

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)

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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 – Sept.

<p>September 16 9:30 am Mass in English † <i>Virginia</i> † <i>Dennis Brunelle</i> by the McGinty Family † <i>Mary Eckhardt</i> 12:00 Mass in Spanish <i>For our parishioners</i> <i>For Comprehensive Immigration Reform</i></p>	<p>Mass Intentions</p> 	<p>September 23 9:30 am Mass in English <i>For our Youth Group</i> <i>For all who are sick</i> 12:00 Mass in Spanish <i>For our Youth Group</i> <i>For all who are sick</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. Step 2: Put your offering envelope in the collection basket any Sunday with information regarding the Mass intention.</p>		

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 16, 2018

♪ ♪ *I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.* ♪ ♪

<p>This Week's Liturgical Ministers</p> <p>9:30 am Mass in English: Sacristan: <i>Mack McPherson</i>; Leader: <i>Fred Boehrer</i>; Readers: <i>Rick Eckhardt</i> and <i>Coleen Cain</i>, Eucharistic Ministers: <i>Barbara Crawford</i>, <i>Tom Bink</i>, <i>Allison Agneta</i> and <i>Mack McPherson</i></p> <p>12:00 Mass in Spanish: Sacristán: <i>Patricia Reyes</i>; Lectores: <i>Claribel Sánchez</i> and <i>María Argueta</i>; Ministros Eucarísticos: <i>Nancy Pérez</i>, <i>Miriam Domínguez</i>, and <i>María Stella</i>; Hospitalidad: <i>Briselys Vásquez</i>, & <i>Williams González</i> Ujieres: <i>Ana Castillo</i>, <i>Mariano Lara</i>, <i>María</i> & <i>Carlos Feliz</i></p>	<p>Calendar of Events</p> <p>Sunday, September 16 <i>Catechetical Sunday-Commissioning of Catechists</i> Shrine Church Picnic <i>In honor of "Season of Creation", bring your own reusable plates, silverware, and napkins to the picnic today!</i> 9:30 am English Mass 10: 35 am Sunday School in the Gathering Area 12:00 pm Misa en Español</p> <p>Monday, September 17 Centering Prayer – any time between 7:45 am-8:45 am Youth Group – 6:30 pm-8:00 pm</p> <p>Tuesday, September 18 Mujeres Llenas de Gracia: Estudio Bíblico 6:30 pm</p> <p>Thursday, September 20 <i>Memorial of Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon, and St. Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs</i> Hombres de Almas Misioneras-6:30pm Gathering Area</p> <p>Friday, September 21 <i>Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i> Centering Prayer – any time between 7:45 am-8:45 am Circulo de Oración - 7:00-9:00 pm</p> <p>Saturday, September 22 Eucharistic Congress at Auriesville Shrine 9:00 am-3:00pm Bus leaves OLAmericas at 6:45 am; returns at 4:00 pm</p> <p>Sunday, September 23 9:30 am English Mass (Hospitality after the 9:30 Mass) 10: 35 am Sunday School "in the pews" 12:00 pm Misa en Español</p>
<p>Sharing our Treasure <i>~ Giving as an act of Worship ~</i></p> <p><i>We need to have at least \$2500.00 per week in the collections to break even, not counting unexpected maintenance costs.</i></p> <p>Collections for September 29: TBA</p> <p><i>Thank you, each and all, who share your Time, Talent & Treasure with our community.</i></p>	

Season of Creation: Pope Francis has designated Sept.1 - Oct.4 (feast of St. Francis of Assisi) as an annual Season of Creation. Other denominations and faith traditions are also observing this period as a time to pray, think and act on our Creator's gift of stewardship of the Earth and for the poor, who are the most negatively affected by climate change and pollution. *Let us hold all who are in the path of Hurricane Florence or other natural disasters!*

October MUSTARD SEED collection:
 Sunday October 7. To benefit
Mary's Corner at the Sr. Maureen Joyce Center, at 369 Livingston Ave., Albany
 They provide items for infants to 4-year-olds in the Arbor Hill, Center City and West Hill neighborhoods. **We are collecting baby lotion, baby shampoo, bibs, diapers, wipes, gently used children's books, onesies, bottles, baby food and anything a new baby would like.** We appreciate your continued generosity to the most vulnerable members of our community.




Hearts Aflame:

Led by Bishop Ed, It is a time of joy, fellowship, prayer, unity and renewal. Mass with the Bishop, inspirational speakers, activities for children & youth, Eucharistic adoration & procession, tours of the shrine, fellowship & unity will be held on **September 22, from 9am to 3pm**, at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville. All in the Diocese of Albany are invited. **Register by Wed Sept. 19**

Questions of the Week:
 Why should faith always lead to good works?

A Weekly Tip on Caring for Our Common Home:
"There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions, and it is wonderful how education can bring about real changes in lifestyle. Education in environmental responsibility can encourage ways of acting which directly and significantly affect the world around us..." For example, bring your own re-usable plates, silverware, and napkins to the picnic today!
 (Laudato Si, 211)



Shrine Church Picnic at Thacher Park Greenhouse Picnic Area - "Pack it In, Pack it Out"
TODAY ~ 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm
PLEASE bring your own re-usable plates, silverware, and napkins to the picnic today! Thank you.

The 46th Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Liturgy will be held Sunday, **October 7th, 2018** at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany.

Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this liturgical celebration with Bishop Scharfenberger. Please register by email to Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org.

Peek at September 23, 2018
First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
Psalm: Psalm 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8
Second Reading: James 3:16, 4:3
Gospel: St. Mark 9:30-37
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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 Kateri Tekakwitha Parish in Schenectady.
 Information and registration can be found on the RCDA website at <https://www.rcda.org/offices/pastoral-care-ministry/emmaus-ministry-grieving-parents-retreat>.



The Sister Maureen Joyce Center SOUP KITCHEN: A hot meal at noon
 All are welcome!
Mondays, Thursdays & SUNDAYS:
 at 369 Livingston Ave., Albany
 Call **518-462-9885** to learn more.
FOOD PANTRY:
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays
 315 Sheridan Ave. Albany, NY 12206
 Call **465-8262** to learn more.



V Encuentro:
A gathering of Hispanic/Latino ministry leaders, September 20–23 in Grapevine, TX. This is a key moment in a four-year process of evangelization, mission, and consultation. Delegates will represent more than 165 dioceses that have held local diocesan V Encuentro gatherings, which involved nearly a quarter of a million people!

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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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 Email: _____ () Send Envelopes