

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206



Seek the Lord
while He may
be found, call Him
while He is near.

-ISAIAH 55



September 20
2026

Twenty-fifth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time

FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH

I must admit, today's Gospel seems unfair to me. Imagine working all day and the person who came near the end of the day received the same pay?

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

To put it in a different perspective, consider St Dismas the good thief who repented on the cross next to Jesus. He achieved heaven that day and is considered our first saint. We are all saved and we are all going to heaven. Should we be jealous of someone who repented and was saved at the very end of life? Have we all not achieved heaven? To be a true Christian means to root for everyone to be saved, and have no concern over what someone else law might have.

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

The pope's September 2026 prayer intention: "Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it."



MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

Monday | 7 am
Tuesday & Thursday | 12 pm
Wednesday | 9:00 am

SATURDAY VIGIL

4 pm

SUNDAY

9 am English & 6 pm Urdu

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday | 12:30 pm
Saturday | 3 pm

ADORATION

Tuesday | 12:30 pm

1st SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (9/19/26) 4:00 pm

♡ Bill C
♡ Tammy Forster
♡ Robin Raco
† Thomas Warner

Sunday (9/20/26) 9:00 am

† Joseph & Frances Bologna
† Marjorie J. Hughes
† Helen Simon
♡ Patrice Rodgers

Monday (9/21/26) 7:00 am

† Ron Guiry
♡ Michael Anthony Sparks
† Luz Mercader

Tuesday (9/22/26) 12:00 pm

♡ Bill C
† Michael Fringi
† Anthony Nicotina & Family

Wednesday (9/23/26) 9:00 am

† Michael Fringi

Thursday (9/24/26) 12:00 pm

♡ Mary Ann Wilson & Michael Sparks
(*Thanksgiving*)
† Kevin Smith
† Michael Fringi

Friday (9/25/26) NO MASS

Saturday (9/26/26) 4:00 pm

† Barbara Stack
† Luz Mercader
† Michael Fringi
♡ Michael Anthony Sparks

Sunday (9/27/26) 9:00 am

† Joseph & Gertrude Recchia
† Barbara McDonald
† Lorriane Walsh

*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 am to 12 pm on Saturdays.

NO Donations accepted 9/22 or 9/25

FOOD PANTRY

*We need a few people to help unload the truck from the Regional Food Bank the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month. The time commitment is not more than 1 hour.
*We will need additional volunteers for the months of October and November to help with packing bags and assisting guests. If you have availability for a few hours Mondays or Thursdays, 9-12, please contact our parish office!
*We are in need of reusable shopping bags.

ANNUAL FALL RAFFLE TICKETS

The annual fall raffle tickets were mailed last Friday. If you would like additional tickets, please stop by the office annex desk after Mass or the parish office.

THIS WEEKEND’S MASS READINGS (9/20/26)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:6-9
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 145
SECOND READING: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16a

NEXT WEEKEND’S MASS READINGS (9/27/26)

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:25-28
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 25
SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-11
GOSPEL: Matthew 21:28-32

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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!



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

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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: \$5,993

Fuel: \$1,840

Upcoming 2nd Collections:
Catholic University of America



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've had a terrific start to our 2026-2027 school year! Thank you to our amazing students and their families for being our partners in education and faith ... and we are beyond grateful for our dedicated, caring faculty and staff!

~There's still time to register if you're interested in enrolling your child(ren) here at BSS. Please call our office at (518) 438-5854 or send an e-mail to info@blessedsacramentschool.net for more information. We'd love to schedule a school tour for you and show you what makes our community so special!

~BSS has a brand-new Facebook page! Search for "Blessed Sacrament School-Albany, NY" and give us a follow

~Our first school Mass of the year will be Wednesday, September 23rd at 9 a.m. Students in Grades 4/5 will lead this liturgy. All are welcome!

~Congratulations to Mr. Andrew Bloom, our Grades 4/5 teacher, on his marriage to his wife Julianna on July 10th; to BSS music teacher Cara Miner who will be getting married this October; and to AIS teacher Ashley Herman on giving birth to twin boys, Francis and Michael, on September 15th!



Beautiful crosses made by our students to celebrate Exultation of the Cross

EXPENSES

	Total Cost/Still needed
A/C Repair	\$15,000/\$14,450
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/\$250
(Volume control and tuning repair)	
Diocesan Lawsuit Settlement, 9/15	\$1,760,000/\$1,745,00

We're looking for donors to help with these expenses.
Thank you for your prayerful consideration!



GIANTS TICKETS PACKAGE FUNDRAISER



Tickets are now on sale for a chance to win 4 tickets to the NY Giants vs The Cleveland Browns on December 20, 2026 1:00 p.m. kickoff. Reserved parking is included. Tickets are \$25 each, 5 for \$100. This is a real value for all those NY Giant fans. The raffle is benefit of our school so please promote this in your workplace, your club, your family. Posters are available in the rectory. Tickets are available by scanning the QR code to the left, office annex desk, rectory or school. You **must** include a phone number where you can be reached.

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE

The Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration will be held on Sunday, September 27, 2026, at Christ Our Light Catholic Church, Couples marking any special wedding anniversary are invited to attend this celebration Bishop Mark will celebrate the Liturgy at 3 p.m. A reception in the Parish Hall at Christ Our Light immediately following Mass. Please register by email MarriageJubilee@rcda.org. Deadline is September 20.

Is Asking for a Miracle a Waste of Time?



Fr. Marty Fisher will share his insights on Jesus as a completely unexpected kind of savior. Discussions to follow.

Registration required
Use QR code:



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gathered52@gmail.com

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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 have begun. 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!*

Doing the Necessary, the Possible, and the Impossible

On Oct. 4th, the 800th anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi's death, we celebrate a man whose every action flowed from one burning desire: to love Jesus Christ completely. Francis did not set out to found a movement or inspire generations. He simply began, as he often said, by doing what was necessary—because he believed each small act of mercy was a step toward Christ.

His conversion began with simple choices: embracing a leper, repairing a ruined chapel, giving freely to the poor. These were not random acts of kindness; they were deliberate responses to Jesus' call. In doing what was necessary, Francis found himself able to do what was possible—living joyfully in poverty, gathering companions, and shaping his life entirely around the Gospel. And with God's grace, those humble beginnings blossomed into what seemed impossible; a movement that continues to renew the world eight centuries later.

Francis teaches us that Christian action is never mere activism. It is love for Jesus made visible. Our witness begins with the ordinary: a kind word, a quiet act of forgiveness, a moment of compassion. These small choices, offered for Christ, become the possible—and sometimes even the miraculous. Our words matter, but our actions preach first. When we begin with what is necessary for love of Jesus, God makes the rest possible.

Pax et bonum. (Peace and all good.)

40 Days For Life Fall Campaign (September 23- November 1)

Join this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion.

Vigil Location: Next to the bus shelter in front of 855 Central Ave.

Kickoff Prayer Rally:- September 20 at 2:00PM

Vigil hours: contact Mike at alb40days@gmail.com

Sign up for prayer times at:

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/albany>

Come, pray the Rosary with us

When: every second and fourth Wednesday

Time: 5:30 pm (next meeting: 9/23)

Where: Blessed Sacrament Church

All are welcome!

Contact: text/call (518) 637-6311
or e-mail rosarylight@aol.com

