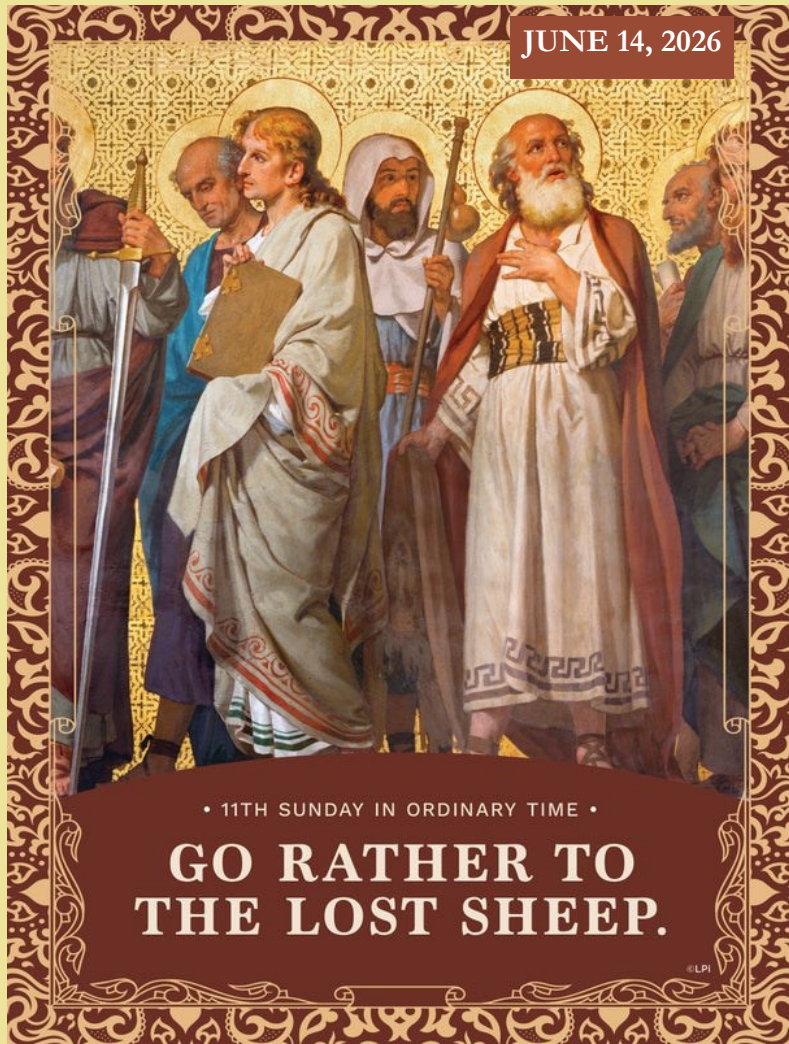


JUNE 14, 2026



• 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

**GO RATHER TO  
THE LOST SHEEP.**

**ACTS OF FAITH BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION**

Lord Jesus Christ, You have said, "My Flesh is food indeed, and my Blood is drink indeed." I firmly believe that You are present in this Blessed Sacrament as true God and true Man, with Your Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity are really here, with all Your treasures; that here You communicate Yourself to us, make us partakers of the fruit of Your Passion, and give us a pledge of eternal life. My Redeemer and my Judge, together with the angels and saints I adore Your Divine Majesty. I believe there cannot be a greater happiness than to receive You worthily, nor a greater misery than to receive You unworthily. All this I most steadfastly believe, because it is what You have taught us by Your Church. Amen.



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O Sacred Heart, O Love Divine  
Do keep us near to Thee  
And make our love so like to Thine  
That we may holy be

**[REFRAIN]**

Heart of Jesus, hear  
O Heart of Love Divine  
Listen to our prayer  
Make us always Thine



O Temple pure,  
O House of gold  
Our Heaven here below  
What sweet delights, what wealth untold  
From Thee do ever flow **[REF]**

Ungrateful hearts, forgetful hearts  
The hearts of men have been  
To wound Thy side with cruel darts  
Which they have made by sin **[REF]**

**COLLECTIONS TOTALS - MAY 30/31 COLLECTIONS:**

	<u>SH</u>	<u>SC</u>
AMOUNT NEEDED	1589.00	1794.00
WEEKLY COLLECTION	1736.00	970.00
CATH COMM CAM	75.00	243.00
<b>PARISH TOTAL</b>	<b>1736.00</b>	<b>970.00</b>
ATTENDANCE	40	50



**2025-26 DIOCESAN APPEAL**

	<u>SH</u>	<u>SC</u>
AMOUNT NEEDED	5000.00	5000.00
CONTRIBUTIONS	4300.00	4430.00
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>700.00</b>	<b>570.00</b>



**Sat. June 13, 4:00 pm (SH)** - Health and healing for John Pavlus and for Barbara Cope, requested by their parish family.

**Sun. June 14, 9:00 am (SC)** - † In loving memory of Alex & Betty Adesse, requested by their daughters.

**Tues. June 16 thru Sun. June 21, 2026**

**Tue. June 16, 8:00 am (SH)** - For the people of the parish

**Wed. June 17, 8:00 am (SC)** - For the people of the parish.

**Thurs. June 18, 8:00 am (SH)** - † In memory of Pam Bottisti, requested by Mary Lou Coughlin.

**Fri. June 19, 8:00 am (SC)** - For the people of the parish.

**Sat. June 20, 4:00 pm (SH)** - 1.) † In loving memory of Alfred Opalka, requested by his daughter Barbara.  
2.) † Birthday remembrance of MaryAnn Pavlus, requested by John & family.

**Sun. June 21, 9:00 am (SC)** - Strength & blessings for Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Mazur Jr., requested by their parish family.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**June 14, 2026 - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Matthew 9:36-10:8**

A few years ago, I met a woman in my parish who was a successful lawyer. Yet in her free time, she poured her energy into a nonprofit she founded to advocate for children with special needs. When I asked what inspired her, she spoke of her niece, who was born with disabilities. Her niece was both a glorious gift and a constant challenge. Out of that painful, beautiful experience, she felt called to create something lasting for other children and parents. The nonprofit thrived, not because she had mapped it all out, but because she was deeply moved to act.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is "moved with compassion" for the crowd, for they were "like sheep without a shepherd." (Matthew 9:36) So he calls his disciples, ordinary men with no special qualifications, and sends them to heal, preach, and cast out demons. Their mission flows not from their skills but from his authority and the Spirit's gifts.

The Second Vatican Council teaches that the Spirit continually pours out charisms, special graces for the good of the Church and the world (cf. Lumen Gentium 4 & 12). These often arise from the unfolding of our lives: from what breaks your heart, what fills you with hope, what suffering has shaped you. The Spirit works through those very experiences to equip us with gifts that build up others.

What is your charism? Well, what needs around you call you to loving action? This could be where Christ is sending you. Allow your heart to be moved like Christ's. Then get to work.

**-Father John Muir**

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**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Father, you are the Lord of the Harvest. You made each one of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask you to inspire the young men and women of the Diocese of Albany, whom you call to the priesthood and consecrated life, to boldly follow Your Will. Send laborers into Your great harvest to preach the Gospel, to serve the poor with love, to comfort those who suffer, and to strengthen these your people with the Holy Sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ALL: Holy Mary, Protector & Mother of holy Vocations, Intercede for us.

ALL: Send O Lord, Holy Apostles to your Church!

**Lector/Eucharistic Ministers**

<b>June 13 (SH)</b>	George Stanwick Cathy Parry	<b>June 20 (SH)</b>	volunteers
<b>June 14 (SC)</b>	Ann Mahon Dave Marcais	<b>June 21 (SC)</b>	Ken Stuff Dianne Kierpiec

**Counters Schedule**

<b>June 15 (SH)</b>	Barb Bilins Wendy Hall	<b>June 22 (SH)</b>	Katherine Downing Kathy Avery
<b>June 15 (SC)</b>	Sandy Hayes Kath Marcais	<b>June 22 (SC)</b>	Margaret Smith Kathleen Harris

**Food Pantry**



<b>June 24 (SC)</b>	Andrea Moran Margaret Smith Michele Furnare
<b>July 1 (SH)</b>	Jamie Lemiszki John Nigro



**Collection Schedule**

June 21 - Self (Property) Insurance  
June 28 - (SC) School Assessment

# A LETTER TO THE FAITHFUL FROM BISHOP MARK



BISHOP MARK O'CONNELL, JCD

Peace be with you.

You may not yet have felt it, but I personally sense a real momentum building here in the Diocese of Albany. Please allow me to share why I feel this way and why I invite you to join me in “looking up” with optimism toward the good things we can accomplish together to renew our Church in this local portion of the Lord’s vineyard.

This letter is not a typical fundraising appeal, though I know many of you have already responded generously to the Diocesan Appeal. Thank you for that trust and for allowing us to be good stewards of your gifts. To those who have not yet contributed, or who have held back for whatever reason, I simply ask you to hear me out with an open heart.

I was installed as your bishop on December 5, 2025. Now, five months later, I write to you with growing hope. Upon arrival, two urgent challenges demanded immediate attention: bringing the long and painful bankruptcy process to a just resolution and addressing the critical shortage of priests serving our people. With the help of our dedicated team at the Pastoral Center, we have moved forward decisively on both fronts.

First, the settlement with survivors of abuse. As many of you know, I have spent more than 25 years in the Church working directly with survivors of clerical abuse – listening, seeking justice and walking with them in their pain. That experience prepared me to approach this difficult chapter with both urgency and care. In March, we reached a \$148 million settlement agreement with the survivors. I am deeply grateful that the level of participation and sacrifice shown by the People of God in our Diocese – especially the significant contribution that will be coming from parish savings – was received with appreciation by those victim/survivors we met with.

I want to speak plainly about where the majority of the parish portion of the money is coming from. The vast majority of our parish reserves were built up over generations by the faithful sacrifices of our parents, grandparents and ancestors who built these churches and schools with love and devotion. Now it falls to us to make our own sacrifices so that future generations can continue to worship, pray and encounter Christ in these same sacred spaces. If you are able, I humbly ask you to consider a sacrificial gift to your home parish to help replenish these important funds that have been redirected toward healing and justice.

Second, the need for more priests. Our people deserve ready access to the Sacraments that nourish their faith and sustain their lives. Despite the excellent work of our dedicated lay leaders, deacons and religious, we simply do not have enough priests to meet the sacramental needs across our large Diocese. To ease the burden on our current priests – who have been stretched thin for too long – I have moved quickly to welcome faithful priests from outside the Diocese who can communicate effectively and are willing to serve here, at least for a time, while we continue building up vocations from within.

I am pleased to share that we are currently in conversation with eight such priests. My hope is that, with your support and prayers, we can give all our priests healthier workloads so they can serve with joy and remain strong in body, mind and spirit for years to come.

In these past months, I have traveled extensively across the Diocese – visiting parishes, schools, prisons, shrines, hospitals and ministries. I have been profoundly encouraged and impressed by the faith, creativity and dedication I see among you. I remain committed to visiting every school and prison by the end of this year, and every parish within my first two years. Bishop Scharfenberger left us with a strong and capable team, for which I am very grateful, so I can spend time away from the Pastoral Center.

Change is rarely easy, and I know I bring a certain energy and pace that may feel challenging at times. Yet I also bring deep joy, enthusiasm and a firm conviction that God is calling us to rebuild strong, sustainable and vibrant parishes and communities together.

When I first came to you, I promised to love you with all my heart, mind and soul, and to share the great joy the Lord has placed in me. After these first months with you, that joy has only deepened.

If you, too, sense even a portion of the momentum and hope I feel, would you prayerfully consider – or reconsider – making or increasing your gift to this year’s Diocesan Appeal? New vision and new initiatives require new resources. I ask you to trust me, and our team, to use your gifts prudently and courageously for the renewal of our Diocese and the glory of God.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I remain your brother and servant in Christ, and I keep you and your families in my daily prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Mark O'Connell, JCD  
Bishop of Albany

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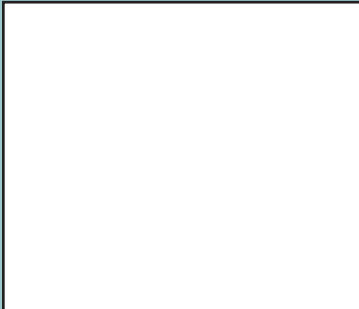


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