

**Blessed Sacrament Parish**  
**Shrine of Our Lady of the Americas**

Shrine Entrance: 273 Central Avenue

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**Website:** [www.ourladyoftheamericas.org](http://www.ourladyoftheamericas.org) ~ **E-mail:** [OLAmericaShrine@gmail.com](mailto: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)

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:cbnolou@gmail.com) – Sept.

<p align="center"><b>September 2</b></p> <p><b>9:30 am Mass in English</b> ✠ <i>Kathleen Raleigh</i></p> <p><b>12:00 Mass in Spanish</b> ✠ <i>Luz Maria Fabian</i> (40th anniversary) by her niece, Confesora Franco <i>In thanksgiving for Williams Gonzalez's generosity</i> by his friends</p> <p>✠ <i>Rafael Bolivar Franco</i> (9 days), brother of Alvin Franco</p> <p>✠ <i>Ana Mildred Feliciano</i> (4th aniv.) by Carmen Feliciano &amp; Family</p>	<p><b>Mass Intentions</b></p> 	<p align="center"><b>September 9</b></p> <p><b>9:30 am Mass in English</b> ✠ <i>T. Steward Hubbard</i> (Stew's dad) by Maggie Gilroy ✠ <i>Louise McMahon</i></p> <p><b>12:00 Mass in Spanish</b> <i>For our parishioners</i></p>
<p><b>Weekly MASS Intentions: Request in 2 easy steps! ***Step #1 is FIRST.***</b></p> <p><i>Step 1: Call the Church Office at 465-3685, ext. 12 or EMAIL <a href="mailto:OLAmericaShrine@gmail.com">OLAmericaShrine@gmail.com</a> with your name, phone number, the desired date, &amp; intention.</i></p> <p><b>Step 2:</b> Put your offering envelope in the collection basket <b>any Sunday</b> with information regarding the Mass intention.</p>		

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 2, 2018**

♪   ♪   *The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.*   ♪   ♪

<p align="center"><b>This Week's Liturgical Ministers</b></p> <p><b>9:30 am Mass in English:</b> Sacristan: <i>Stewart Hubbard</i>; Leader: <i>Diana Conroy</i>; Readers: <i>Claire Nolan</i> and <i>JoAnn Bisogno</i>, Eucharistic Ministers: <i>Judy Houck</i>, <i>Mark Giordano</i>, <i>Jean Marks</i>, and <i>Herb Barber</i></p> <p><b>12:00 Mass in Spanish:</b> Sacristán: <i>Patricia Reyes</i>; Lectores: <i>Claribel Sánchez</i> and <i>Elsa Segovia</i>; Ministros Eucarísticos: <i>Nancy Pérez</i>, <i>Miriam Domínguez</i>, and <i>Lourdes Fabian</i>; Hospitalidad: <i>Rosa Albarán</i>, <i>Delfina Santaski</i>, and <i>Williams González</i>; Ujieres: <i>Abelardo Jiménez</i>, <i>Estilita Zarza</i>, <i>Luís Zarza y</i>, and <i>Ana Castillo</i></p> <p align="center"><b>Sharing our Treasure</b> ~ Giving as an act of Worship ~</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 align="center"><b>Collection for August 19: \$ 1845.43</b>  <b>Catholic Homes Mission: \$276.89</b>  <b>Youth Group: \$1,050.00</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Thank you, each and all, who share your Time, Talent &amp; Treasure with our community.</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>Calendar of Events</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p align="center"><b>Sunday, September 2</b> <i>Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> 9:30 am English Mass 12:00 pm Misa en Español</p> <p align="center"><b>Monday, September 3</b> <i>Saint Gregory the Great</i> <i>Labor Day</i> Centering Prayer – any time between 7:45 am-8:45 am</p> <p align="center"><b>Friday, September 7</b> Centering Prayer – any time between 7:45 am-8:45 am Adoration &amp; Circulo de Oracion - 7:00-9:00 pm</p> <p align="center"><b>Saturday, September 8</b> <i>Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>  <b>Spanish Apostolate Catechists Retreat</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Sunday, September 9</b> <i>Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> 9:30 am English Mass, followed by Hospitality 10:30 am "Sunday School in the pews" 12:00 pm Misa en Español</p>
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### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord." Put Christ's love into your relationship by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are **Sep 28-30, 2018 in Oneonta, NY and Nov 3-4, 2018 in ALBANY, NY**. For more information, call Ed & Rhonda Staats at 518-279-3243 or visit them at <https://www.womenyalb.org>.

Our **September Mustard Seed Collection** will be held on **September 9<sup>th</sup>**. Our collection will be for the **Henry Johnson Vet House in Albany**, a place for formerly homeless vets. They provide medical, mental and dental services for vets and are affiliated with the VA Hospital and the Albany Housing Coalition. The house averages about 35 to 40 men at a time; they learn life skills so they may be independent. They need: laundry products, toiletries such as razors, bar soap, toothbrushes, deodorant, **BRAND NEW** twin size sheets, blankets or pillows. Thank you!  
For more information, contact *Judy Houck*.



### Save The Date:

**Saturday, September 22** at the **Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville**. A "Eucharistic Congress" is a special gathering led by the bishop; it is focused on our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist. It is a time of joy, fellowship, prayer and unity and a time of spiritual renewal for our diocese. All Catholics in the diocese are invited to attend. It is a free event open to all. Lunch is available for purchase. **We have rented a school bus. (The first 44 person to sign up & pay \$10 will have a round trip seat.)**

**Questions of the Week:** Which words of Jesus in today's readings provide the most inspiration for the Christian work that you do?

### Scripture Series for Men & Women:

#### *The Jesus of John's Gospel*

**Tuesdays: Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 7:00-8:00 pm**  
Dominican Retreat & Conference Center. The Gospel of John is perhaps the most complex and theological of the four gospels, yet its fundamental message is simple: *Love one another as I have loved you*. Come to any one session or all, they are independent of each other. \$10.00 per session / \$65.00 for all 7. For reservations/information: call (518) 393-4169, Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:30; email [dslcny@nybiz.rr.com](mailto:dslcny@nybiz.rr.com).



**Shrine Church Picnic at Thacher Park**  
**Sunday September 16 ~ 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

Information? Claire Nolan (518)209-6477  
**Sign up in the back of Church Today!**

### Laudato Si':

*A Weekly Tip on Caring for Our Common Home*  
Eliminate as much disposable plastic from your life as possible; it breaks down into tiny particles that enter streams, lakes and oceans, harming fish and other wildlife. Instead, keep a reusable water bottle, replace plastic sandwich and snack bags with reusable containers.



**Also, use the RECYCLING can in the Shrine kitchen for cans, plastic cups & bottles, etc.**

### 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](mailto:Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org).

### Peek at September 9, 2018

**First Reading:** Isaiah 35:4-7A

**Psalm:** Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

**Second Reading:** James 2:1-5

**Gospel:** St. Mark 7:31-57

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### The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention: August:

The Treasures of Families: *that any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.*



### The Sister Maureen Joyce Center



#### SOUP KITCHEN:

**Mondays & Thursdays** at 369 Livingston Ave., Albany

We welcome **Spanish-speaking volunteers**.

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.

### New Announcement System at the Shrine Church

If you wish to post something in the TV, please send the material or message you wish to post 5 days before the required day to *Felix Quinones* (Spanish Mass) or *Peter Donnelly* (English Mass) to [scola\\_it@outlook.com](mailto:scola_it@outlook.com).

*Thank you for safeguarding this new amenity.*

**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