




**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 → tmcrasto@hotmail.com - February

<p>February 16, 2020 9:30 am English Mass <i>For expectant mothers having difficult pregnancies, especially for Annely Kip by Sandy & John McGraw</i> ✠ <i>Veronica McGraw by John & Sandy McGraw</i> ✠ <i>Joaquin Bermudez</i> 12:00 pm Spanish Mass In thanksgiving for <i>Ana Sofia Moncada Barrios</i> on her 10th birthday ✠ <i>Jean Carlos Vazquez by Valeria Nuesi</i></p>	<p>Mass Intentions</p> 	<p>February 23, 2020 9:30 am English Mass ✠ <i>Michael Hourigan by the Jeffers Family</i> <i>Journey Retreat participants</i> ✠ <i>Luis Manuel González Mejía by his wife, Marta Nuñez & his children, Cristian Manuel y Katherine Gonzalez</i> 12:00 pm Spanish Mass ✠ <i>Joaquin Bermudez</i></p>
<p>Weekly MASS Intentions: Request in 2 easy steps! ***<u>Please do Step #1 is FIRST.</u>*** Step 1: <u>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.</u> Step 2: Put your offering envelope in the collection basket any Sunday with information of the Mass intention.</p>		

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 16, 2020

♪ ♪ *Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!* ♪ ♪

<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>Teresa Crasto-Donnelly</i> and <i>Carol Conroy</i>; Eucharistic Ministers: <i>Allison Agneta, Tammy Crasto, Kathryn Giordano, and Grant Ford</i></p> <p>12:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sacristán: <i>Confesora Franco</i>; Lectores: <i>Dianelis Vásquez</i> and <i>Brianna Vasquez</i>; Ministros Eucarísticos: <i>Fausto Franco, María Argueta, and Juana Barbosa</i>; Hospitalidad: <i>Williams Gonzalez</i> and <i>Briselys Vásquez</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</p> <p>February 9: \$3054.19 Fuel Collection: \$10.00 Catholic Relief: \$10.00 Easter Flowers: \$10.00 Black & Native Americans: \$10.00</p>	<p>Calendar of Events</p> <p>Sunday, February 16 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30 am English Mass; 12:00 pm Spanish Mass Práctica/Bailes –Herminia - 4:00 – 6:00pm</p> <p>Monday, February 17 <i>Presidents' Day</i> Mujeres Llenas de Gracias – 6:30-8:00 pm</p> <p>Tuesday, February 18 Faith Formation – 6:00-7:00 pm</p> <p>Wednesday, February 19 Choir Practice: English - 5:00 pm & Spanish – 6:00 pm</p> <p>Friday, February 21 Grupo de Oración – 6:00 – 8:00 pm</p> <p>Saturday, February 22 Práctica de Bailes – Herminia 4:00 – 6:00 pm</p> <p>Sunday, February 23 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30 am English Mass <i>followed by Coffee and Conversation</i> 12:00 pm Spanish Mass 1:30-4:30 <i>Journey Retreat for Youth</i></p>
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Lectio Divina



This is a way of reading sacred Scripture which has aided many.

Fr. O'Connor has often encouraged us to use this as a way of greater deepening our prayer life.

Fr. Luke Dysinger, in Give us This Day states "letting God teach us to listen, to seek him in silence. God does not reach out and grab us but gently invites us ever more deeply into his presence."

SIGN UP TODAY to learn more about **Lectio Divina**, which can be practiced individually or in a small group.

1st week of Lectio Divina Sign-up: **15 parishioners!!!** Individuals or small groups will meet during Lent.

You can download the **Lectio Divina Weekly Guide** in **English** at <https://catholic.bible/category/lectio-divina/> **Spanish** at <https://catholic.bible/lectio-divina-en-espanol/>

Request from the Hospitality Committee

Coffee and Conversation is held after the 9:30 Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of most months.

Please join us and sign up to bring something to share! We can also use your help setting before and after Mass.

There are many other ways that you can help!!

Next Coffee & Conversation: February 23rd.

But most importantly, come and join us for some



Contact *Claire* at (518)209-6477 or cbnolou@gmail.com.

The Mustard Seed Collection for March 1, 2020 is for the Veteran's House,

at 180 First Street in Albany & run by the Albany Housing Coalition.

They provide a safe haven for 50+ homeless veterans in their housing. The housing includes a secure transitional residence, independent transitional housing, and permanent housing.

There are only men living here so toiletries like **razors, shave cream, body wash, shampoo, deodorant** are always needed. The men do their own laundry at the house so **laundry soap and dryer sheets** are helpful.

They also give new residents brand new bedding, so **twin sheets, pillowcases and twin blankets, must be new.**

Most of these vets will be starting out fresh from life on the streets.

Let's show our **Vets** how much we value their service.

Thank You!

2020 Free Cancer Screening Series

Mammograms/ Clinical Breast Exams/

Pap Tests/ FIT kits

St. Peter's Breast Center

Operated by St. Peter's Hospital

317 Manning Blvd., Albany, 4 – 6 PM

*MARCH 19

*MAY 14

* September 17 *October 22

To make an appointment, call (518) 525-8680

And suddenly you know: It's time to start something new and trust the magic of beginnings. Meister Eckhart, OP



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

Eucharistic Ministers Needed:



The Pastoral Care Department of Albany Medical Center is looking for Eucharistic Ministers to bring Communion to the sick.

* Our schedule is flexible - choose your own hours.

* We provide training in hospital visitation.

VOLUNTEER your time for a GOOD CAUSE!

For inquiries please call:

Fr. Joseph Mali: (518) 262-3176 or (845) 594-6845

Virginia Vogel-Polizzi: (518) 262-3176

Peek at February 23

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel: St. Matthew 5:38-48

9:30 am English Mass: Sacristan: *Mack McPherson*;

Leader: *JoAnn Bisogno*; Readers: *Claire Nolan* and *Ed Falterman*; Eucharistic Ministers: *Teresa Crasto-Donnelly*, *Tammy Crasto*, *Mary Giordano*, and *Herb Barber*

12:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sacristán: *Patricia Reyes*,

Lectores: *Claribel Sánchez* and *Juan David Ochoa*;

Ministros Eucarísticos: *María Stella*, *Miriam Domínguez*,

and *Lourdes Fabian*; Hospitalidad: *Williams Gonzalez* and *Briselys Vásquez*

♥ Worldwide Marriage Encounter ♥

"So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Encourage the Holy Spirit to perfect your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next Weekend in Albany, NY is

Mar 27-29, 2020,

the weekend before Holy Week.

For more information, call Pat & Mary Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

The West Hill Refugee Welcome Center

104 Ontario St.

is looking for volunteers

to sit with children on

Monday & Wednesday from 11:30 to 1:00 pm

while their mothers learn the English language.

If you are able to help,

contact Tim Dougherty at 518 603-7608

or at rwwesthill@gmail.com.

Congratulations to Abbas Masih and his family!

This week they invited Fr. O'Connor to bless

the **convenience store** at **131 Central Avenue**

which they just bought.

There are now a number of businesses within a mile of the Shrine that are run by our parishioners.



Albany Driving School Class

Weekly on Sundays

274 Sherman St., Albany, NY 12206, Meeting Room

Organizer: **Ronny Williams**, PhD, MBA (518) 915-1189