

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 – Dec.

<p align="center">December 9 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe 11:00 am Bilingual Mass <i>For our Shrine community, and that all be brought to Christ through His Mother Mary</i> ✠ <i>Jovita Guadalupe Vasquez</i> (1st anniv.) by Estilita Zarza</p>	<p>Mass Intentions</p> 	<p align="center">December 16 9:30 am Mass in English ✠ <i>McGinty</i> and ✠ <i>Sheeran Families</i> by the McGinty Family ✠ <i>Michael C. Agneta</i> (21st anniv.) by his family 12:00 Mass in Spanish ✠ <i>Mercedes Cabrera</i>, and ✠ <i>Josefa</i> & ✠ <i>Josefina Sarda</i> by Patricia Reyes In thanksgiving for the 40th wedding anniversary of <i>Faustino & Confesora Franco</i></p>
<p>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.</p> <p>Step 2: Put your offering envelope in the collection basket any Sunday with information regarding the Mass intention.</p>		

Second Sunday of Advent & the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe ~ December 9, 2018

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

<p>This Week's Liturgical Ministers</p> <p align="center"><i>Special ministers were assigned for our Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass.</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 December 2: \$2,233.39 Christmas Flowers: \$55.00</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 <u>Fuel Collection" envelope.</u> Thank you.</p>	<p align="center">Calendar of Events</p> <p align="center">Sunday, December 9 Second Sunday in Advent and celebration of Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Bilingual Mass at 11:00 am Reception to follow at Blessed Sacrament School</p> <p align="center">Monday, December 10 Centering Prayer – any time between 7:45 am-8:45 am</p> <p align="center">Tuesday, December 11 Church Decorating – 4:00 pm</p> <p align="center">Wednesday, December 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Choir Practice: English at 5:30, Spanish at 6:30</p> <p align="center">Friday, December 14 Centering Prayer – any time between 7:45 am-8:45 am Círculo de Oración - 7:00-9:00 pm</p> <p align="center">Saturday, December 15 Spanish Advent Retreat-St. Francis of Assisi School</p> <p align="center">Sunday, December 16 Third Sunday in Advent 9:30 am English Mass 10:40 am Faith Formation 12:00 pm Misa en Español</p>
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♥The Giving Tree♥

is up and is helping to adorn St. Joseph's altar! There are tags with requests from **local seniors and children** asking for a special gift. Please help them out. We need the gifts back, wrapped and with tags attached, **by Sunday, Dec. 16.**



Thanks so much for your help!

A Special Thank You to the "Shrine Cleaners"

for cleaning the House of the Lord. A group of ten did great work on ALL the pews, the floor, and the altar rail. They are considering doing this more often.

✠ **Weekly Reflection** ✠

For Adults:

In what areas of your life do you need God's forgiveness right now? What Advent practice would assist you in expressing your repentance?

For Children:

What do you want to ask God to forgive you for? What can you do during Advent to show you are sorry?

Our January 6th Mustard Seed Collection will be for the **Interfaith Drop-in-Center** located in Sheridan Hollow. This place is open for the homeless and provides showers, washing machines, clean clothes, mailboxes, a hot dinner, and a warm place for the day. On days below freezing, they stay open for the whole night as a shelter. What they could use is **hats, gloves, scarves, laundry products, shower products such as shampoo, body wash, deodorant** etc. Thank you for your continued generosity to the poor!



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. Please feel free to add your intentions to this book before the start of Mass.

"Know for certain, least of my sons, that I am the perfect and perpetual Virgin Mary, Mother of the True God through whom everything lives, the Lord of all things near and far, the Master of heaven and earth."

Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego

~ **Entrance Antiphon for the 2nd Sunday of Advent** ~



O people of Sion, Behold, the Lord will come to save the nations,
And the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Isaiah 30:19, 30

Shrine Church Parish Posadas Schedule

(7:00-8:30pm each night)



Sunday, December 16 ~ Prayer & Worship Committee
Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

Monday, December 17 ~ Maria Lema Yunga
27 Yardboro Avenue, Albany, New York 12205

Tuesday, December 18 ~ Rose Tenezaca
15 Oakland Avenue, Albany, New York 12205

Wednesday, December 19 ~ tbd

Thursday, December 20 ~ Giordano Family
14 Witte Road, Albany, NY 12203

Friday, December 21 ~ Teresa & Peter Crasto-Donnelly
Capital View Apartments, 1 Oak Lane, Apt A,
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Saturday, December 22 ~ Marilenny Ignacio
3801 State Street, Schenectady, New York 12304

Sunday, December 23 ~ Benedicta Asante
8 Farnsworth Drive, Apt. # 10, Slingerlands, NY 12159

Note: A copy of the schedule with addresses and contact information can be found on the table in back of Church.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Vigil

Carol Singing: 4:30 pm
Bilingual Mass: 5:00 pm



Christmas Day

English Mass: 9:30 am
Spanish Mass: 12:00 pm

New Year's Day

Bilingual Mass at 11:00 am

Peek at 3rd Sunday in Advent, Dec. 16 - Youth Mass

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18A

Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-6

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: St. Luke 3:10-18

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

12:00 Mass en Español: Sacristán: *Confesora Franco*,
Readers: *Dianelis Vásquez* and *Carolina Fabián*;
Eucharistic ministers: *Griselle Maldonado*, *Yohary Fabian*, and *Patricia Reyes*;
Hospitality: *Williams González*, *Miriam Dominguez*, and *Briselys Vásquez*;
Ushers: *Sofia Estrada*, *Diana Vazquez*, and *Maria Argueta*



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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