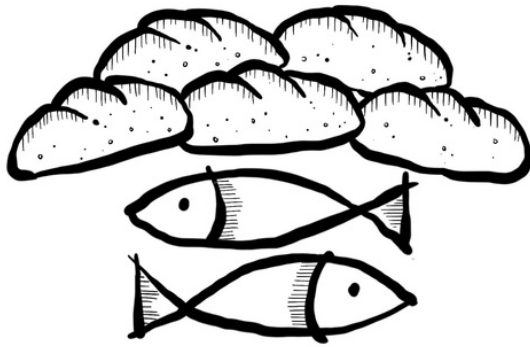


# **BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH**

607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206



**-MATTHEW 14:13-21**



**August 2  
2026**

**Eighteenth  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

by Lisanne Jensen

This weekend's Gospel passage is one of the most well-known Bible stories: "Feeding the 5,000" (Matthew 14:13-21). When Jesus's disciples looked out at the vast crowd that had gathered to hear Him speak, they saw an impossible situation. The people were hungry, and in a selfless act of generosity, a child brought forth all that he possessed: five loaves of bread and two fish. But the disciples knew that this small amount of food could never feed thousands of hungry people! Jesus, however, saw something different. He took the small offering that was available, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to His disciples to distribute. By God's power, there was not only enough for everyone but also an abundance left over. This familiar miracle reminds us that God is never limited by what we lack. We often focus on our own shortcomings — our lack of time, energy, patience, or resources. Sometimes the negative things — or what we believe that we don't possess — are easier to believe. Yet, Jesus simply asks us to place what we have into His hands. When we do, He multiplies our humble gifts for the good of others and the glory of God. In fact, when we bring up the gifts of bread and wine to the altar during Mass, we are also offering ourselves — just as Jesus offered Himself for us on the cross. The feeding of the multitude also points us to the Holy Eucharist. Christ gathers us at our parish, nourishes us with His very Body and Blood, and sends us forth to share His love with a hungry world. Strengthened by this heavenly food, we become His hands and heart for those in need. May we trust in the Lord's abundant generosity and never underestimate what He can accomplish through lives that are surrendered to Him! God bless you in this effort!

**PLEASE NOTE:** Fr. Quinn will be on retreat August 3 through 7. He will be on vacation August 10 through 17. Please keep him in prayers during retreat and for safe travels for vacation. During this time weekday Mass schedule will remain the same.

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

### **DAILY MASS**

Monday | 7 am  
Tuesday & Thursday | 12 pm  
Wednesday | 7:00 am

**SATURDAY VIGIL**  
5 pm (effective 9/5 Mass 4 pm)

### **SUNDAY**

9 am English & 6 pm Urdu

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Tuesday | 12:30 pm  
Saturday | 4 pm

### **ADORATION**

Tuesday | 12:30 pm

### **1<sup>st</sup> SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH**

Adoration & Reconciliation | 7:30 am  
Mass | 9 am

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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.*

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday (8/1/26) 5:00 pm**

Pro Populo  
For the People

**Sunday (8/2/26) 9:00 am**

♡ Sarah Hollo

♡ Leonard & Roberta Slade (58<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

♡ Michael Anthony Sparks

† Alice & Raymond Sparling, Sr.

† Connie Hanlon (Birthday)

† Frederico Mercader

**Monday (8/3/26) 7:00 am**

♡ Patrice Rodgers

† Partick Riley

**Tuesday (8/4/26) 12:00 pm**

† Joseph & Frances Bologna

† Thomas Mittler & John Mooney

† Richard Raco (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

**Wednesday (8/5/26) 7:00 am**

† Jack & Brian Cromie

† Frederico Mercader

**Thursday (8/6/26) 12:00 pm**

♡ Bill C

† Frederico Mercader

† Donald Eldridge & Trinidad Del Rosario

**Friday (8/7/26) NO MASS**

**Saturday (8/8/26) 5:00 pm**

♡ Michael Zabinski

† Michael John Hession

† Ronald Guiry

† Janet Campbell

† James Jalet

**Sunday (8/9/26) 9:00 am**

♡ Matusi Cromie Family

† Seth Greci

† Mary Ellen Kalled

† Frederico Mercader

† Thomas Warner

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*Please note: Mass intentions with a*

*† indicate the person is deceased;*

*♡ indicates that the person is alive.*

*If you are having a Mass offered and  
would like to bring up the gifts, please  
see an usher before the liturgy begins.*

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## BAPTISMS

## WEDDINGS

## FUNERALS

8/4 Evariste 'Garry' Lavigne, Jr.  
8/11 Anthony Campione

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## WORKS OF MERCY

**Sr. Patricia Lynch, Food Pantry Coordinator**

**Jean Huber, Heidi Stack, Michelle Syrotynski,**

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**Sr. Maureen Joyce Outreach Center**

369 Livingston Ave., Albany, NY 12206

(518) 462-9885

## THE BOUTIQUE

\*"The Boutique" is Blessed Sacrament Church's thrift store! **Shopping hours** are 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

**Donation** drop offs are Tuesday & Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.

\*Due to space constraints, please hold fall/winter clothing items until end of summer, and Christmas items until Fall.

\*The Boutique is quite low on children's clothes and would very much welcome donations.

## FOOD PANTRY

\*Our food pantry is open on **Mondays and Thursdays**, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

\*Items currently needed at our food pantry are as noted previously: **Coffee, tea, laundry detergent and household cleaning products.**

## HOLY NAME SOCIETY

**Next meeting and raffle drawing is August 5th @ 7 pm.**

Raffle tickets are \$1 each and are available after Mass and, if requested, mailed to you. All parish men are welcomed. Thank you for your support.

## THIS WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (8/2/2026)

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 55:1-3

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** 145

**SECOND READING:** Romans 8:35, 37-39

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 14:13-21

## NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (8/9/2026)

**FIRST READING:** 1 Kings 19:9a, aa-13a

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** 85

**SECOND READING:** Romans 9:10-5

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 14:22-33

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## FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Regular sessions will resume in September.

To register for next year, please visit the website [www.bsc-ffym.org/register](http://www.bsc-ffym.org/register) and complete the online form. Or, if you prefer, call or e-mail our office: (518) 438-5854; [faithformationbsc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationbsc@gmail.com). We would love to have your family join us!



### FROM OUR URDU COMMUNITY

Every Sunday evening at 6 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament, we offer Mass in Urdu. All are welcome to join us!



### SHRINE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS

A MISSION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Rev. Francis O'Connor, Chaplain  
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Mass Schedule: Sundays, 9 a.m. (English) and 11 a.m. (Spanish); Mass & Adoration on the 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays of each month 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."

### UPCOMING EXPENSES

A/C Repair.....\$15,000  
*In the words of the contractor, "You need a replacement coil, which is taller than you, Fr. Dan." This is the first major repair of the A/C since it was installed around 2010.*  
Organ Repair.....\$5,375  
*Volume control & tuning repair*  
St. Martin de Porres statue.....\$800  
*Gifted & needed repair & repainting. Will be placed in the St. Joseph chapel when completed*  
Diocesan Lawsuit Settlement, 9/15.....\$1,760,000

### OFFERTORY: SHARING OUR TREASURE

Regular: \$6,615

Peter's Pence: \$982

Upcoming Second Collections

8/9 COAR Mission

8/14 School Support

8/23 Catholic Home Missions

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.myvaneo.com/YHAN/home](https://secure.myvaneo.com/YHAN/home).



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### MISSION COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Pope Leo XIV has called us too be a church of missionaries. And there is no better way to do that than supporting the missionary that will be coming to our parish this summer. It makes a tremendous difference in the communities and the good work we support.

Last year, through the Mission Cooperative Program, our Diocese raised \$258,793.28.

Thank you for your generosity and let's continue to support the great work of the Church around the world!

COAR will be visiting Blessed Sacrament the weekend of August 8-9, 2026.

**PLEASE NOTE: Saturday Vigil Mass will go back to 4 pm beginning September 5, 2026**

### Mary, Our Lady of Light Rosary Group

When: Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday  
Time: 5:30 pm

Where: Blessed Sacrament Church  
All are Welcome!

Contact: Marcy Hill, text/call 518-637-6311  
or email: [rosarylight@aol.com](mailto:rosarylight@aol.com)

### SCHOOL BUCKS

*Hanging out at the mall? Maybe you're enjoying a sweet treat, or celebrating a big event with a delicious meal. Make sure to turn in your Colonie Center shopping receipts to help our school!*

### July Bonus Points

**3x Points**

-Sephora, Ulta, Foot Locker, JCrew

**4x Points**

-Cellaxs Phone Repair, iRepair Xpert, Claires, Zales

# ALTAR SERVER TRIP 2026



**THANK YOU** Mary Giordano for paying for the bus!!

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Deacon Gerry soaking up the sun and water with the kids