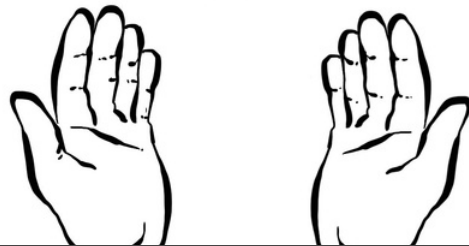


// BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

O God, let all the
nations praise you!

-PSALM 67



August 16, 2026

Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

GOD'S BLESSINGS ARE FOREVER by Lisanne Jensen

*"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable."
(Romans 11:29)*

The word *irrevocable* is an adjective that means "impossible to change, reverse, revoke, or undo." Therefore, to me, these words from St. Paul (that we hear in this weekend's second reading) indicate three things: that God's blessings can never be taken from us, that our God-given skills and talents are permanent, and that the purpose God has for our lives remains steadfast.

Discerning God's calling, however, can sometimes prove difficult. Prayer – and asking for guidance from the Holy Spirit – can help: "Lord, help me recognize the gifts You have given me, and give me the courage to use them in Your service."

Here at Blessed Sacrament Church, our first Faith Formation gathering will take place on Sunday, September 20th, which is also Catechetical Sunday. At Mass that morning, we will recognize, honor, and bless all the men and women who God has called to the vocation of catechist. The theme for Catechetical Sunday this year is Luke 4:18: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me ... to bring good news to the poor." Maybe you've considered sharing your faith as a catechist and supporting young people in saying "yes" to God but fear that you don't "know enough" or have enough experience. I've always believed, however, that if God leads you *to* it, He will always help lead you *through* it! If you would like to learn more about serving God through the ministry of being a catechist, please contact our Faith Formation office at (518) 438-5854, ext. 119, or e-mail faithformationbsc@gmail.com.

God has given each of us gifts to share and a vocation to live ... and His blessings are forever. Whatever our age or circumstances, He is still calling!

MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

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

SATURDAY VIGIL
5:00 pm (4:00 pm beginning September 5th)

SUNDAY
9:00 am (English) and 6:00 pm (Urdu)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Tuesday | 12:30 pm
Saturday | 4:00 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Tuesday | 12:30 pm

FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
Adoration and Reconciliation | 7:30 am
Mass | 9:00 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 (8/15/26) 5:00 pm

- ♡ Kayla-Grace and Natashua Charles
- ♡ Elmo Kearsing
- † Ronald Guiry
- † St. Francis Leo Broon
- † Catherine and Joseph Burns

Sunday (8/16/26) 9:00 am

- ♡ Michael Anthony Sparks
- ♡ Dorothy M. Roberts (106th birthday)
- † Thomas Warner
- † Darlene Skadra

Monday (8/17/26) 7:00 am

- ♡ Virginia Cromie
- ♡ Bill C.
- † Thomas Warner

Tuesday (8/18/26) 12:00 pm

- † Bianca Audino
- † William J. O'Hara, Jr.
- † Mary O'Connell
- † Daniel C. Horan

Wednesday (8/19/26) 7:00 am

- ♡ Sara Hollo
- ♡ Patrice Rodgers

Thursday (8/20/26) 12:00 pm

- ♡ Bill C.
- † Stephen Zakens (41st anniversary)
- † Bianca Audino

Friday (8/21/26) NO MASS

Saturday (8/22/26) 5:00 pm

- ♡ Michael Anthony Sparks
- † Kevin and Robert Foley
- † Florence, Joseph, and Richard Zabinski

Sunday (8/23/26) 9:00 am

- ♡ Pro Populo ~ Mass for the People

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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(518) 462-9885

THE BOUTIQUE

The Boutique is Blessed Sacrament Church's thrift store!
Shopping hours are 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.
Donation drop-offs are Tuesday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to noon. Due to space constraints, please hold fall/winter clothing items until the end of summer and Christmas items until the fall. Thank you for your support!

FOOD PANTRY

*Our food pantry is open on **Mondays and Thursdays**,
10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

*Items currently needed: **coffee, tea, laundry detergent,
and household cleaning products.**

***July statistics:** households served, 207; children, 158;
adults, 299; and seniors, 93.

*The food pantry will need **additional volunteers** for the
months of October and November. If you have
availability, please contact our parish office!

THIS WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS (8/15-8/16)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 67

SECOND READING: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS (8/22/8-23)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 22:19-23

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 138

SECOND READING: Romans 11:33-36

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

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FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Blessed Sacrament's Faith Formation program was created to help families grow deeper in their faith and love for God. It also serves as a pathway for children to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation (Confession), First Eucharist, and Confirmation.

Faith Formation meets once a month after the 9 a.m. Mass, from about 10 to 11:30 a.m. We first eat breakfast together and then break out into smaller groups. Parents and guardians attend as well to grow their faith alongside their children. Our first session is scheduled for Sunday, September 20th. Everyone is welcome! Please join us!

To register, visit blessedsacramentalbany.org/, click on "Programs," then "Faith Formation." If you have any questions, please call or e-mail our office: (518) 438-5854; faithformationbsc@gmail.com. We would love to have your family join us!

New this fall: we are adding preschoolers to Faith Formation! Pre-K, K, and Grade 1 will have a combined gathering for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in our brand-new atrium with Ms. Maria!



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Mass Schedule

Sundays, 9 a.m. (English) and 11 a.m. (Spanish)
First Sundays: Adoration after the 11 a.m. Mass
Mass & Adoration on the 1st Fridays of each month, 6:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EXPENSES

A/C Repair \$15,000
From the contractor: "You need a replacement coil, which is taller than you, Fr. Dan." This is the first major A/C repair since it was installed around 2010.
Organ Repair \$5,375
(Volume control and tuning repair)
St. Martin de Porres Statue \$800
Diocesan Lawsuit Settlement, 9/15 \$1,760,000
*We're looking for donors to help with these expenses.
Thank you for your prayerful consideration!*

OFFERTORY: SHARING OUR TREASURE

Regular: \$5,679.00

COAR Mission: \$1,363.00

Upcoming Second Collections:
8/16 – 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.myvanco.com/YHAN/home.



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We currently have openings in Grades Pre-K through Grade 5! Please contact our office at (518) 438-5854 for more information and/or to schedule a tour of the school or visit our website: blessedsacramentschool.net. We are excitedly preparing for our 2026-2027 school year!

SCHOOL BUCKS

Here's a great way to continue supporting Blessed Sacrament School even during the summer months! Hanging out at the mall? Doing some back-to-school shopping? Enjoying a sweet treat or celebrating a big event with a delicious meal? Make sure to turn in your Colonie Center Mall shopping receipts to help our school!

August Bonus Points

3x Points

Avis, Express, Lark & Lavender, Sephora

4x Points

Claire's, Foot Locker, Kay Jewelers, Ulta

There's an extra 100 Bonus Point opportunity for each public social media post about the School Bucks Program that tags @ColonieCenter and includes your school's official hashtag. Bonus points are awarded per post and are capped at 500 points per participating school, per month. Posts must be public and remain live for at least 24 hours to qualify.



FROM OUR URDU-SPEAKING COMMUNITY

Every Sunday evening at 6 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament, we offer Mass in Urdu. All are welcome to join us. Bishop Mark will be joining us for Mass followed by dinner on Aug. 30!

Mary, Our Lady of Light Rosary Group

When: every second and fourth Wednesday
Time: 5:30 pm (next meeting: 8/26)
Where: Blessed Sacrament Church
All are welcome!
Contact: text/call (518) 637-6311
or e-mail rosarylight@aol.com



PLEASE NOTE: Our Saturday Vigil Mass returns to 4:00 pm beginning September 5th.

AROUND THE ALBANY DIOCESE

End-of-Life Webpage: with the New York State Medical Aid in Dying Act taking effect August 5, 2026, we have created a webpage explaining the Catholic response. The direct link is www.rcda.org/endoflife. It is also accessible via a link on a slider at the top of the RCDA homepage and on the Prayer and Worship and Respect Life webpages. It includes the Pastoral and Liturgical Guidelines and Directives.

“Ask Bishop Mark” podcast: Bishop Mark will join Kathy Barrans for a special edition of the Called to Serve podcast. This one is called “Ask Bishop Mark.” It’s an opportunity for people in our diocese to submit questions and get answers from the bishop. People can share their questions in the comments section of the Ask Bishop Mark posts on the diocesan Facebook and Instagram pages. We hope to air the first segment in August.

Bishop Mark’s 10th Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination: All are cordially invited to join us for Mass on Bishop Mark’s 10th anniversary of episcopal ordination. The Mass will take place at 7 p.m. on Monday, August 24th at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany, followed by light hospitality.

New Life Maternity Golf Tournament: August 29, 2026, Sycamore Golf Course, Ravena. This is the second annual golf tournament fundraiser for New Life Maternity. For more information, call (518) 253-2919 or send an e-mail: themarkerman@yahoo.com.

The Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee: to be held on Sunday, September 27th at Christ Our Light Church, 1 Maria Dr., Loudonville. Couples marking any special wedding anniversary are invited to attend! Bishop Mark will celebrate the liturgy at 3 p.m. and greet couples and their guests at a reception immediately following (with an opportunity for photos with each couple). Register via the parish office or by emailing Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org by September 20th.

Help Wanted: Office Manager, All Saints Catholic Church. Hours: Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Salary: \$20-\$23 per hour. The Office Manager provides a warm and professional welcome to all who visit and call the office. In collaboration and under the supervision of the pastor, the Office Manager serves as a staff resource in support of the pastor, fulfilling parish needs in office operations and parishioner interactions. Send resumes to: e-mail, office@allsaintsalbany.org; mail: Rev. Charles Onyeneke, 12 Rosemont St., Albany, NY, 12203.

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Are you an adult interested in joining the Catholic Church? Were you baptized in the Catholic Church but have not been Confirmed or received First Eucharist? Weekly OCIA and adult classes for sacramental preparation will begin **Sunday, September 13th**. We meet weekly in the church vestibule (Central Avenue entrance) at 10 a.m. immediately following the 9 a.m. Mass.

We hope to see you there!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

August raffle winners are: 1st prize – Joe Thundathil; 2nd prize -- Bob Snyder; and 3rd prize – Michael Strycharz. Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 2nd** at 7 p.m. All men of the parish are invited. Raffle tickets are available at the office annex, parish office, and if requested, mailed to you. Tickets are \$1 each.

The pope’s August 2026 prayer intention: “For evangelization in the city; let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.”



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