




**SHRINE CHURCH OF
OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS**
A MISSION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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General Information

Reconciliation: SUNDAYS, before and after both Masses or by appointment, *Fr. O'Connor*
Misa de Sanación: 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*, cbnolou@gmail.com in English & *Confesora Franco*, clovejesus@aol.com in Spanish.
Marriage: Meet with *Shrine Chaplain six months in advance.* Instruction required. Call *Father* or *Deacon Miguel*.
Quinceañera: Schedule six months in advance with **Father and Sister**; then with *Griselle Maldonado-Torres*
Hospital/Nursing Home Visitation (Bilingual): *Fr. O'Connor; Gladys Miranda*
Deadline for Bulletin Announcement & Attachment: TUES. @**NOON → cbnolou@gmail.com January

<p>January 12, 2020 9:30 am English Mass</p> <p>✠ <i>Thomas Riddick</i> by <i>Judith Houck</i></p> <p>12:00 pm Spanish Mass</p> <p>✠ <i>Ignacio Lema Caguana</i> by his daughter <i>María Lema Yunga</i> <i>For our Catechists</i></p>	<p>Mass Intentions</p> 	<p>January 19, 2020 9:30 am English Mass</p> <p>First Birthday of <i>Rachel Marie Tettey</i></p> <p>12:00 pm Spanish Mass</p> <p><i>For The People of the Caribbean</i></p>
<p>Weekly MASS Intentions: Request in 2 easy steps! ***Step #1 is FIRST.*** Step 1: Call the Church Office at least 5 days before the desired date at (518)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>		

The Baptism of Our Lord~ January 12, 2020

♪ ♪ **The Lord will bless his people with peace.** ♪ ♪

<p>This Week's Liturgical Ministers</p> <p>9:30 am English Mass: Sacristan: <i>Mack McPherson</i>; Leader: <i>Ellen McPherson</i>; Readers: <i>Teresa Crasto Donnelly</i> and <i>Carol Conroy</i>; Eucharistic Ministers: <i>Grant Ford, Linda Dalton, Herb Barber and Ed Falterman</i></p> <p>12:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sacristán: <i>Patricia Reyes</i>; Lectores: <i>Juan David Ochoa</i> and <i>Raisa Ramos</i>; Ministros eucarísticos: <i>Juana Barbosa, María Stella, and Patricia Reyes</i>; Hospitalidad: <i>Miriam Domínguez, Briselys Vásquez, and Williams González</i>; Ujieres: <i>Carlos Amay, Teresa Quinde, Oscar Amay, & Leonardo Amay</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sharing our Treasure ~ <i>Giving as an act of Worship</i> ~</p> <p><i>We need at least \$2,500.00 per week in the collections to break even, not counting unexpected maintenance costs.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Collections January 5: \$2168.60 Christmas: \$20.00 Solemnity of Mary: \$50.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thank you, each and all, who share your Time, Talent & Treasure with our community</i></p>	<p>Calendar of Events</p> <p>Sunday, January 12 <i>Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord – end of Christmas season</i> 9:30 am English Mass; Coffee and Conversation 10:45 12:00 pm Spanish Mass</p> <p>Tuesday January 14 Faith Formation 6:00 – 7:00</p> <p>Wednesday, January 15 <i>Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 's Birthday</i> Choir Practice 5:00 pm</p> <p>Thursday January 16 Fundraising Committee 5:45-7:00 pm</p> <p>Friday, January 17 Circulo de Oración - 6:00-8:00</p> <p>Saturday, January 18 Práctica de Bailes – Herminia 4:00 – 6:00 pm</p> <p>Sunday, January 19 <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Our Lady of Altigracia, Patroness - Dominican Republic</i> 9:30 am English Mass 12:00 pm Spanish Mass, followed by a potluck meal Práctica/Bailes –Herminia - 4:00 – 6:00pm</p> <p>Monday, January 20 <i>Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 's Birthday - Observed</i></p>
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Sister Maureen Joyce Center Soup Kitchen Hot Lunch



Sundays, Mondays & Thursdays
at 369 Livingston Ave.

We can refer those in need of a hot meal in good company to join this welcoming noon meal site.
Call **518-462-9885** to learn more.

Pope's Prayer Intention - January

- Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

Please join us on Sunday January 19 for the celebration of **Our Lady of Altagracia**, the patroness of the Dominican Republic. After the 12:00 Mass, we will have a potluck in the back of the Shrine Church. If you wish to share a dish, please email cflovejesus@aol.com

Our February 2nd **Mustard Seed Collection** will be for **"FAMILY PROMISE"** started here in our church. This Family Promise helps homeless families get a fresh start with housing and any other needs they may have. They can use laundry soap, paper products, diapers, body wash, deodorants, feminine products (eg. tampons), cleaning supplies, garbage bags, baby wipes, and gift cards to Stewarts, CVS or Walmart. Thank you for your support of this wonderful and much needed organization.

Peek at January 19

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 9-6
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
Gospel: St. John 1:29-34
9:30 am English Mass: Sacristan: Teresa Crasto Donnelly; Leader; Tammy Crasto; Readers: Carol Conroy and John Giordano; Eucharistic Ministers: Teresa Crasto Donnelly; Kathryn Giordano, Allison Agneta and Mary Giordano
12:00 Spanish Mass: **Misa de los jóvenes:** Sacristán: Confesora Franco; Carolina Fabian, Emely Rodríguez; Ministros Eucarísticos: Fausto Franco, Lourdes Fabian and Catalina Then; Hospitalidad: Williams González and Miriam Domínguez

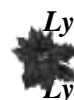
Improve Your English: If you want to learn or improve your English skills, Capital Region BOCES can help. Call 518-801-9440 to get started - www.capitalregionboces.org/adult-education
Join us at one of these Registrations: Place: Capital District Latino, 160 Central Avenue
Dates: Wednesday, January 22nd: 3pm-8pm; Friday, January 24th: 9am-2pm . The course is FREE.
***Participants must bring photo ID with DOB and their social security card.**

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NEW TO THE PARISH? *Welcome!* HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE Number?**

Please fill in your information below and drop in the collection. Date: _____
Name: _____ () I am new to the parish
Address: _____ () Send me "The Evangelist"
Phone: _____ Email: _____ () Please send church envelopes

Over Please

Donations for Christmas Flowers in memory of Family & Friends

 **Lydia Vázquez, Frank Ruemmele, Agustín Ruemmele, and Catalina García** by Juana Pabón
Lydia Vázquez, Frank Ruemmele, Agustín Ruemmele, and Catalina Garcia by Miriam Ruemmele
Joseph Noel Gilroy, Loraine Danton, and Joseph Gilroy Sr. by Margaret Gilroy
Louis Mrak, Frances Mrak, John McGraw, and Veronica McGraw by **John and Sandra McGraw Sam & Catherine Martino and Marty Martino Sr.** by Marti Martino
José A Feliciano, Vicente Estela, José Estela, Carlos Estela, Ana M Estela, Juan R Estela, and Mildred Feliciano by Carmen Feliciano
The Bisogno and Savastio Families by Joann Bisogno
Patrick Dalton, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Mayer, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dalton by Linda Dalton
Yolanda and Rocco Benfatto, John Benfatto, Millie Turcotte and Margaret Schumaker by Linda Sánchez

As other flower donations come in, they will be acknowledged.



We have SO MUCH & SO MANY for whom to be thankful!

Our beautiful celebration of our Patronal feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe was such a memorable occasion for the hundreds of us who participated in a variety of ways. Both for **this feast** and for the **Christmas season, the Shrine was beautifully decorated with loving care.** We thank **Esti & Luis Zarza** and **Marty Bink** & their respective teams for this.

Claribel Sánchez has quietly & discreetly **entered the weekly collections in Our Parish Data System for over 11 years, & produced the annual tax statements.** Her response to thanks is, "I am doing it for God." We thank her, as Jesus asked us to do, for her dedication to God and community. As a volunteer who does not have a car, she took 2 buses to come to the Shrine to do this service.

Mack McPherson is an artist who shares his talent with us. Recently, he displayed paintings in our Gathering Area. **Please help us locate the one with the St. Patrick stained glass window, which somehow disappeared.** **We will be checking the security cameras to see if we can see when & by whom it was moved.**

Prayer for people in earthquake regions of the Caribbean & fire regions in Australia & elsewhere.

I am grateful, O God.
I am thankful for all who work tirelessly to protect your people and all creation; for the volunteers and those who donate money, supplies and their own homes to assist those in need; for the "good news stories" which spark hope.
Turn my gratitude into action. Amen.