

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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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 – tmcrasto@hotmail.com – Oct.

<p>October 21 9:30 am Mass in English † <i>Albert Hecker</i> Aggie Gagnon's son-in-law by JoAnn Bisogno</p> <p>12:00 Mass in Spanish <i>Open for intentions</i></p>	<p>Mass Intentions</p>	<p>October 28 9:30 am Mass in English † <i>Mary Eckhardt</i> by Debbie Klose † <i>Patricia Flaherty</i> by Peggy & Jerry Neugebauer † <i>Cain</i> & † <i>Stockman Families</i> by Colleen Cain</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>		

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 21, 2018



Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.



<p align="center">This Week's Liturgical Ministers</p> <p>9:30 am Mass in English: Sacristan: <i>Stewart Hubbard</i>; Leader: <i>Carol Conroy</i>; Readers: <i>John Giordano</i> and <i>Andrea Saucedo</i>, Eucharistic Ministers: <i>Kathryn Giordano</i>, <i>Teresa Crasto-Donnelly</i>, <i>Allison Agneta</i>, and <i>Jean Marks</i></p> <p>12:00 Mass in Spanish: Sacristán: <i>Patricia Reyes</i>; Lectores: <i>Dianelis Vásquez</i> and <i>Emely Rodriguez</i>; Ministros eucarísticos: <i>Fausto Franco</i>, <i>Lourdes Fabian</i>, and <i>Elena Dominguez</i>; Hospitalidad: <i>Williams Gonzales</i>, <i>Bricelys Vásquez</i>, and <i>Brianna Vásquez</i>; Ujieres: <i>Abelardo Jiménez</i>, <i>Enrique Ignacio</i>, and <i>Carlos</i> and <i>María 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 October 14: \$ 2504.99 Fuel Collection: \$ 627.00</p> <p align="center"><i>Thank you, each and all, who share your Time, Talent & Treasure with our community.</i></p>	<p align="center">Calendar of Events</p> <p align="center">Sunday, October 21 <i>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 2nd Collection: Propagation of the Faith <i>Youth Ministers at both Masses</i> 9:30 am English Mass 10:40 am – Sunday School 12:00 pm Misa en Español</p> <p align="center">Monday, October 22 Centering Prayer – any time between 7:45 am-8:45 am</p> <p align="center">Wednesday, October 24 Choir Practice: English at 5:30 pm and Spanish at 6:30 pm</p> <p align="center">Friday, October 26 Centering Prayer – any time between 7:45 am-8:45 am Misa de Sanación - 7:00-9:00 pm</p> <p align="center">Saturday, October 27 Spanish Apostolate <i>Retiro de Catequistas</i></p> <p align="center">Sunday, October 28 <i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:30 am English Mass <i>followed by Coffee and Conversation</i> 10:40 am – Sunday School 12:00 pm Misa en Español</p>
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Mission Sunday ~ October 21, 2018.

Collection for the Propagation of the Faith


Thank you in advance for your generous contributions to this special collection taken up today.

"We do not need to be afraid of questions and doubts because they are the beginning of a path of knowledge and going deeper; one who does not ask questions cannot progress either in knowledge or in faith."

Pope Francis (Nov 23, 2016)

Our **November 4th Mustard Seed Collection** will be for **Sr. Maureen Joyce Food Pantry**. We will be trying to help supplement Thanksgiving dinner for the needy. We are looking for *cranberry sauce, boxed potatoes, canned vegetables, pickles, olives, stuffing mixes, cake mix, frosting, raisins, and anything else to enhance the turkey dinner.* **THANK YOU** for your consistent generosity for the neediest.

A Special Thank You to *Miriam Dominguez & the many participants for the Rosary Rally* held at our Shrine Church on October 13 in honor of the 101st *Miracle of the Sun* in Fatima. Spanish-speaking members of parishes throughout the diocese attended.

 **Halloween Party** hosted by our catechists and other volunteers: **Wednesday, October 31: 4:00 - 6:00 pm.** Halloween comes from the Old English for Holy Evening (the Eve of All Saints Day). Come for some **family fun!**
To volunteer, call Maria Aricapa at 518-465-3685, ext. 11

For parents who have experienced the death of a child, of any age, by any cause, no matter how long ago.

On **Saturday, November 17, 2018**, the Albany Diocese will have its first **Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents** ~ a one day *Spiritual Retreat* at *St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish* in Schenectady. Information can be found at www.rcda.org.

Youth Mass Today

Jesus said, *"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."* Matthew 19:14

Today we start our youth Mass at the Shrine Church. You will see some of our youth taking an active role as ministers at today's Masses. How blessed are we to have such active and faithful young people in our parish community!

While I sometimes use my cell phone to text a message, I do not hear well on the cell phone. Please call me at the church office number: **518-465-3685, ext. 12.** (I can retrieve messages from the office phone from wherever I am.) Thank you. *Sister Grace*

**All Souls Committal Service - Friday, November 2
2:00 pm, Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery
2501 Troy Rd. Niskayuna, NY 12309**

Albany Diocesan Cemeteries offers a wide range of options for the final disposition of cremated remains: including cremation gardens, columbariums, regular graves and mausoleums. They provide this service to assure that the proper care and reverential disposition of cremated remains. **On Thursday, Nov. 1,** Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery in Niskayuna will provide this service for Catholic families who have cremated remains they wish to entomb.



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.

**Retreat for Couples with Dynamic Catholic
November 17, 2018, 9:00am-1:00pm at St. Pius X
23 Crumitie Road, Loudonville, NY 12211**

Passion & Purpose for Marriage: *What are the key ingredients to a happy, healthy marriage? Whether you're dating, engaged, or happily married, this event will open your eyes to new and practical ways you can strengthen and enrich your relationship* This event is not recommended for children under ten. Register for \$25.00 at <https://dynamiccatholic.com/passion-and-purpose-for-marriage-loudonville-ny-nov-17-2018>

Peek at October 28, 2018

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm: Psalm 126:1-6

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel: St. Mark 10:46-52

9:30 am Mass in English: Sacristan: *Mack McPherson*; Leader: *Carol Conroy*; Readers: *Teresa Crasto-Donnelly* and *Stewart Hubbard*, Eucharistic Ministers: *Herb Barber*, *Barbara Crawford*, *Colleen Cain*, and *Tammy Crasto*

12:00 Mass in Spanish: Sacristán: *Patricia Reyes*; Lectores: *Elena Domínguez* and *Juan David Ochoa*; Ministros eucarísticos: *Maria Stella*, *Miriam Domínguez*, and *Maria Argueta*; Hospitalidad: *Williams González* and *Briselys Vásquez*; Ujieres: *Abelardo Jiménez*, *Enrique Ignacio*, and *Carlos & María Feliz*

♥ **In Thanksgiving for our October Baptisms** ♥

We welcome five of our newest members:
Aimel Sophia and *Sophia Aynel Ruemmele*,
Sofia Isabella Mejia, and
Anderson Joel and *Alison Sophia Brito-Samaniego*.
Congratulations to their families, godparents & our catechists who prepared them!

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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.**

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

Email: _____ () Send Envelopes