

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206



Lord,
you are good
and forgiving.

-PSALM 86



July 19
2026

Sixteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time

FROM THE PASTOR

I'm very thankful to Fr. Jude, a friend of Fr. Charles, visiting from Nigeria, for filling in for me last weekend. I'm also very thankful to those who will be filling in for me while I am away on retreat at the beginning of August. In fact, I have found myself thankful for a lot lately. Thankful to the bishop for asking less of me, so that I can do more at one local level. I'm thankful to all those who have agreed to help with the finance council and the parish council. I'm thankful to everyone who has an idea to further the Christian mission, the goodness of their neighbor and the world, and their own spirituality and that of their family and brothers and sisters. While I take the time now to regroup, to set myself some new goals and routines for myself, for my work as your pastor, and for us as a parish, I recognize just how difficult the last two years have been trying to care for the needs of four churches and their schools. One of the new routines will be, as you noted last week, that the anticipated Mass on Saturday will return to 4:00 beginning September. Some other things I would like to return to are the OCIA programs, focus on the men's groups, and setting time aside for what I'm going to call (for now) "Catholic Conversations", about the Scriptures, Tradition, Spirituality, Devotions, and Prayer. I don't want to get lost in the weeds of policies, procedures, politics (even Church politics), but instead focus on the essentials of the message that Jesus has for us and the various ways we appropriate it to ourselves, allow it to inform us, and how we live it out. And by the way, anyone interested in helping in any way, with ministries, councils, prayers, education, and the whole mission of the Church (both universal and right here in our neighborhood), I'd like to know! We've had the tradition of each year polling our parishioners to see what where their talents and interests lie, and since we haven't done that in a few years, it's probably about time to do it again.

Ultimately, though, thank you for your prayers for me these years I have been your pastor. Please keep them up, as I will for all of you!

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 (7/18/2026) 5:00 pm

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

Sunday (7/19/2026) 9:00 am

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

Monday (7/20/2026) 7:00 am

Tuesday (7/21/2026) 12:00 pm

† Alfred Dolezal
† Lucille Coder
† Maria DeNitto

Wednesday (7/22/2026) 7:00 am

† Jack & Brian Cromie
† Joan Juliano

Thursday (7/23/2026) 12:00 pm

♡ Bill C
† Patrick Ellis
† Carmella Spadaro

Friday (7/24/2026) NO MASS

Saturday (7/25/2026) 5:00 pm

♡ Michael Anthony Sparks
† Peter Rosenberger
† Ronald Guiry
† Mary Pat Dearing

Sunday (7/26/2026) 9:00 am

♡ Matsui Crome Family
† Adele D. Hutton
† Ruthie & AJ Brown
† Frederico Mercader

*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

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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. There is also a need for peanut butter.

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

FIRST READING: Wisdon 12:13, 16-19

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 86

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-27

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-43

NEXT WEEKEND’S MASS READINGS (7/26/2026)

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 119

SECOND READING: Romans 8:28-30

-GOSPEL: Matthew 13:44-52

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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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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: \$7,274

Second Collection
7/19 - School Support
7/26 - Peter's Pence



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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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!*

July Bonus Points

3x Points

-Sephora, Ulta, Foot Locker, JCrew

4x Points

-Cellaxs Phone Repair, iRepair Xpert, Claires, Zales

FRANCIS AND THE LEPER: A CONVERSION OF THE HEART

St. Francis' spiritual journey began in a chapel, but his real conversion came on a dusty road outside Assisi where he met a leper—someone he once admitted “seemed extremely bitter to me to look at.” Moved by grace, Francis dismounted his horse, embraced and kissed the man.

The moment changed Francis completely, filling him with what he called, “sweetness of soul and body.” He began serving lepers daily, washing wounds and offering compassion. In loving those society rejected, Francis discovered Christ's presence and mercy in a new way. The leper became a symbol of everything God desired to heal within him.

In this Year of St. Francis, marking the 800th anniversary of the Saint's death, we can follow our friend's example and ask, Who are the lepers in my life? the poor? homeless? elderly? sick? immigrants? and recognize that, while our call is not to fix others, we can offer acceptance, compassion and presence.

Peace and all good.

HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME PARISHIONERS

If you or someone you know is admitted to a hospital, rehabilitation facility, nursing home or has become unable to leave their home, please let us know. Our Rosary Guild helps us keep in touch by sending cards throughout the year. We visit during the Easter and Christmas seasons. We also have a homebound/nursing home ministry that will visit, if the person would like visitors, and bring Communion. We often lose touch with our parishioners if no one lets us know where to find them and we don't want the person to think their parish has forgotten them.

STAY CONNECTED

“Like” us on Facebook:

(Sunday Masses are live streamed here)

<https://www.facebook.com/BlessedSacramentCatholicChurch>

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<https://www.youtube.com/@BSCAlbany>

Follow our Instagram:

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Parish Website:

<https://blessedsacramentalbany.org/>

HAPPENING AROUND THE DIOCESE

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 sponsor's website or the Diocese's website.

Mary, Our Lady of Light Rosary Group

When: Every 2nd & 4th 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

ST. FRANCIS PRAYER GROUP

St. Francis Prayer group will meet after this Sunday's (7/19) 9:00 am Mass in the Blessed Mother chapel.

PLEASE NOTE: Live stream for Sunday Masses will be unavailable until further notice. Below are other places Mass is live streamed.

*All Saints - 9:30 am

www.youtube.com/@allsaintscatholicchurchand2341/streams

*Mater Christi - 11:00 am

www.youtube.com/c/parishofmaterchristi

*Our Lady of the Americas - 9:00 am

www.facebook.com/shrinechurchofourladyoftheamericas

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Next meeting and raffle drawing is August 5th @ 7 pm. All parish men are welcomed. Raffle tickets are \$1 each and are available after Mass, at the office annex, if requested, mailed to you, and the parish office. Thank you for your support.