

Blessed Sacrament Parish
Shrine of Our Lady of the Americas

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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)

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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.

September 30

9:30 am Mass in English

✠ *Mr. &*

✠ *Mrs. Joseph Merriman* and

✠ *Shirley Harrington* by *Dolores Agneta*

12:00 Mass in Spanish

✠ *Aida Torres Torres* and ✠ *Francisco Maldonado Torres*

by their family members

✠ *Rafael Bolivar Franco* by his brother

Mass Intentions



October 7

9:30 am Mass in English

For the sick, especially, George & Mary Barber and Marian & Bill Coburn

12:00 Mass in Spanish

For the sick, especially, Mario Ruano, Bernardo Faña, Ercilia Priotti

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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 30, 2018

♪ ♪ *The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.* ♪ ♪

This Week's Liturgical Ministers

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*

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: \$ 2019.81

For Catholic University: \$196.56

Thank you to Lourdes F. Mejia for doing the Altar Linens this month.

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

Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 30

Our Lady of Carmen of Maipú ~ Patroness of Chile

9:30 am English Mass

10:35 Sunday School in Gathering Area

12:00 pm Misa en Español

Monday, October 1

Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus

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

Tuesday, October 2

Guardian Angels

Youth Council 6:30 pm

Thursday October 4

Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi

Shrine Church - 8th anniversary

Friday, October 5

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

Adoración and Circulo de Oración - 7:00-9:00 pm

Saturday October 6

Blessed Mother Marie Rose, SNJM

Vigilia Mariana 6:00 - 11:00 pm

Sunday, October 7

9:30 am English Mass

10:35 Sunday School in Gathering Area

12:00 pm Misa en Español

The 46th Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Liturgy at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

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:

Next 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.

Advisory Council for 2018-2019:

Peter Crasto-Donnelly, Chair; Felix Quiñones-Nieves, Co-Chair; Carlos Baez; Carlos Feliz; Ed Falterman; Stewart Hubbard; Juan David Ochoa; Linda Weber Sanchez; Ex-Oficio: Fr. Frank O'Connor, Deacon Miguel Fabian, Sister Grace R. Díaz

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.

Starting in October, **The Youth Group** will serve as **liturgical ministers on the 3rd Sunday of each month.**

Family Promise

4th Annual Doors to the Future Celebration at *St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church* on **Thursday, October 18**. Catered by *Nicole's* with an incredible array of food stations and hors d'oeuvres. We hope you can join us to celebrate our mission and enjoy a slideshow of the families we have served. There will be a silent auction. This year's honorees include *Pastor Peggy Funderburke* and *Bethany Reformed Church*; *Mary O'Connell*- a dedicated volunteer at Ronald McDonald Charities. For more information, contact *Mary Giordano* **518-650-8895** www.familypromiseofthecapitalregion.org

Safety: The Advisory Council, with Fr. O'Brien & Fr. O'Connor, are asking that we not give money to persons who come to church just to ask for money. Responding to these requests does not contribute to peaceful worship or a safe environment. We can refer people to the *Sister Maureen Joyce Soup Kitchen*, which offers hot meals at **noon on Mondays and Thursdays**, and at **1:00 pm on Sundays**. We are seeking other appropriate referrals for those who have needs we cannot address.

Caring for Our Common Home:

To help keep waterways clean and safe from pollutants, use biodegradable detergents. Eliminate the use of disposable plastic whenever possible. Also, be aware that synthetic pesticides and herbicides can harm birds and insects that benefit agriculture.

The 46th Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Liturgy next Sunday **October 7** at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

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 October 7, 2018

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24
Psalm: Psalm 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5, 6
Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11
Gospel: St. Mark 10:2-16
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: *María Argueta*; **Lectores:** *Fausto Franco*, *Carolina Fabián*; **Ministros eucarísticos:** *Ciprian Fabián*, *Juana Barbosa*, *Patricia Reyes*; **Hospitalidad:** *Miriam Domínguez*, *Briselys Vásquez & Delfina Santaski*; **Ujieres:** *Carlos Quinde*, *Teresa Quinde*, *Ana Castillo* y *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

Call **465-8262** to learn more.

Prayer to our guardian angel



Angel of God, my Guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide, amen.

The Shrine Church had 59 parishioners at the Eucharistic Congress in Auriesville last week.

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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