

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206



*We know that all things work
for good for those who love God.*

-ROMANS 8:28



July 26
2026

Seventeenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time

FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH

Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who "brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.

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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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 (7/25/2026) 5:00 pm

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

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

♡ Matsui Cromie Family
† Adele D. Hutton
† Ruth & A.J. Brown
† Frederico Mercader

Monday (7/27/26) 7:00 am

† Jean Calderone
† Frederico Mercader

Tuesday (7/28/26) 12:00 pm

† Patrice Rogers
† Frederico Mercader

Wednesday (7/29/26) 7:00 am

♡ Virginia Cromie
† Frederico Mercader

Thursday (7/30/26) 12:00 pm

♡ Bill C
† Bianca Audino
† Frederico Mercader

Friday (7/31/2026) NO MASS

Saturday (8/1/26)

9:00 am
5:00 pm
Pro Populo
For the People

Sunday (8/2/2026) 9:00 am

♡ Sarah Hollo
♡ Michael Anthony Sparks
† Alice & Raymond Sparling, Jr.
† Connie Hanlon (birthday)
† 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

Hailey Hollner

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.

*Help us spread the word about The Boutique we have a lot of adult clothing inventory at really bargain prices. We are in need of children’s clothes though.

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.**

THIS WEEKEND’S MASS READINGS (July 26, 2026)

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 119
SECOND READING: Romans 8:28-30
GOSPEL: Matthew 13:44-52

NEXT WEEKEND’S MASS READINGS (August 2, 2026)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-3
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 145
SECOND READING: Romans 8:35, 37-39
GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

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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!



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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: \$4,222

School: \$1,434

2nd collection this week Peter's Pence
8/26 Catholic Home Mission



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 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!

MONTH Bonus Points

3x Points

-Sephora, Ulta, Foot Locker, JCrew

4x Points

-Cellaxs Phone Repair, iRepair Xpert, Claires, Zales

HAPPENING AROUND THE DIOCESE

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 please weekday Mass schedule will remain the same.

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.

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.

UPCOMING EXPENSES

Altar Server Trip to The Great Escape.....	\$1,500
<i>PAID!!! Thank you to our donors!</i>	
A/C Repair.....	\$15,000
<i>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.</i>	
Organ Repair.....	\$5,375
<i>Volume control & tuning repair</i>	
Diocesan Lawsuit Settlement, Sep. 15.....	\$1,760,000

STAY CONNECTED

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(Sunday Masses are live streamed here)

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Subscribe to our YouTube:

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

Follow our Instagram:

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Parish Website:

<https://blessedsacramentalbany.org/>

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.

Notre Dame Retreat House: Plenty of offerings at Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua this Summer.

Check their websites for additional information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The church has a small committee (3 people) that washes and irons all the white linen purificators and corporals each month. These items are used at all masses by the priest to purify the Chalice, Paten and his fingers after communion.

We are looking for a few more people to join the committee. If you may be interested in assisting, please contact the Parish Office at 518-482-3375. Thank you.

NYS MEDICAL AID IN DYING LAW

In February, NYS Governor Hochul signed into law the Medical Aid in Dying Law. There is an article of interest in The Evangelist titled 'CULTURE OF DEATH' *Women religious sue New York over law they say would force them to assist in patient suicides.* here is the link to the article:
<https://evangelist.org/news/2026/jul/21/culture-of-death/>

ST. THOMAS' SCHOOL 2ND ANNUAL TIGER TROT

5K Race and Kids Run

Saturday, September 19th at 9 AM

St. Thomas the Apostle School

42 Adams Place, Delmar, NY 12054

Link to register to Run: https://www.zippy-reg.com/online_reg/index.php?e=2331

Link to register to volunteer: <https://www.zippy-reg.com/volunteer/sign-up/?eventID=2331>

Link to the page on our school website:
<https://www.stthomas-school.org/tiger-trot>