

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

Shrine Entrance: 273 Central Avenue

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**Shrine Chaplain:** *Rev. Francis O'Connor*, (518) 588-2531(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><b>September 9</b>  <b>9:30 am Mass in English</b>                  † <i>T. Steward Hubbard</i> (Stew's dad)                  by Maggie Gilroy  <b>12:00 Mass in Spanish</b>                  † <i>Felicita Ruiz</i>, † <i>Ramón Ruiz</i> y                  † <i>Carmen Miranda</i> by the Servidoras de Cristo</p>	<p><b>Mass Intentions</b></p>	<p><b>September 9</b>  <b>9:30 am Mass in English</b>  <i>For Our Parishioners</i>  <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>  <b>Step 1: Call the Church Office at 465-3685, ext. 12 or <a href="mailto:EMAILOLAmericaShrine@gmail.com">EMAILOLAmericaShrine@gmail.com</a></b>  <i>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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~September 9, 2018**

♪♪Praise the Lord my soul.♪♪

<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>  <b>12:00 Mass in Spanish:</b> 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>Bricelys Vásquez</i>, &amp; <i>Williams González</i>                  Ujieres: <i>Ana Castillo</i>, <i>Mariano Lara</i>, <i>María &amp; Carlos Feliz</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>Calendar of Events</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div> <p><b>Sunday, September 9</b>  <i>Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>                  9:30 am English Mass                  12:00 pm Misa en Español  <b>Sign up for the Annual Picnic!</b>                  Mustard See Collection</p> <p><b>Monday, September 10</b>                  Centering Prayer – any time between 7:45 am-8:45 am</p> <p><b>Friday, September 14</b>  <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>                  Centering Prayer – any time between 7:45 am-8:45 am                  Círculo de Oración - 7:00-9:00 pm</p> <p><b>Saturday, September 15</b>  <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i></p> <p><b>Sunday, September 16</b>  <i>Catechetical Sunday</i>                  Shrine Church Picnic                  9:30 am English Mass                  12:00 pm Misa en Español</p>
<p align="center"><b>Sharing our Treasure</b>                  ~ <i>Giving as an act of Worship</i> ~                  We need to have at least \$2500.00 per week in the collections to break even, not counting unexpected maintenance costs.  <b>Collection for September 2: \$4005.60</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Thank you, each and all, who share your Time, Talent &amp; 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.

TODAY! Our **September Mustard Seed Collection** will be for the **Henry Johnson Vet House in Albany**, Thank you! For more information about Mustard Seed, contact *Judy Houck*.

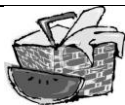


**Save The Date:** **Saturday, September 22** at the **Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville**. A "Eucharistic Congress" is a special gathering led by the bishop; it is focused on our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist. It is a time of joy, fellowship, prayer and unity and a time of spiritual 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.

**Questions of the Week:** Which words of Jesus provide the most inspiration for the Christian work that you do?

**Scripture Series for Men & Women:**  
*The Jesus of John's Gospel*

**Tuesdays: Sept. 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*. Sr. Victoria Battell, RSM will lead us through this exploration. 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:*


**Buy used items whenever feasible, and if possible repair rather than replace broken items. In most cases this will save money, but it also will preserve resources and reduce overall consumption.**

**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 16, 2018**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 50:5-9A  
**Psalm:** Psalm 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9  
**Second Reading:** James 2:14-18  
**Gospel:** St. Mark 8:27-35  
**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: *Patricia Reyes*; Lectores: *Claribel Sánchez* and *María Argueta*; Ministros Eucarísticos: *Nancy Pérez*, *Miriam Domínguez*, and *María Stella*; Hospitalidad: *Bricelys Vásquez*, & *Williams González Ujieres*; *Ana Castillo*, *Mariano Lara*, *María* & *Carlos Feliz*


**The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions For 2018**  
**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.

**V Encuentro** is Right Around the Corner! A historic gathering of more than 3,000 Hispanic/Latino ministry leaders and delegates from across the country will take place September 20–23 in Grapevine, TX. This is a key moment in a four-year process of evangelization, mission, and consultation (under the auspices of the USCCB). It is designed as a catalyst for developing ministries among Hispanics/Latinos in the United States. 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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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Send Envelopes