

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)

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.

November 4

9:30 am Mass in English

✠ *Jane, V Frank, and Elizabeth Sheeran*
by the McGinty Family

12:00 Mass in Spanish

✠ *Miguel Angel Argueta y Efraín Argueta*
by their sister, María Argueta

In thanksgiving for

Juan David Ochoa and Angela Yolima Soler
on their 1st wedding anniversary

Mass Intentions



November 11

9:30 am Mass in English

✠ *James C. Tunny, Jr. &*

✠ *James C. Tunny, III* by Anastasia Tunny

✠ *For all of our deceased veterans*

12:00 Mass in Spanish

Open for intention

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.

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ November 4, 2018

♪♪ *I love you Lord, my strength.* ♪♪

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: *María Argueta*; Lectores: *Lourdes Fabian* and *Elena Alcantar*; Ministros Eucarísticos: *Jacqueline Fabian*, *Delfina Santaski*, and *Juana Barbosa*; Hospitalidad: *Miriam Domínguez*, *Rosa Albarán*, and *Justina López*; Ujieres: *Estilita Zarza*, *Luís Zarza y Carlos*, and *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 28: \$1,795.85

Hurricane Relief: \$300.15

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

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 4

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mustard Seed Collection

9:30 am English Mass & Birthday cake for Fr. O'Connor

12:00 pm Misa en Español

4:00 pm Teen Mass & "Catholic Social Teaching: Welcome the Stranger" Program at Mater Christi

Monday, November 5

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

Tuesday, November 6

Election Day – Don't Forget to VOTE!

Youth Council – 6:30 pm

Wednesday, November 7

Choir Practice

Friday, November 9

Kristallnacht

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

Circulo de Oracion – 7:00 pm

Saturday November 10

Saint Leo the Great

Sunday, November 11

Veterans Day

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time


Baptism of Elias Soto at the 9:30 Mass

Hospitality after the 9:30 Mass

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

Advent Spiritual Opportunity:

Sister Julie "Jewel" Werner, RSM, our parishioner, has again offered to have an Advent mini-retreat. Stay tuned for the date. It will be a Saturday morning in December. 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.



Thank you to our catechists!

For October 31st, our catechists planned & hosted a real Halloween (“Holy Eve”) party which was enjoyed by children ages 3 – 14 and parents. It was active, joy-filled, with prizes galore, and concluded with each participant putting a candle on the Altar of Saints in memory of a saint/hero they admire, which included family members & favorite saints.

Today our **Mustard Seed Collection** will be for **Sr. Maureen Joyce Food Pantry.** We will supplement Thanksgiving dinner for the needy. **THANK YOU** for your consistent generosity for the neediest. The **December 2nd Mustard Seed** collection will be for **Family Promise of Albany.** They need toilet paper, paper towels, laundry soap, baby wipes, body wash, women's deodorant, feminine products (pads), and diapers size 2,4,6. They do so much for homeless families, let's give them an assist. Thank you so much everyone

“Catholic Social Teaching: Welcome the Stranger”

Today, 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/parents from parishes throughout the Albany area, including ours!

Hospital Advisement: When a family member or a close friend is hospitalized, remember that hospitals face many privacy concerns and they often cannot 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) or can contact our parish office at (518) 465-3685, ext. 12.**

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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: _____

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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



Let us pray for those killed or injured in the Tree of Life synagogue massacre in Pittsburgh.



11 killed:

- Joyce Fienberg, 75
- Richard Gottfried, 65
- Rose Mallinger, 97
- Jerry Rabinowitz, 66
- Cecil Rosenthal, 59
- David Rosenthal, 54
- Bernice Simon, 84
- Sylvan Simon, 86
- Daniel Stein, 71
- Melvin Wax, 87
- Irving Younger, 69

Six injured:

- Officer Anthony Burke
- Officer Michael Smidge.
- Officer Timothy Matson
- Officer Daniel Mead

A 61-year-old unnamed woman

... and let us pray & act that we will love all of our neighbors as ourselves.



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.

Peek at November 11, 2018

First Reading: Deu1 kings 17:10-16

Psalm: Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24=28

Gospel: St. Matthew 5:3

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