your support!

*During the weekend of August 23rd/24th, our second collection will support the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. Nearly half our country is considered mission territory, and this collection will help our brothers and sisters in faith who do not have access to basic pastoral services to grow their faith, such as Mass, the sacraments, and religious education. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-home-missions.

*On August 17th from noon to 4 p.m., the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center will host “**Sundaes on Sunday.**” This event is a chance to enjoy free ice cream and music, tour the center, walk the grounds, learn more about its history and programs, attend their choir concerts at 1 and 2:30 p.m., enter the drawing for a free weekend retreat, and check out their used book sale. Bring the kids for stories and activities featuring the books of Tomie dePaola, the center’s mural’s well-known artist!

*In celebration of the **Jubilee Year**, 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.

*Are you an adult interested in joining the Catholic Church? Were you baptized in the Catholic Church but have not been Confirmed or received First Eucharist? Weekly **OCIA/RCIA** and adult classes for sacramental preparation will begin in mid September. Contact our parish office if you are interested!

*The next **Holy Name Society** meeting and drawing will be held Wednesday, September 5th at 7 p.m. in the Forman Room. All parish men are invited!

FOOD PANTRY

*Our pantry is open **Mondays and Thursdays**, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Items needed: **bread, soap, toothpaste, and laundry detergent (liquid or pods).**

THE BOUTIQUE

*Hours: 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

The printing of our parish bulletin is generously provided by:



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HAPPENING IN OUR DIOCESE

*A **Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat** is an opportunity to experience God’s love and healing in a safe environment. Rachel’s Vineyard is dedicated to reconciliation and healing for women and men who have suffered from the pain of an abortion. The next retreat will be November 14-16 at the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center, Niskayuna. The cost is \$195 (includes room, meals, and materials). Financial assistance is available. For information or to register, contact Pat Mousaw, (518) 222-1160, Katie Bolibaugh, (518) 495-3574, or rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com. Participation is strictly confidential. For a complete list of retreat dates and locations, contact 1-877-HOPE-4-ME or visit the website www.rachelsvineyard.org.

*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.

*Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region is providing **mass food distributions** throughout the year from 8 a.m. until the food runs out. Upcoming dates and locations are: South End (20 S. Ferry St.): September 10th and October 8th; and Arbor Hill (47 Lark St.): September 3rd, and October 1st. Please bring bags/carts. Questions: call (518) 449-5155.

*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.

*The annual diocesan **Marriage Jubilee** celebration will be held on Sunday, September 14th at 3 p.m. at Christ Our Light Church, Loudonville. Couples celebrating their 1st, 25th, 50th, or any special wedding anniversary are invited to participate. Register through the parish office or e-mail marriage.jubilee@rcda.org. The deadline is September 7th.



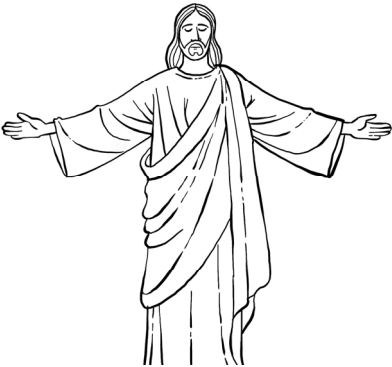
OFFERTORY: SHARING OUR TREASURE
Regular: \$5,213
Blessed Sacrament needs at least \$9,000 each week in our collections to break even — not counting unexpected maintenance costs that might arise. **To donate online, scan the QR code above or visit secure.myvanco.com/YHAN/home.**

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

607 CENTRAL AVE., ALBANY, NY 12206

*I have come to set
the earth on fire,
and how I wish it
were already
blazing!*

-LUKE 12:49-53



BAPTISMS

Nicolas Mario Radigan

FUNERALS

Beatrice Zirpoli

WEDDINGS

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
Weekend Masses: Saturdays, 4 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m. *(English)* and 6 p.m. *(Urdu)*
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.

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*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.*

<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 (40th Ann) ✠ Alice & Raymond Sparling, Sr. ✠ Rosemary Keane ♥ Dorothy M Roberts (105 Bday)</p> <p>6 PM — URDU <i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>
<p>MONDAY, 8/18/25 — 7 AM</p> <p>♥ Kristal Rodriguez Mercado ✠ Ralph Rapello ♥ Cyril Knight Lukeman ✠ Charles Mendel</p>	<p>TUESDAY, 8/19/25</p> <p>No Mass</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY, 8/20/25 — 7 AM</p> <p>✠ Paul Bishop ♥ Mary Margaret McCarthy ♥ Bill C</p> <p><i>Memorial, St. Bernard</i></p>	<p>THURSDAY, 8/21/25 — 12 PM <i>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m.</i></p> <p>✠ Stephen Zakens (40 Ann) ♥ Lance Anton Larsen ♥Michael Anthony Sparks</p> <p><i>Memorial, St. Pius X</i></p>
<p>FRIDAY, 8/22/25 — NO MASS</p> <p><i>Memorial, Queenship 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, 8/23/25 — 4 PM</p> <p>✠ Kevin Foley ✠ Florence, Joseph & Richard Zabinski ♥ Nicholas Panetta ♥ Kaitlyn & Dylan Thompson</p>	<p>SUNDAY, 8/24/25 — 9 AM</p> <p>✠ Daniel Lamphere, Sr. ✠ Kyran Nardolillo ✠ Richard Raco</p> <p>6 PM — URDU <i>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>

MASS IS MASS, WHEREVER YOU GO
by Lisanne Jensen

It always amazes me that anywhere you travel in the world, you can attend a Catholic Mass and be able to follow along and participate just like you would in your own home parish. Some elements might be slightly different, such as the music, the architecture of the church building, the interior decor, or perhaps even the spoken language — but the Mass itself always remains the same.




Back in 2016, I experienced my first cruise. My mom and I went together, and we traveled to Puerto Rico, St. Kitts, and St. Maarten. Mass was actually offered on the cruise ship! Above, you can see that the crucifix placed on the altar had a ship’s anchor at the bottom! The priest’s chasuble also matched. Because no actual flames were allowed on the ship, the candles for Mass contained LED votives. Mass took place in an auditorium, which seemed very different, but it was still a regular Mass — even in the middle of the ocean!

As I type this reflection, I’m on vacation in Block Island, RI. You have to take a ferry (of course) to get here, and it feels like you’re so far away from everything. But there is a Catholic church here on the island — St. Andrew’s (patron saint of fishermen!). Even remote islands have Catholic Masses!



God is everywhere ... and so is Mass!



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

NEXT WEEKEND’S MASS READINGS (8/23-8/24)
FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:18-21
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 117
SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
GOSPEL: Luke 13:22-30

MORE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

*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.

*All over the world this Jubilee Year, we are asked to console the sorrowing on September 15th, the feast of **Our Lady of Sorrows**. One idea is arranging to have a Mass celebrated for “all grieving parents.” Call our parish office!

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FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

*Faith Formation is super excited to be in charge of the **bake sale table** at this year’s Blessed Sacrament Family Festival on Saturday, September 27th! Would any of our families like to contribute a sweet treat? Please let Ms. Jensen know ASAP. Also, we will need volunteers to staff the table. Additionally, our Confirmation candidates will be selling **pumpkins** at the table! Come grab a few for carving, decorating, or for your fall décor!

*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.



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 entire Blessed Sacrament community offers its sincere prayers and condolences to our former school principal **Alexandra Morazan**, who lost her father on Sunday, August 10th. May he rest in God’s eternal embrace — and may God comfort Alexandra, her family, and all those who are mourning his loss. From BSS principal Michael O’Kane: “We extend our heartfelt condolences to Alex and her family during this difficult time and keep them close in our thoughts and prayers.”

*We’re still 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 who are entering preschool (three- and four-year-olds) through Grade 6. Reach out anytime (our contact information is above).

*Our students’ **first day of school** is Thursday, September 4th! We are super excited to welcome everyone back for this brand-new year! A complete **school calendar** can be found online by visiting www.blessedsacramentschool.net and clicking “School Calendar” under the “Parents” menu option.

*Please see the Blessed Sacrament **Family Festival** graphic on the left for more information about this big event happening on Saturday, September 27th! We hope to see you there!

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 are not 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. *The winning school will earn \$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>