



**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

February 2, 2020
9:30 am English Mass

- ✠ *John & Phyllis Schillaci*
- ✠ *Mary & George Barber*
- ✠ *Helen McGinty* by the McGinty Family
- ✠ *Rita Mary Nolan* by her mother *Claire L. Nolan*

12:00 pm Spanish Mass

In thanksgiving for the university graduation of *Víctor Gonzalo De la Vega Uriña* and *Víctor Santiago De la Vega Uriña* by their mother, *Dr. Laura Uriña M. & Eduardo Valverde Salas*
 ✠ *Cesar Bolivar Colon* – RIP 1/27/20, in Dominican Republic, by his brother, *Siricio Colon* and family

Mass Intentions



February 9, 2020
9:30 am English Mass

- ✠ **12:00 pm Spanish Mass**
 ✠ *Víctor Hugo de la Vega Uriña* (8th anniv.) by his mother, *Laura Uriña*

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.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord ~ February 2, 2020

♪ ♪ *Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!* ♪ ♪

This Week's Liturgical Ministers

9:30 am English Mass: Sacristan: *Mack McPherson*; Leader: *Fred Boehrer*; Readers: *Diana Conroy* and *Rick Eckhardt*; Eucharistic Ministers: *Tom Bink, John Lakis, Ronny Williams*, and *Mack McPherson*

12:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sacristán: *Faustino Franco*; Lectores: *Elena Domínguez* and *Raisa Ramos*; Ministros eucarísticos: *Ciprian Fabian, Jacqueline Fabian*, and *Juana Barbosa*; Hospitalidad: *Miriam Domínguez, Briselys Vásquez*, and *Delfina Santaski*

Sharing our Treasure

~ Giving as an act of Worship ~

We need at least \$2,500.00 per week in the collections to break even, not counting unexpected maintenance costs.

Collections

January 26: \$2,252.14
Fuel Collection: \$758.92

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

Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 2

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)

9:30 am English Mass; 12:00 pm Spanish Mass
 Práctica/Bailes –Herminia - 4:00 – 6:00pm

Monday, February 3

Our Lady of Supaya ~ Patroness of Honduras

Charla Solo Con Cita para ser padrinos con *Confesora Franco* – 7:00-8:30 pm

Tuesday, February 4

Faith Formation – 6:00-7:00 pm
 Prayer and Worship Committee – 6:30 pm

Wednesday, February 5

Choir Practice: English - 5:00 pm & Spanish – 6:00 pm

Friday, February 7

Adoración del Santísimo 6:00 – 8:00 pm
 Confirmation Class -7:00 pm

Saturday, February 8

Práctica de Bailes – Herminia 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Sunday, February 9

9:30 am English Mass (Coffee and Conversation)
 12:00 pm Spanish Mass
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The Ladies of the Ancient Order of Hibernians

will be honoring their Patroness,
St. Brigid of Kildare, Irish abbess and saint,
at the 9:30 Mass today.



Questions of the Week:

For Adults:

*What does it mean to be a light that shows others,
whether Christian or not, God's love?*

For Children:

*How can you be a light that shows God's love
to others?*

**The Mustard Seed Collection today is for Family
Promise. Thank you for your generosity!**

March's collection is for the Veteran's House
located on 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** is always needed. The men do
their own laundry at the house **so laundry soap and dryer
sheets** are helpful. They also give a new residents brand
new bedding, **so twin sheets, pillowcase 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!**

Pennies for the Parish Fundraiser

(Contributions made by people 3 - 90+ Years)



Sept. - Nov.: \$633.00

December: \$896.00



Grand Total: \$1,526.00 !!!

Peek at February 9

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 112:4-9

Second Reading: 1Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: St. Matthew 5:13-16

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Eckhardt*; Eucharistic Ministers: *Tom Bink, John Lakis,
Ronny Williams, and Mack McPherson*

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 González* and
Briselys Vásquez



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. Please sign up to bring something to share!
We can also use your help setting up the tables and chairs
before Mass and putting them away afterwards.

There are many other ways that you can help!!

But most importantly, come and join us for some

Coffee and Conversation!!

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

Today is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

Known popularly as **Candlemas**, the Presentation
of the Lord celebrates the presentation of Christ
in the temple at Jerusalem on the 40th day after
His Birth. In the figure of the venerable Simeon,
Jesus' presentation in the temple, also reminds us that
prayer and contemplation are not just a waste of time
or an obstacle to charity. Simeon then uttered the
prayer known as the *Nunc Dimittis*, or Cantic of Simeon:



*"Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according
to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory
to your people Israel."* - Luke 2:29-32

Candlemas is celebrated around the World. In France and
Belgium, it is celebrated with crepes; Mexico, it is celebrated
with tamales; in Puerto Rico, there are bonfires and singing;
in Luxembourg, children roam the streets singing; and in
Peru, it is marked by a "costume dance" of thousands.

**At the end of the Mass,
there will be the Blessing of the Throats.**

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

Lectio Divina

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



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!!!**

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 rcwesthill@gmail.com.

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

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