

Blessed Sacrament Parish
Shrine of Our Lady of the Americas

Shrine Entrance: 273 Central Avenue

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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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Pastoral Associate: *Sister Grace R. Díaz*, (518) 465-3685 ext.12 (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.

January 6

9:30 am Mass in English

- ✠ *Frank McGinty* by the McGinty Family
- ✠ *Noel Gilroy* by his mother, Maggie Gilroy

12:00 Mass in Spanish

- ✠ *Emiliana Taveras* on her death anniversary from her daughter María Frías

Mass Intentions



January 13

9:30 am Mass in English

- ✠ *Thomas R. Riddick*, 4th Anniv. by Judy Houck

12:00 Mass in Spanish

Open for Intentions

Weekly MASS Intentions: Request in 2 easy steps! *Step #1 is FIRST.*****

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.

Step 2: Put your offering envelope in the collection basket **any Sunday** with information regarding the Mass intention.

Feast of the Epiphany ~ January 6, 2019

♪ ♪ *Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.* ♪ ♪

This Week's Liturgical Ministers

9:30 am Mass in English: Sacristan: *Josie McPherson*; Leader: *Ed Falterman*; Readers: *Diane Conroy* and *Ellen McPherson*; Eucharistic Ministers: *Mack McPherson*, *Herb Barber*, *Ronny Williams*, and *Mary Giordano*

12:00 Mass en Español: Sacristán: *Patricia Reyes*, Lectores: *Claribel Sánchez* and *Elsa Segovia*; Ministros Eucarísticos: *Nancy Pérez*, *Delfina Santaski* and *Lourdes Fabian*, Hospitalidad: *Bricelys Vásquez* and *Miriam Domínguez*; Ujieres: *Diana Vasquez*, *Sofía Estrada*, *María* and *Carlos Feliz*

Sharing our Treasure

~ Giving as an act of Worship ~

We need to have at least \$2,500.00 per week in the collections to break even, not counting unexpected maintenance costs.

Collection for December 30: \$1,589.71
Solemnity of Mary: \$418.53

Thank you, each and all, who share your Time, Talent & Treasure with our community.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 6

Feast of the Epiphany

9:30 am English Mass & 12:00 pm Misa en Español
 Comunidad Triqui - Práctica de bailes – 4:00-7:00 pm

Monday, January 7

Centering Prayer – any time between 7:45 am-8:45 am
 Advisory Council – 6:30 pm

Wednesday, January 9

Choir Practice: English at 5:30, Spanish at 6:30

Friday, January 11

Centering Prayer – any time between 7:45 am-8:45 am
 Círculo de Oración - 7:00-9:00 pm

Saturday, January 12

Comunidad Triqui - Práctica de bailes – 5:00-8:00 pm

Sunday, January 13

The Baptism of the Lord

9:30 am English Mass
followed by Coffee and Conversation
 12:00 pm Misa en Español
 Comunidad Triqui - Práctica de bailes – 4:00-7:00 pm

✠ Weekly Reflection ✠



Adults:

The Magi saw the star as a sign and followed it to Jesus. How can I see the signs of Jesus in my life and chose to follow them?

Children:

Following the examples of the Magi, what gifts can I bring to Jesus?



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.

In Honor of the Magi

(On the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord)



In many places it is customary to celebrate the blessing of the home on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. To do this, use chalk to write the numerals of the new year and the initials C, M, and B (representing the traditional names of the Magi—Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar) over your front door. Then offer the following prayer, taken from *Our Family Prays: Catholic Prayers and Traditions* (RCL Benziger, 2015). [20 C M B 19]

Loving God, the doors of our hearts and home are open to you and to all who need warmth and welcome. We give you thanks for our home, for the gift of family, and for the blessing of friends. Keep us safe as we come in and as we go out each and every day. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sing a familiar refrain or hymn about welcome, such as “All Are Welcome,” or sing a familiar refrain or hymn in celebration of the Epiphany

**Blessed New
Year
to All!**

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.



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 13

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Psalm: Psalm 29: 1-4, 9-10

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: St. Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

9:30 am Mass in English: Sacristan: *Mack McPherson*; Leader: *JoAnn Bisogno*; Readers: *Owen Glenn* and *Jean Marks*; Eucharistic Ministers: *Linda Dalton, Allison Agentia, Grant Ford, and Judy Houck*

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Entrance Antiphon



“Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.”
Mal 3:1; I Chr 19:12



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.

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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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