

*Our annual **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!

*This weekend, 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.

*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!

*During the month of September 2025, Blessed Sacrament's food pantry will receive a \$1 donation for every \$2.50 reusable **Fight Hunger bag** sold at the Hannaford store at 5 Maple Rd., Voorheesville. Please help spread the word!



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

***Hours:** 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Come shop with us!


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Eve of the Feast of the North American Martyrs, October 18, 2025
Annual Walking Eucharistic Pilgrimage Led by Fr. Quinn, Fr. Resila & Fr. Yusko
St. Mary's Church, Amsterdam --> Schoharie Crossing Yankee Hill Lock --> Nat'l Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs

Pilgrims arrive at St. Mary's (156 Main Street): 7:00-7:20am, Depart 7:30am
Arrive at Schoharie Crossing Yankee Hill Lock, Queen Anne Road: Approx 9:00am
 (port-a-potty break) **Pilgrims may join procession here!**
Approx. arrival at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine: 11:00am
Total walking distance: 7.5 miles

There are 40 seats available on a bus that will pick up at the Coliseum parking lot at 6:45am and deliver you to St. Mary's Church so that you can leave your car at the Shrine. Seats will only be available to those who register in advance. Reserve your seat by texting or emailing Julie at 518-630-9922 or julie@ourladyofmartyrsshine.org.

12:30pm Mass in Coliseum
1:30pm Eucharistic Procession from Coliseum to Ravine
2:30pm Relic Talk by Fr. John O'Brien, S.J., director of Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, Ontario
3:30pm Veneration of Relics

* **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: 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 more information: <https://www.rcda.org/offices/office-discipleship-formation> or call (518) 453-6670.




Regular: \$5,675; School: \$1,827

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.**

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Strive to enter
THROUGH THE NARROW
gate
-LUKE 13:22



<div><div>BAPTISMS</div><div>FUNERALS</div><div>Verna Bolton Thomas Warner</div><div>WEDDINGS</div></div>	<div><div>SATURDAY, 8/23/25 — 4 PM</div><div>✚ Kevin Foley ✚ Florence, Joseph & Richard Zabinski ♥ Kaitlyn & Dylan Thompson ♥ Nicholas Panetta</div></div> <div><div>SUNDAY, 8/24/25 — 9 AM</div><div>✚ Daniel Lamphere, Sr. ✚ Kyran Nardolillo ✚ Richard Raco</div><div>6 PM — URDU</div><div>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</div></div>	
	<div><div>MONDAY, 8/25/25 — 7 AM</div><div>✚ Michael J Kirker ✚ Nora Prall ♥ Chang Sho Kim</div></div>	<div><div>TUESDAY, 8/26/25 — 12 PM</div><div>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m.</div><div>✚ Mildred & Ed Mannix ✚ Peter J Coleman ♥ Soon Ja Kim</div></div>
	<div><div>WEDNESDAY, 8/27/25 — 7 AM</div><div>✚ Mildred Lesch ✚ Robert Bradley ♥ Michael Anthony Sparks ♥ Luz Mercader (bday)</div><div>Memorial, St. Monica</div></div>	<div><div>THURSDAY, 8/28/25 — 12 PM</div><div>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m.</div><div>♥ Bill C ✚ Frank & Elizabth Bishop ✚ Paul Bishop</div><div>Memorial, St. Augustine</div></div>
	<div><div>FRIDAY, 8/29/25</div><div>NO MASS</div><div>Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist</div></div>	<div><div>Please note: Mass intentions with a ✚ indicate that the person is deceased; ♥ indicates that the person is alive.</div><div>If you are having a Mass offered and would like to bring up the gifts, please see an usher before the liturgy begins.</div></div>
	<div><div>SATURDAY, 8/30/25 — 4 PM</div><div>♥ Kaitlyn & Dylan Thompson ♥ Kristal Rodriguez Mercado ✚ Catherine & Joseph Burns ✚ Gerald Miller</div></div>	<div><div>SUNDAY, 8/31/25 — 9 AM</div><div>✚ Catherine M Kolach ✚ Rosario Balarin ♥ Andrew Kim</div><div>6 PM — URDU</div><div>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</div></div>

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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Parish Website: blessedsacramentalbany.org

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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.

Bulletin Editor’s Reflection
by Lisanne Jensen

For three years, I’ve had the honor of putting together Blessed Sacrament Church’s weekly bulletin. This position truly enabled me to see firsthand just how special our Blessed Sacrament community is. I studied layout and design as part of my journalism undergraduate degree (at Indiana University – go Hoosiers!), and I’m so grateful that two things I enjoy immensely – my faith and graphic design – have combined in a way that has been (hopefully) helpful to others. Each week, I looked forward to editing the bulletin (and actually found the task relaxing!).

For future bulletins, though, we have some exciting news. A communications coordinator has been hired for the parishes where Fr. Dan is pastor – and publishing the weekly Blessed Sacrament Church bulletin will now fall under this new role. Fortunately, I will still get to contribute bulletin reflections from time to time (something that I absolutely love doing!). Please keep our new communications coordinator in your prayers and give him a warm welcome!

So, because this weekend’s bulletin might be the last one that I edit, I thought that I would provide some humor. (Fellow bulletin editors will definitely be able to relate and will find these particularly funny!). Here is a list of some hilarious “church bulletin fails” from all over the country – announcements that just didn’t come out quite right when published! (None of these are from *this* bulletin, of course!)

- * “Thursday night: pot-luck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.”
- * “Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.”
- * “A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music to follow.”
- * “The peacemakers meeting scheduled for this Sunday has been cancelled due to a conflict.”
- * “This morning’s sermon is titled, ‘Jesus Walks on the Water.’ The sermon at tonight’s service will be titled, ‘Searching for Jesus.’”



**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.

*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.”

- * “Ushers will eat latecomers.”
- * “The cost for attending the National Prayer & Fasting Conference includes meals.”
- * “Applications are now being accepted for two-year-old nursery workers.”
- * “Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person(s) you want remembered.”
- * “The ushers will come forward and take our ties and offerings.”

NEXT WEEKEND’S MASS READINGS (8/30-8/31)
FIRST READING: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 68
SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a
GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14



FROM OUR URDU COMMUNITY

As part of our cherished annual tradition, we are pleased to announce that the Crowning Ceremony of Mother Mary will be held once again this year at New Lebanon Church. The ceremony will take place on Sunday, September 7th at 3 p.m. This blessed occasion will be graced by the presence of Fr. Daniel Quinn, Fr. Francis Tanveer, and Chaplain Philip Hira along with our entire parish community gathered in unity and devotion. All are welcome to join us!

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FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

*We extend our sincere sympathies and prayers to Faith Formation coordinator **Shannon Crisafulli**, whose father passed away on Sunday, August 17th.

*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. Our theme for our monthly gatherings will be “Praying Our Faith.”



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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*Lots of hard work is currently underway to get our building and classrooms ready for this brand-new 2025-2026 school year! Our students’ **first day of school** will be Thursday, September 4th (a half day noon dismissal). Find our complete **school calendar** at blessedsacramentschool.net by clicking “School Calendar” under the “Parents” menu.

*Interested in **registering** your child(ren) for school at Blessed Sacrament this fall? There’s still time! Call or e-mail us! To schedule a school tour, visit our website and under the “Admissions” tab, click “Visit BSS” to fill out the form. We offer a solid foundation of Catholic faith and education for children entering preschool (three- and four-year-olds) through Grade 6.

*Please join us on Wednesday, August 27th from 4-6 p.m. for our **Back-to-School BBQ!** It’ll be a great opportunity for families to meet the teachers and staff and drop off supplies.

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! For more information, visit the website <https://tinyurl.com/e89b7mtk>.