

Blessed Sacrament Parish
Shrine of Our Lady of the Americas

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Staff: Pastor: *Rev. Joseph O'Brien*, (518) 482-3375

Shrine Chaplain: *Rev. Francis O'Connor*, (518) 588-2531(cell) (Bilingual)

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Music Minister: *Deborah Klose*, e-mail: dklose@nycap.rr.com or (518) 986-0269 (cell)



General Information

Reconciliation: SUNDAYS, before and after both Masses or by appointment, Fr. O'Connor Cell: (518) 588-2531

Healing Mass: Last Friday of every month 6:30 pm (Praise & Worship), 7:00 pm Mass (Not in Lent)

Baptism: Instruction required. **5 weeks in advance** contact Sister Grace **FIRST**, for needed documentation, then *Claire Nolan*, (518) 209-6477 or cbnolou@gmail.com in English & *Confesora Franco*, (518) 542-4192 in Spanish.

Marriage: Meet with Shrine Chaplain **six months in advance.** Instruction required. Call the Parish Office.

Quinceañera: Schedule **6 months in advance with Father and Sister**; then with *Griselle Maldonado-Torres*

Hospital/Nursing Home Visitation (Bilingual): Fr. O'Connor: (518) 588-2531; Gladys Miranda, (518) 229-0695

Deadline for Bulletin Announcements & Attachments: TUESDAY @ *NOON – cbnolou@gmail.com – Jan.

<p>January 13</p> <p>9:30 am Mass in English † <i>Thomas R. Riddick</i>, 4th Anniv. by Judy Houck</p> <p>12:00 Mass in Spanish <i>Open for Intentions</i></p>	<p>Mass Intentions</p>	<p>January 20</p> <p>9:30 am Mass in English <i>Open for Intentions</i></p> <p>12:00 Mass in Spanish <i>Open for Intentions</i></p>
<p>Weekly MASS Intentions: Request in 2 easy steps! ***Step #1 is FIRST.*** <i>Step 1: Call the Church Office at 465-3685, ext. 12 or EMAIL OLAmericaShrine@gmail.com with your name, phone number, the desired date, & intention.</i></p> <p>Step 2: Put your offering envelope in the collection basket any Sunday with information regarding the Mass intention.</p>		

Baptism of the Lord ~ January 13, 2019

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

<p align="center">This Week's Liturgical Ministers</p> <p>9:30 am Mass in English: Sacristan: <i>Mack McPherson</i>; Leader: <i>JoAnn Bisogno</i>; Readers: <i>Owen Glenn</i> and <i>Jean Marks</i>; Eucharistic Ministers: <i>Linda Dalton</i>, <i>Allison Agenta</i>, <i>Grant Ford</i>, and <i>Judy Houck</i></p> <p>12:00 Mass en Español: Sacristán: <i>Patricia Reyes</i>, Lectores: <i>Claribel Sánchez</i> and <i>Elsa Segovia</i>; Ministros Eucarísticos: <i>Nancy Pérez</i>, <i>Delfina Santaski</i> and <i>Lourdes Fabian</i>, Hospitalidad: <i>Bricelys Vásquez</i> and <i>Miriam Domínguez</i>; Ujieres: <i>Diana Vasquez</i>, <i>Sofia Estrada</i>, <i>María</i> and <i>Carlos Feliz</i></p> <p align="center">Sharing our Treasure ~ <i>Giving as an act of Worship</i> ~</p> <p><i>We need to have at least \$2,500.00 per week in the collections to break even, not counting unexpected maintenance costs.</i></p> <p align="center">Collection for January 6: \$2,217.67 Fuel Collection: \$25.00</p> <p align="center"><i>Thank you, each and all, who share your Time, Talent & Treasure with our community.</i></p> <p>As the weather gets colder, please look for your "Fuel Collection" envelope. Thank you.</p>	<p align="center">Calendar of Events</p> <p align="center">Sunday, January 13 <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i> 9:30 am English Mass <i>followed by Coffee and Conversation</i> 10:40 am – Faith Formation 12:00 pm Misa en Español</p> <p align="center">Monday, January 14 Centering Prayer – any time between 7:45 am-8:45 am</p> <p align="center">Tuesday, January 15 Grupo de Estudio Bíblico (Mujeres) – 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm</p> <p align="center">Wednesday, January 16 Choir Practice: English at 5:30, Spanish at 6:30</p> <p align="center">Thursday, January 17 Hombres de Almas Misioneras – 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm</p> <p align="center">Friday, January 18 Centering Prayer – any time between 7:45 am-8:45 am Círculo de Oración - 7:00-9:00 pm</p> <p align="center">Saturday, January 19 Comunidad Triqui - Práctica de bailes – 5:00-8:00 pm</p> <p align="center">Sunday, January 20 <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:30 am English Mass <i>Our Lady of Altagracia with Bishop Edward</i> 12:00 pm Misa en Español - Comunidad Triqui - Práctica de bailes – 4:00-7:00 pm</p>
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✠ Weekly Reflection ✠



Since most of us were baptized as infants, we do not remember the event. Yet, no matter what age you were baptized, it still has the same effects: cleansing of sin, imparting of grace, giving of the Holy Spirit, adoption as a child of God, and incorporation into the Church. **Take time today to thank God for the gift of baptism and reflect on the importance of your baptism.**

Taken from: <https://stjoesmarion.org>



The Intentions Book

Is located at the back of Church:
Add your special intentions.

The Intentions Book, *Hear Our Prayer*, will be brought up to the altar during the *Prayers of the Faithful*.

We will continue to share aloud our intentions, but we will not read aloud the intentions in the book.

Our **Mustard Seed Collection** for **February 3rd** will be for **St. Catherine's Center for Children** who has been offering programs and services that address the challenges children and families face. No family should have to face hunger and homelessness. They are asking for food such as **peanut butter, jelly, tuna, canned pasta, macaroni/cheese, soups**, etc. There is also a very big need for **feminine products such as sanitary napkins, deodorant, shampoo, razors, lotions** and such. Thank you for your continued generosity as we start our new year doing God's work.

On **February 5, 2019 at 6:30pm**, we will have the **Virtus Training** and some conversations related to Youth Ministry. The training will be conducted by David Stagliano, Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Albany.

The training will be conducted in English. Please share this with everyone you think needs the Virtus Training. Please register here:

https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0.



The Sister Maureen Joyce Center



SOUP KITCHEN: A hot meal at noon

Mondays, Thursdays & at 1:00 pm on SUNDAYS

All are welcome! Call **518-462-9885** to learn more.

FOOD PANTRY: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays

Call **465-8262** to learn more.



Here's an opportunity for you to make a difference. On **Saturday, February 9th, 2019** members of the **Capital Area Council of Churches (CACC)** will be participating in a "**Bowling for Beds Bowl-a-thon**" to raise money for the **Emergency Overflow Homeless Shelter in Albany**. It will be held at Del Lanes, 4 Bethlehem Court in Delmar. For more information contact: Sandy Damhof at 518-442-4491 or sdamhof@albany.edu.

Peek at January 20 – Youth Mass

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm: Psalm 96:1-3, 7-10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: St. John 2:1-11

9:30 am Mass in English: Sacristan: *Mack McPherson*; Leader: *Carol Conroy*; Readers: *Teresa Crasto-Donnelly* and *John Giordano*; Eucharistic Ministers: *Kathryn Giordano, Allison Agneta, Tammy Crasto, and Colleen Cain*

12:00 Mass en Español: Sacristán: *Confesora Franco*, Lectores: *Carolina Fabian* and *Emely Rodríguez*; Ministros Eucarísticos: *Griselle Maldonado, Lourdes Fabian*, and *Patricia Reyes*; Hospitalidad: *Williams González, Miriam Domínguez, and Rosa Albarán*; Ujieres: *Félix Quiñones, Sofia Estrada*, and los hermanos *Quinde*

Entrance Antiphon



*After the Lord was baptized
the heavens were opened
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove
and the voice of the Father thundered:*

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Mt 3:16-17

After February's collection, I am retiring from the Mustard Seed project. The delivery of the collection is getting to be too much. Bob and Allison Agneta have been so helpful with their van in getting things there but it is time for someone new to step up. You parishioners have gone up and beyond generosity and have helped hundreds of people who cannot help themselves.

THANK YOU, *Judy*,

A Special Thank You is extended to *Judy Houck* and *Bob and Allison Agneta* for all their dedication and hard work!



Are you new to the Shrine Church? WELCOME! Or, did you recently move or get a new phone number?

Please fill in this form and drop it in the collection basket. **Thank you.**

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ () Send Envelopes

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