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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 5, 2020 9:30 am English Mass ✠ <i>John & Phyllis Schillaci</i> ✠ <i>Frank McGinty</i> by the McGinty Family</p> <p>12:00 pm Spanish Mass ✠ <i>Guadalupe Ruiz</i>, Don Ramón Ruiz's sister ✠ <i>Antonia Nogueras</i> (1st anniv.) by her daughter Vilma & Family</p>	<p>Mass Intentions</p> 	<p>January 12, 2020 9:30 am English Mass ✠ <i>Thomas Riddick</i> by Judith Houck</p> <p>12:00 pm Spanish Mass ✠ <i>For our Catechists</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 Epiphany of the Lord~ January 5, 2020

♪ ♪ **Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.** ♪ ♪

<p>This Week's Liturgical Ministers</p> <p>9:30 am English Mass: Sacristan: <i>Teresa Crasto-Donnelly</i>; Leader: <i>John Giordano</i>; Readers: <i>JoAnn Bisogno</i> and <i>Tammy Crasto</i>; Eucharistic Ministers: <i>Mack McPherson, John Lakis, Mark Giordano, and Allison Agneta</i></p> <p>12:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sacristán: <i>Faustino Franco</i> Lectores: 1- <i>Claribel Sánchez</i> 2- <i>Elsa Segovia</i> Ministros Eucarísticos: 1- <i>Nancy Pérez</i> 2- <i>Delfina Santaski</i> 3- <i>María Stella</i> Hospitalidad: <i>Briselys Vásquez, & Miriam Domínguez</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 December 29: \$1756.05 Christmas: \$2423.22 Christmas Flowers: \$10.00</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 5 The Epiphany of the Lord Mustard Seed Collection 9:30 am English Mass 12:00 pm Spanish Mass, Followed by gifts from the Magi</p> <p>Tuesday, January 7 Faith Formation 6:00 – 7:00</p> <p>Wednesday, January 8 Choir Practice 5:00 pm Fundraising Committee Meeting – 7:00 pm</p> <p>Friday, January 10 Circulo de Oración - 6:00-8:00 Confirmation Class 7:00 – 8:30</p> <p>Saturday, January 11 Quinceañera 3:00 pm</p> <p>Sunday, January 12 9:30 am English Mass Coffee and Conversation 10:45 12:00 pm Spanish Mass, Práctica/Bailes –Herminia - 4:00 – 6:00pm</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 Intentions - 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.

Today our **Mustard Seed Collection** will support two groups.

The first is the **West Hill Refugee Welcome Center** on Ontario St.
The second is Peter Crasto-Donnelly's employer, **Capital District Food Pantries**.

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.



Pennies for the Parish

Thank you very much for your generosity!

"A penny saved is a penny earned", so the saying goes.

At the end of November, we had **\$633.00!**

Grand total will announced soon.

Counting pennies takes time!



Peek at January 12

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
Second Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38
Gospel: St. Matthew 3:13-17

9:30 am English Mass: Sacristan: *Mack McPherson*;
Leader: *Ellen McPherson*; Readers: *Teresa Crasto Donnelly and Carol Conroy*; Eucharistic Ministers: *Grant Ford, Linda Dalton, Herb Barber and Ed Falterman*

12:00 pm Spanish Mass: **Sacristán:** *Faustino Franco*
Lectores: 1- *Claribel Sánchez* 2- *Elsa Segovia*
Ministros Eucarísticos: 1- *Nancy Pérez* 2- *Delfina Santaski* 3- *María Stella*

Hospitalidad: *Briselys Vásquez, & Miriam Domínguez*

Claribel Sanchez 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.

**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.

Questions of the Week:

When have you been jealous or fearful of another person? When are such feelings harmful?

When have you been jealous because something good happened to another person instead of you? What is the problem with feeling that way?

REC Day of Reflection - *Extraordinary Events in Ordinary Time - The Gospel of Matthew*

Saturday, January 11

All Saints Parish Center, 10 Rosemont St., Albany
10:00am-3:30pm

Keynote Speaker: **Deacon Mark Leonard**

The Prison Ministry Community hopes you will join us for a day of fellowship, activities, talks and Mass. **All are welcome!** Mass at 4:00 pm at All Saints Church (next to CVS) 16 Homestead St., Albany, NY 12203

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.**



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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