

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)

Deacon: *Miguel Fabián*, (518) 229-2634 (cell) (Bilingual)

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

Faith Formation Team Coordinator: *Maria Aricapa*, (518) 465-3685 ext. 11

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 – Nov.

October 28

9:30 am Mass in English

✠ *Mary Eckhardt* by Debbie Klose

✠ *Patricia Flaherty*

by Peggy & Jerry Neugebauer

✠ *Cain* and ✠ *Stockman Families*

by Colleen Cain

12:00 Mass in Spanish

✠ *Segundo Pablo Guallpa Lema*

by his daughter, *Yesenia Guallpa*

✠ *Epifania Aviles*

Mass Intentions



November 4

9:30 am Mass in English

✠ *Jane*, ✠ *Frank*, and ✠ *Elizabeth Sheeran*

by the McGinty Family

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.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 28, 2018



The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.



This Week's Liturgical Ministers

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 Dominguez*, and *Maria Argueta*; Hospitalidad: *Williams González* and *Briselys Vásquez*; Ujieres: *Abelardo Jiménez*, *Enrique Ignacio*, and *Carlos & María 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 October 21: \$2,270.85

World Missions: \$549.65

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

Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 28

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Special Collection for Storm Relief

9:30 am English Mass followed by *Coffee and Conversation*

10:40 am – Sunday School

12:00 pm Misa en Español

Monday, October 29

Centering Prayer – any time between 7:45 am-8:45 am

Tuesday, October 30

Cenáculo in Gathering Area

Prayer and Worship Committee – 6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 31

Halloween Party – 5:00-6:30 in the Gathering Area

Thursday, November 1

All Saints Day

Misa de Todos los Santos at 7:00 pm

Friday, November 2

All Souls Day

Centering Prayer – any time between 7:45 am-8:45 am

All Souls Day Mass at Blessed Sacrament at 6:30 pm

Adoration & Circulo de Oración 6:30 pm

Sunday, November 4

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am English Mass & 12:00 pm Misa en Español

Advent Spiritual Opportunity:

Sister Julie "Jewel" Werner, RSM, one of our parishioners, has again offered to have an Advent "event" for our English-speaking community. It will be on a Saturday morning in December. A date will be confirmed in early November. Thank you.



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*

RCDA Marian Consecration & Renewal with 33 Days to Morning Glory or a Marian Consecration book of your choice – **Bishop Ed** is inviting everyone in the diocese to join him in a 33 day preparation period beginning around **Monday, November 5, 2018.** The preparation will be culminated with the renewed Consecration to Jesus through Mary at the Cathedral on the holy day of obligation, the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saturday, December 8th at 11:00 a.m.** This Mass fulfills the holy day obligation. Do not worry if you begin the preparation late or fall behind on chapters.



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**

Weekly Reflection

For Adults: *What have your eyes of faith helped you see in a new way?*

For Children: *What do you like most about the story of Bartimaeus? Why?*

Next Sunday our **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.

On **November 4th at Mater Christi Parish, Fr. Bob Longobucco** and **Fred Boehrer** will speak about Catholic perspectives on social justice and compassion for immigrants. They will talk with over 300 teens from parishes throughout the Albany area, including ours! This special event starts with **Mass at 4:00 pm and concludes with a "Simple Sampler Supper"** of foods from various countries where some of our immigrants come from.

Vocations RCDA: *Have you considered following God's call to serve as Deacon?* Please join us for an information meeting **Wednesday November 14th from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave.** To RSVP please call Sarah Raville by November 1st at 518-453-6690

"I do indeed believe that Vatican II's universal call to holiness is a largely unrealized dream. Most Catholics still don't get that their vocation is to carry their faith into the marketplace, into schools, into office buildings, into the corridors of government, into sports stadiums, and into the streets."
- **Bishop Barron**

"There are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all," teaches **St. Paul** (1 Cor. 12:6).

Indeed, everyone's unique calling is integral to the whole.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Go your way; your faith has saved you."

Take time to strengthen your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov 3-4, 2018 in ALBANY, NY and Nov 2-4, 2018 in Manchester, CT. For more information, call Ed & Rhonda Staats at 518-279-3243 or visit them at <https://wwmenyalb.org/>.



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.

Hospital Advisement: So often a member of a family or close friend is hospitalized. Today hospitals face many privacy concerns and they can't always freely share the names of patients. If you or a member of your family would like to receive a **visit from someone at the Shrine, please notify the hospital that your name can be shared with Fr. O'Connor [518-588-2531] contact our parish office at (518) 465-3685, ext. 12.**

Peek at November 4, 2018

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Psalm: Psalm 18:2-4, 47, 51

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel: St. Mark 12:28B-34

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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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