



Above: on July 24th, Blessed Sacrament welcomed about 30 young people from Blessed Trinity Church in Greenfield, MA, to the Sr. Maureen Joyce Center's "Garden of Feeding." Fr. Dan also came to bless the garden. Garden volunteers are welcomed on Mondays and Thursdays! For more information or to help, please e-mail Marie at mcrfouche@yahoo.com.

PARISH MINISTRY NEWS

*We need an additional **counter** for one of our parish collection counting teams. The team meets once every four weeks after the 9 a.m. Mass. Counting the offertory takes about one to one-and-a-half hours. Contact our parish office if you’re interested in helping!

*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. Please call or e-mail our parish office if you are interested in joining us!

*Please consider serving as a **Eucharistic minister** at Blessed Sacrament! We especially need Eucharistic ministers at our weekend Masses. Training is provided! Please contact our parish office if you’d like to learn more!

*All parish men are invited to the next **Holy Name Society (HNS)** meeting and raffle drawing on Wednesday, August 6th at 7 p.m.!

*Our church is seeking a part-time **office person** (five days a week, three hours a day). If you can help, please contact our parish office!

FOOD PANTRY

*We’re 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 particularly needed right now: **soap, toothpaste, and laundry detergent (liquid or pods)**.

THE BOUTIQUE

*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. Visit our webpage: <https://blessedsacramentalbany.org/boutique/>.

HAPPENING IN OUR DIOCESE

*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.

***Tea & Short Reads** with Fr. Dan continues! This Wednesday, August 6th, 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 Church (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.

*Christ Our Light Church in Loudonville is hiring for a **Faith Formation and Youth Ministry part-time hourly flex position**. The pay range is \$19-\$21 an hour. For more details, contact Kari in the Faith Formation office: (518) 459-6635, ext. 105, or e-mail kari.kurtz@rcda.org.

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. Parish envelopes placed in collection baskets will make their way back to the proper parishes (or giving online is also an option).



OFFERTORY: SHARING OUR TREASURE

Regular: \$5,448; **Peter’s Pence:** \$1,327

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.**

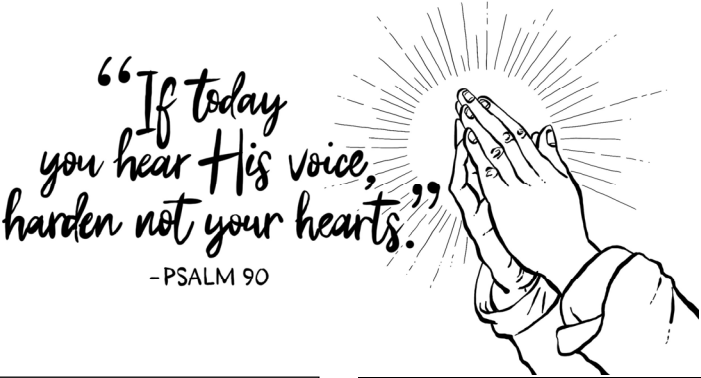
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JULY 27, 2025

EIGHTEENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

<div>BAPTISMS</div> <div>FUNERALS</div> <div>WEDDINGS</div>	<div>SATURDAY, 8/2/25 — 9 AM</div> <div>4 PM</div> <div>Pro Populo For the People</div>	<div>SUNDAY, 8/3/25 — 9 AM</div> <div>✙ Patrick Riley ✙ Yvonne Catalano ♥ Michael Anthony Sparks</div> <div>6 PM — URDU</div> <div><i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></div>
	<div>MONDAY, 8/4/25 — 7 AM</div> <div>✙ Joseph & Frances Bologna ✙ Donald Eldridge (4th Ann)</div> <div><i>Memorial, St. John Vianney</i></div>	<div>TUESDAY, 8/5/25 — 12 PM</div> <div><i>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m.</i></div> <div>✙ Thomas Mittler ✙ John Mooney ✙ Connie Halpin Hanlon</div>
	<div>WEDNESDAY, 8/6/25 — 7 AM</div> <div>♥ Christina Kim</div> <div><i>Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord</i></div>	<div>THURSDAY, 8/7/25 — 12 PM</div> <div><i>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m.</i></div> <div>✙ Kenneth J Leonard (50th Ann) ♥ Bill C ♥ Kristal Rodrigues Mercado ♥ Alan Jackson</div>
	<div>FRIDAY, 8/8/25 — No MASS</div> <div><i>Please note: Mass intentions with a ✙ indicate that the person is deceased; ♥ indicates that the person is alive.</i> <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></div> <div><i>Memorial, St. Dominic</i></div>	
	<div>SATURDAY, 8/9/25 — 4 PM</div> <div>✙ Seth Grenci ✙ Monica Defmarais ✙ Bernadette Vermette ♥ Kaitlyn Wilson Thompson</div>	<div>SUNDAY, 8/10/25 — 9 AM</div> <div>✙ Elizabeth DeSorbo ✙ Bernadette Vermette ♥ Kristal Rodriguez Mercado</div> <div>6 PM — URDU</div> <div><i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></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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*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.*

FROM THE DEACON’S BENCH
by Deacon Gerry

In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples and the crowd on how to be ready for the coming judgment. A crowd of many thousands has gathered to hear Jesus. At first, he speaks only to the disciples — reminding them that it is not persecution they should fear but rather the judgment that is coming for all who do not acknowledge the Son of Man. Suddenly, a man in the crowd shouts out to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” He seems to have grown tired of Jesus speaking only to the disciples. Jesus offers the man no help. Instead, he uses the question to teach what is important.

Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man’s lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but instead to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger ones. Then, he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry. “You fool” is God’s response to this man, because that very night his life will be taken away. To whom will everything belong then, God asks. The rich man’s world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God.

Centuries later, St. Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.



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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.”

*Our 38th annual parish family weekend at Pyramid Life Center in Paradox, NY, is August 15th-17th. Come spend a great weekend in the Adirondacks with your parish family and loved ones! Adults are \$70 and children younger than 18 are free. There’s still time to register! Pyramid Lake is filled with fun outdoor activities, from hiking and canoeing to relaxing by still waters!

A relic of St. Veronica’s veil (sanctioned officially by the Vatican) will be on display at Blessed Sacrament Church Saturday after the 9 am Mass and All Saints Catholic Church beginning this Saturday at all Masses and at Mater Christi the weekend of August 9-10. More information: <https://tinyurl.com/4fsbr56j>

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


FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 90
SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

NEXT 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

Set aside the date for our annual **Family Festival** to be held on Saturday, September 27th. We continue to ask for your help in seeking prize donations for our Silent Auction and making crafts for our craft booth. You should have received your raffle tickets in the mail. More are available in the rectory, church, and school. Tickets for the ziti and meatball dinner will be on sale in August.





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

*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? Pope Francis elevated the position of catechist to a *vocation*, and you would be instrumental in helping provide a solid foundation of Catholic faith for our young Church! The time commitment would only be once a month from September through April. Diocesan safe environment requirements must be met beforehand (a short process), and full training and support (including teaching materials) is provided. Our first Faith Formation gathering will be Sunday, September 21st. Please contact our Faith Formation office if you’d like more details: faithformationbsc@gmail.com or (518) 438-5854, ext. 119. Your impact on young people will shape them for a lifetime!



*Registration is now open for **2025-2026 family Faith Formation** at Blessed Sacrament! 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. We would love to have your family be part of our family!

***Prayer** will be our overall theme for this brand-new year of family Faith Formation! We’ll explore questions such as, “What is prayer?” “What if I don’t know what to pray for?” “How do I hear God’s voice?” “What types of prayer are there?” We’re super excited to explore prayer more in depth!



*Our **2025 Confirmation Retreat** will be held on Sunday, October 5th. (This retreat is for candidates who worked with catechists Holly and Chris McKenna last year and will be Confirmed this December.) Candidates will attend the 9 a.m. Mass at Blessed Sacrament that day (and have special ministry roles during the Mass), then go to the St. Anthony Prayer Chapel in Rensselaer for the remainder of their retreat. We will be blessed to have Sr. Cathy Kruegler as our guest presenter at the retreat!

*In addition to our website (www.bsc-ffym.org), Blessed Sacrament Faith Formation is also on Facebook and Instagram! Give us a “like” at www.facebook.com/bsc-ffym and follow us on Instagram at [@blessedsacramentffym](https://www.instagram.com/blessedsacramentffym). Our Faith Formation office is located on the second floor of Blessed Sacrament School.



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*Pictured above: What a great way to beat the heat and have some summer fun! Campers at BSS’s Summer Camp enjoyed an **outdoor splash pad** on Friday, July 25th. The camp runs through Friday, August 8th. The theme for next week’s final week of camp is “Tie Dye/Color Wars.”

*We’re still accepting **registrations** for our upcoming 2025-2026 school year at Blessed Sacrament! Visit our website, www.blessedsacramentschool.net, and under the “Admissions” tab, click “Visit BSS” to fill out the short 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 to us anytime at (518) 438-5854 or by e-mail: info@blessedsacramentschool.net. We’d love to share with you what makes our BSS community so special!

*Please keep our office administrator, **Andrea Roberts**, in your prayers as she moves on to a different employment opportunity within our diocese. We sincerely appreciate everything she has done for Blessed Sacrament School — especially her caring, kindness, and dedication. She will be greatly missed, and we wish her well for the future!

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August points opportunities were not available at the time of publication.

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*Through August 31st, receive a \$25 gift card when you spend \$150 or more at Colonie Center! View more details here: <https://tinyurl.com/e89b7mtk>.