

Blessed Sacrament Parish
Shrine of Our Lady of the Americas

Shrine Entrance: 273 Central Avenue

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Website: www.ourladyoftheamericas.org ~ **E-mail:** OLAmericaShrine@gmail.com

Staff: Pastor: *Very 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* ntraiglesia273@gmail.com

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.

September 23

9:30 am Mass in English

For our Youth Group

For all who are sick and their caregivers

12:00 Mass in Spanish

*Cindy Ruby Hernandez on her birthday,
by her mother*

✠ *Frank Bernardo* by Patricia Reyes

✠ *Milagros Altagracia Rodríguez de Espinal* (2nd
anniv.)
by her children & grandchildren

**Mass
Intentions**



September 30

9:30 am Mass in English

12:00 Mass in Spanish

✠ *Aida Torres Torres* and ✠ *Francisco
Maldonado Torres*
by their entire family members

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.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 23, 2018

♪ ♪ *The Lord upholds my life.* ♪ ♪

This Week's Liturgical Ministers

9:30 am Mass in English: Sacristan: *Mack McPherson*;
Leader: *Fred Boehrer*; Readers: *Rick Eckhardt* and
Colleen Cain, Eucharistic Ministers: *Barbara Crawford*,
Tom Bink, *Allison Agneta* and *Mack McPherson*

12:00 Mass in Spanish: Sacristán: *Faustino Franco*;
Lectores *Lourdes Fabián* and *Lina Hernández*; Ministros
Eucarísticos: *Griselle Maldonado*, *Delfina Santaski*, and
Patricia Reyes; Hospitalidad: *Williams González*, *Justina
López* & *Rosa Albarán*; Ujieres: *Mariano Lora*, *Luís Zarza*,
Estilita Zarza & *Genaro Sambrano*

Sharing our Treasure

~ *Giving as an act of Worship* ~

*We need to have at least \$2500.00 per week in the
collections to break even, not counting unexpected
maintenance costs.*

Collections for September 9: \$ 1360.08

For September 16, 2018: \$2471.25

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

Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 23

9:30 am English Mass (followed by Coffee &
Conversation)

Sunday School "in the pews"

12:00 pm Misa en Español

Monday, September 24

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

Tuesday, September 25

Cenáculo – 6:30-8:00 pm

Wednesday, September 26

Choir Practice: 5PM in English; 6PM in Spanish

Thursday, September 27

Saint Vincent de Paul

Friday, September 28

Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

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

Misa de Sanación - 7:00-9:00 pm

Saturday September 29

Saints Michael Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Sunday, September 30

9:30 am English Mass

10:35 am Sunday School in the Gathering Area

12:00 pm Misa en Español

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.

October MUSTARD SEED collection: Sunday October 7. To benefit **Mary's Corner at the Sr. Maureen Joyce Center.** 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 else a new baby would like.** We appreciate your continued generosity to the most vulnerable members of our community.

The Jesus of John's Gospel
Tuesdays: Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 7:00-8:00 pm
 Dominican Retreat & Conference Center. The fundamental message of the Gospel of St. John. Come to one session or all, they are independent of each other. \$10.00 per session. (518) 393-4169, Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:30; dslcny@nybiz.rr.com.



Thank you for another Great Shrine Church Picnic!
Mary and Bob Agneta, María Argueta, Tammy and Conrad Crasto, Teresa Crasto-Donnelly, Christina Crasto, Catalina Garcia, Mack McPherson and Delfina Santaski





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.

Weekly Tips on Caring for Our Common Home:
Put an end to "mental pollution."
Think deeply, live wisely, love generously.
 End the tyranny of the screen, information overload and distractions. Watch out for media-induced melancholy and isolation.
Cultivate real relationships with others.

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 30, 2018
First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29
Psalm: Psalm 19:8, 10, 12, 13-14
Second Reading: James 5:1-6
Gospel: St. Mark 9:38, 43, 45, 47-48
9:30 am Mass in English: Sacristan: *Josie McPherson*; Leader: *Teresa Crasto-Donnelly*; Readers: *Tammy Crasto* and *Owen Glenn*, Eucharistic Ministers: *Linda Dalton, Grant Ford, Ronny Williams, and Judy Houck*
12:00 Mass in Spanish: Sacristán: *Faustino Franco*; Lectores: *Lourdes Fabián* and *Lina Hernández*; Ministros Eucarísticos: *Griselle Maldonado, Delfina Santaski, and Patricia Reyes*; Hospitalidad: *Williams González, Justina López & Rosa Albarán*; Ujieres: *Mariano Lora, Luís Zarza, Estilita Zarza & Genaro Sambrano*

 **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
 315 Sheridan Ave. Albany, NY 12206
 We would welcome **Spanish-speaking volunteers.**
 Call **465-8262** to learn more.

♪ **All Are Welcome in this Place.** ♪
We not only sing that all are welcome, but we DO welcome all to the House of God for worship and community. So that all who enter here can pray in peace and safety, we set proper boundaries. To this end, only DESIGNATED persons can be in the sanctuary & make announcements. In addition, starting with parish staff, we will NO LONGER ALLOW individual solicitations, as these do not contribute to peaceful worship & community. Thank you for being such a welcoming & considerate community of believers.

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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