

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206



THEY LOOK, BUT DO NOT
SEE, AND HEAR, BUT THEY
DO NOT UNDERSTAND.
- MATTHEW 13



July 12,
2026

Fifteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time

BY LISANNE V. JENSEN

I have no gardening skills whatsoever. I actually managed to kill a cactus once (by giving it too much water!). A former coworker gifted me with beautiful deep-purple tulips one Easter, and even though I watered them and placed them in plenty of sunlight, they drooped and eventually fizzled out after about a week. I just don't have that magic touch when it comes to plants and flowers.

Well, this weekend's Gospel passage gives me hope! In the "Parable of the Sower," Jesus describes seeds falling onto rocky soil, thorny soil, and rich soil. The message isn't so much about our gardening skills, though, but rather about what's in our hearts. Jesus's words remind us that God generously scatters His word without holding anything back. The question is not whether God is speaking but whether our hearts are ready to receive Him.

At different times in our lives, we may recognize ourselves in each type of soil – distracted, discouraged, or overwhelmed by life's worries. Yet, Jesus invites us to become rich soil through prayer, the sacraments, and daily acts of faith. When we allow His word to take root, it bears fruit beyond what we could imagine. At times, we might think that we're not so good at "gardening" – but scripture is always there to remind us that we are not alone, that God is always with us, and that He loves us more than we can possibly imagine.

Just like it might take some time for flowers and plants to grow, we too need patience and hope to wait on God's perfect timing. We can always ask Him to guide us and to make our hearts rich like this soil so that His grace may grow abundantly within us!

MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

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

SATURDAY VIGIL

5 pm

SUNDAY

9 am & 6 pm Urdu

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday & Thursday | 12:30 pm
Saturday | 4 pm

ADORATION

Tuesday & Thursday | 12:30 pm

1st SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (7/11/26) 5:00 pm

♡ Bill C
♡ Michael Anthony Sparks
† Jerry Mineau
† Ronald Guiry
† V. Joseph Zell

Sunday (7/12/26) 9:00 am

Pro Populo
For the People

Monday (7/13/26) 7:00 am

♡ Bill C
† Mary Alice & Edwin Kunkel
† Msg. James G. Hart
† Peter Massaro

Tuesday (7/14/26) 12:00 pm

† Yvonne Catalano
† Robert Mittler
† John Stevens
† Mary & John Lynch, Donald Partyka,
Katie Lynch Farrell, Casey Ryan Lynch

Wednesday (7/15/26) 7:00 am

† Maciora & Mik Families
† Richard J. Morgan, Jr.
♡ Virginia Cromie

Thursday (7/16/26) 12:00 pm

♡ Paul Young-Sang Kim
† Michael Michella
† Deborah DiBias
† Bianca Audino
† Angela & Antonia Nicotina

Friday (7/17/26) NO MASS

Saturday (7/18/26) 5:00 pm

† Ronald Guiry
† Mary C. Brennan
♡ Michael Anthony Sparks
♡ Kayla-Grace & Natashua Charles

Sunday (7/19/26) 9:00 am

† Darlene Skadra
† N. Wilfred Godin (70th Ann)
† Francis & Elizabeth Dyer
† Pat & Rosa Zoccola
♡ Sarah Hollo

*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.*

BAPTISMS

WEDDINGS

FUNERALS

Lina Roselli (7/8)

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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.

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.**

ST. FRANCIS PRAYER GROUP

St. Francis Prayer group will meet next Sunday, 7/19 after the 9:00 am Mass in the Blessed Mother chapel.

THIS WEEKEND’S MASS READINGS (7/12/2026)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-11
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 65
SECOND READING: Romans 8:18-23
GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-23

NEXT WEEKEND’S MASS READINGS (7/19/2026)

FIRST READING: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 86
SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-27
GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-43

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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 and complete the online form. Or, if you prefer, call or e-mail our office: (518) 438-5854; faithformationbsc@gmail.com. We would love to have your family join us!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - Blessed Sacrament School is seeking a friendly, organized, and dependable Administrative Assistant/Receptionist to join our faith-filled school community. This position is ideal for someone who enjoys working closely with students, families, faculty, and staff while helping ensure the smooth operation of our school office. We are looking to fill this position immediately. Please send resume to principal@blessedsacramentschool.net.



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
Rev. Mr. Miguel Fabian, Deacon
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Debbie Klose, Organist

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Mass Schedule: Sundays, 9 a.m. (English) and 11 a.m. (Spanish); Mass & Adoration on the 1st 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."

OFFERTORY: SHARING OUR TREASURE

Regular: \$5,339
7/19 Second Collection - School Support



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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Summer office hours are: Monday-Friday, 9-12

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL
Growing in Faith. Learning for Life.

We are offering **UPK** for 3-year-olds through the **ALBANY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

AND FOR THE FIRST TIME, we will be offering A MULTI-AGE CLASSROOM!

A multi-age classroom brings together students from two grade levels in one learning environment. While this model is new to some of our families, it has been successfully implemented in many schools and offers a number of educational, social, and emotional benefits for students.

SOME OF THE ADVANTAGES OF MULTI-AGE CLASSROOMS INCLUDE:

- Encouraging students to work collaboratively and support one another
- Allowing children to learn at their own pace and readiness level
- Building leadership, independence, and confidence
- Providing opportunities for peer mentoring and cooperative learning
- Helping students develop flexibility, communication, and problem-solving skills
- Creating a classroom environment that more closely reflects real-world settings where people of different ages and abilities work together

Research has shown that students in multi-age classrooms often develop stronger social skills, greater empathy, and increased academic confidence. These environments can also foster a deeper sense of community and belonging within the classroom.

Faith. Community. Learning. Together.

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!

June Bonus Points

3x Points

-Sephora, Ulta, Foot Locker, JCrew

4x Points

-Cellaxs Phone Repair, iRepair Xpert, Claires, Zales

CALLED TO SERVE PODCAST

PLEASE NOTE: Effective September 5-6, Labor Day weekend, Saturday's vigil Mass will go back to 4:00 pm with confession at 3:00 pm.

There are many ways we can serve each other within our Catholic community. We are asked to "visit the imprisoned", if you felt the call to this ministry, would you know how to approach it? The same goes for visiting the sick; the hospitals don't have enough Eucharistic Ministers or visitors, would you know who to contact.

Listed below are circumstances/places/opportunities where Catholics are expected to help out, even just in their prayers. They are part of the fabric of our Catholic Community. Check out their websites to see if anything is calling you to serve.

Residents Encounter Christ
<https://recrda.org/>

Family Promise
<https://www.familypromisecr.org/>

Catholic Charities for Albany
<https://www.ccrda.org/get-help/albany-county/>

Peter Young Industries
<https://www.pyhit.org/get-involved>

Emmaus Catholic Worker House
<https://albanycatholicworker.wordpress.com/>
<https://catholicworker.org/directory/ny-albany-emmaus-house-html/>

St. Peter's Hospital
<https://www.sphp.com/volunteers/st-peters-hospital-volunteers>

Albany Med Pastoral Care
<https://www.albanymed.org/patients-visitors/spiritual-care/#>

Sr. Maureen Joyce Center
<https://www.facebook.com/SMJCenter/>

St. Vincent dePaul Society (There are three around town)

The latest episodes available now are:

The Value of STEM in Catholic Education: Kelly Leverone, Principal and Maria Collins, STEM teacher, both from Holy Spirit School in East Greenbush talk about how the school's STEM classes are designed to inspire students to realize their potential and encourage them to do what they can to help make the world a better place. (Season 2 Episode 12)

Christian Concerts: How does a Catholic church in Voorheesville, connect with Retired LPGA Golf Pro and now CBS Golf Announcer, Dottie Pepper, to bring top name Christian artists to the Capital Region? Listen to this episode to find out. Click these links to learn more about the concerts they are helping with Worship in the Pines and Voices to God (Season 2 Episode 13)

HAPPENING AROUND THE DIOCESE

Joshua Retreat: Humility, Hope and Healing: Saturday, July 25, 2026, at St. Matthews in Voorheesville.

Community Garage Sale & Fundraiser: Friday, July 31 & Saturday, August 1, 2026, at St. Henry's, Averill Park.

Feast of the Assumption Festival: August 9, 2026, 1pm-6pm at St. Patrick's, Ravena.

SAVE THE DATE: Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Golf Tournament: Monday, September 21, 2026. Proceeds benefit the Catholic Schools in the Albany Diocese. _

Back to School Kick Off – Open to all Families: This takes place Saturday, September 26, 2026, at 12pm and begins with Bishop Mark celebrating Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany.

Dominican Retreat House July Events: You can find Solitude on a Busy Highway at the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center in Niskayuna.

For more information check the sponsors website or the Diocese website.

EWTN'S "Hidden Gems" will air an episode about the Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville on St Kateri's Feast Day, Tues, July 14, 11:30am ET and encore at 11:30pm ET.

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Parish Website:

<https://blessedsacramentalbany.org/>

Mary, Our Lady of Light Rosary Group

When: Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday,
beginning July 8, 2026

Time: 5:30 pm

Where: Blessed Sacrament Church
All are Welcome!

Contact: Marcy Hill, text/call 518-637-6311
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