

PARISH MINISTRY NEWS

*Please welcome **Carter Gooley**, our new communications coordinator for the parishes of All Saints, Blessed Sacrament, Mater Christi, and the Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas! We are blessed to have him aboard! You can reach him at cc-blessedsacrament@rcda.org. Items for publication in our Blessed Sacrament bulletin can still be sent to the e-mail address bulletin.blessedsacrament@gmail.com.

*Remember our annual Family Festival on September 27th. We still need help in seeking prize donations for auction and crafts for our craft booth. Crafts may be dropped off at the rectory or the school. Help sell raffle tickets and tickets for the meatball & ziti dinner. Price is \$12 for ziti & meatballs, roll & butter, cookie, drink. Dine in or take out.

*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. To sign up, visit online: <https://tinyurl.com/yyvvsc2e>.

*The next **Holy Name Society** meeting and drawing will be held Wednesday, September 3rd at 7 p.m. in the Forman Room. All parish men are invited!

*The Over 50 club will meet on Monday September 8th at 12:30 in the church hall. Bring you lunch and something to share. It will be wonderful to be back together after our summer hiatus.

FOOD PANTRY

*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 **coffee, soap, toothpaste, and laundry detergent (liquid or pods)**.

THE BOUTIQUE

***Shopping hours** are 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Donations are accepted Tuesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. We are not accepting men’s suits, winter or Christmas items at this time. We do accept and could use banking and cookware items.



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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

HAPPENING IN OUR DIOCESE

*The next monthly **Charismatic Healing Mass** will be held on Wednesday, September 10th at Christ Our Light, 1 Maria Dr., Loudonville. Prayer and praise will take place at 7 p.m., followed by Mass and a healing service at 7:30 p.m. The celebrant will be Rev. Martin Fisher from our Adirondack Vicariate. Music will be provided by Joyful Heart music ministry.

*The **Christian Brothers Community**, located in Colonie next to *Christian Brothers Academy* (CBA), is looking to hire a dinner cook for four hours in the evening — presently from 3 to 7 p.m. for four days a week. Pay is \$25/hour. If you are interested, please contact Br. Carl Malacalza at (518) 892-7459 or brcmalacalza@yahoo.com.

*A “**Consecration to Mary Retreat**” will begin on Labor Day (9/1) and continue until Monday, October 6th. Six meetings will be held at Mater Christi, 40 Hopewell St., Albany, from 6:30-8 p.m. (You do not have to attend the meetings to make your consecration.) The retreat book is *Total Consecration through the Mysteries of the Rosary* by Fr. Ed Broom and is available for purchase (\$15) at the 9/1 meeting and then at the Cathedral office (125 Eagle St., Albany) from September 2nd-5th, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please sign up in advance so that we can estimate the required number of books. The Consecration Mass will be at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7th at St. Francis of Assisi (Delaware Avenue, Albany). For more information, e-mail Jo Hepinstall at rosary.retreat777@gmail.com or sign up online at <https://forms.office.com/r/rYYpNx4Cdm>.



OFFERTORY: SHARING OUR TREASURE

Regular: \$5,958; **Catholic Home Missions:** \$798

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

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The one who humbles himself will be exalted.

— LUKE 14:11





AUGUST 31, 2025

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<p>BAPTISMS</p> <p>Raphael Rawish Shiphrah Rawish</p> <p>FUNERALS</p> <p>Jackie Norton</p> <p>WEDDINGS</p>	<p>SATURDAY, 8/30/25 — 4 PM</p> <p>♥ Kaitlyn & Dylan Thompson ♥ Kristal Rodriguez Mercado ✙ Catherine & Joseph Burns ✙ Gerald Miller</p> <p>SUNDAY, 8/31/25 — 9 AM</p> <p>♥ Andrew Kim ✙ Rosario Balarin ✙ Catherine M Kolach</p> <p>6 PM — URDU <i>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>
	<p>MONDAY, 9/1/25 — 7 AM</p> <p>♥ Simon Kim ♥ Mary Patricia Lukeman</p> <p>TUESDAY, 9/2/25 — 12 PM <i>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m.</i></p> <p>✙ Helen & Stephen Zakens (Ann) ♥ Fr. Stephen Yusko</p>
	<p><i>Labor Day (all parish offices closed)</i></p> <p>WEDNESDAY, 9/3/25 — 7 AM</p> <p>♥ Bill C ♥ Michael Anthony Sparks</p> <p>THURSDAY, 9/4/25 — 12 PM <i>Confession and Adoration: 12:30-1:30 p.m.</i></p> <p>✙ Donald Eldridge ♥ Kristal Rodriguez Mercado ♥ Fr. Daniel Quinn</p>
	<p><i>Memorial, St. Gregory the Great</i></p> <p>FRIDAY, 9/5/25 — NO MASS</p> <p><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></p> <p><i>Memorial, St. Teresa of Calcutta</i></p>
	<p>SATURDAY, 9/6/25 — 9 AM</p> <p>4 PM</p> <p>♥ Kaitlyn & Dylan Thompson ✙ Ercole Fioravanti ✙ John Precopia ✙ Rose & Nicholas Soldevere</p> <p>SUNDAY, 9/7/25 — 9 AM</p> <p>For the People Pro Populo</p> <p>6 PM — URDU <i>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>

BAPTISMS

Raphael Rawish
Shiphrah Rawish

FUNERALS

Jackie Norton

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.*

FROM THE DEACON’S BENCH

People often ask me what it was like being at sea. My best answer is to quote Ernest Hemingway, who said, “A life at sea is much a life sentence in prison, except nobody ever drowns in prison.

Months at sea can be very lonely. The port of Albany has a special ministry called Albany Maritime Ministry, which is affiliated with the worldwide Apostleship at Sea Program. Most of the sailors at the port of Albany are not allowed to come ashore because they do not have visas to enter the United States. Up until now the Catholic Church has not participated in any events with the Albany maritime ministry. We would like to be the first Catholic community to assist with this interesting ministry. Fathers Dan, Stephen and myself can provide pastoral care and liturgical services

We would like to get more parish involvement in in this important ministry in this important ministry. . We will need volunteers from the parish, especially around the holy days. We would occasionally need volunteers to go aboard the ships to visit with the crew, provide hospitality or for those sailors who can leave the ship, driving them to Mass or the mall to go shopping.



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!



SHRINE CHURCH OF
OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS
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Debbie Klose, Organist

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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.”

If you are interested in assisting with this very interesting ministry, please call the parish office and leave your name, phone number, and e-mail address and I will be contacting you. I appreciate your interest in this very unique ministry, and it is truly reaching out to those in need as Jesus taught us.

Captain Gerry

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, happy hour, dinner, greens fee and cart, a practice range, and men’s/ladies/mixed four-somes. For details and registration: (518) 482-5572 or e-mail sundaes1@yahoo.com.

*The annual diocesan **Marriage Jubilee** celebration: Sunday, September 14th at 3 p.m. at Christ Our Light, Loudonville. Register by e-mailing marriage.jubilee@rcda.org.

NEXT WEEKEND’S MASS READINGS (9/6-9/7)

FIRST READING: Wisdom 9:13-18b
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 90
SECOND READING: Philemon 9-10, 12-17
GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33

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FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

*Fall is right around the corner — and if you’re planning to buy some **pumpkins** for decorating (or carving!), BSC Faith Formation will have some for sale at our Family Festival this year! While you’re at the festival, make sure to check out Faith Formation’s **bake sale table**, too. We’ll have lots of delicious sweet treats to enjoy! (P.S. If anyone would like to contribute some baked goods for selling at the festival, please let Ms. Jensen know: e-mail faithformationbsc@gmail.com or call/text 518-965-9199.)



*Faith Formation will begin on Sunday, September 21st after the 9 a.m. Mass in our school gym. **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 this year for our monthly gatherings will be “Praying Our Faith.” We’ll explore what prayer is, different types of prayer, and pray for each other!

*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. Your impact on young people will shape their lives forever!

Are you an adult who is interested in joining the Catholic Church? Were you baptized in the Catholic Church but have not been Confirmed? Weekly **OCIA/ RCIA and adult Confirmation classes** to prepare adults to receive the sacraments will begin on September 14th. We meet in the church vestibule (Central Avenue entrance) immediately after the Sunday 9 a.m. Mass.



DEAR PARISH STAFF AND SCHOOL STAFF,

I extend to you my deepest gratitude for imparting to me the knowledge of the life and duties of a parish priest and for acquainting me with the character and labors of this esteemed parish. Your gracious companionship in my priesthood vocation journey has been to be a source of encouragement and of inestimable blessing. I shall miss you profoundly and shall remain ever near to you in my prayers and supplication before the throne of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ, *Gilbert J. Kimaro*



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*It’s hard to believe that August is coming to an end and our brand-new 2025-2026 school year will start soon! The **first day of school** for students is Thursday, September 4th (with dismissal at noon that day). Find our complete **school calendar** on our website, blessedsacramentschool.net (click the “School Calendar” link under the “Parents” menu).

*Save the date of Saturday, September 27th for our **Blessed Sacrament Family Festival!** More details are below.



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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August 2025 School Bucks Opportunities at Colonie Center Mall:

❖ 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!