




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

**Shrine Entrance:** 273 Central Avenue, Albany, New York, 12206  
**Mailing Address:** 274 Sherman Street, Albany, New York 12206 (Rear Entrance of the Church)  
**Office Phone Number:** (518) 465-3685, Ext. 12 (Bilingual)  
**Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday: **by appointment.** Call 465-3685, Ext. 12; Closed on Fridays  
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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](mailto:cbnolou@gmail.com) in English & *Confesora Franco*, [clovejesus@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:tmcrasto@hotmail.com) - February

<p><b>February 9, 2020</b></p> <p><b>9:30 am English Mass</b></p> <p><b>12:00 pm Spanish Mass</b></p> <p>✠ <i>Víctor Hugo de la Vega Uriña</i> (8th anniv.) by his mother, <i>Laura Uriña</i></p> <p>✠ <i>Florentina Fabian</i> (1st anniv.) by her daughter, <i>Miguela Fabian</i></p> <p>✠ <i>Lydia Garcia</i>, Ángel Garcia's mother</p>	<p><b>Mass Intentions</b></p> 	<p><b>February 16, 2020</b></p> <p><b>9:30 am English Mass</b></p> <p><i>**For expectant mothers having difficult pregnancies</i></p> <p><b>12:00 pm Spanish Mass</b></p> <p>In thanksgiving for <i>Ana Sofia Moncada Barrios</i> on her 10<sup>th</sup> birthday</p>
<p><b>Weekly MASS Intentions: Request in 2 easy steps! ***<u>Please do Step #1 is FIRST.</u>***</b></p> <p><b>Step 1:</b> <u>Call the Church Office at least 5 days before the desired date at (518)465-3685, ext. 12 or EMAIL: <a href="mailto:OLAmericaShrine@gmail.com">OLAmericaShrine@gmail.com</a> with your name, phone number, the desired date, &amp; intention.</u></p> <p><b>Step 2:</b> Put your offering envelope in the collection basket <b>any Sunday</b> with information of the Mass intention.</p>		

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 9, 2020**

**Responsorial Psalm:** 🎵 🎵 *The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.* 🎵 🎵

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>This Week's Liturgical Ministers</b></p> <p><b>9:30 am English Mass:</b> Sacristan: <i>Mack McPherson</i>; Leader: <i>Fred Boehrer</i>; Readers: <i>Diana Conroy</i> and <i>Rick Eckhardt</i>; Eucharistic Ministers: <i>Tom Bink, John Lakis, Ronny Williams</i>, and <i>Mack McPherson</i></p> <p><b>12:00 pm Spanish Mass:</b> Sacristán: <i>Patricia Reyes</i>, Lectores: <i>Claribel Sánchez</i> and <i>Juan David Ochoa</i>; Ministros Eucarísticos: <i>María Stella, Miriam Domínguez</i>, and <i>Lourdes Fabian</i>; Hospitalidad: <i>Williams Gonzalez</i> and <i>Briselys Vásquez</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sharing our Treasure</b> ~ <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;"><b>Collections</b></p> <p>*** <b>February 2: \$3054.19</b></p> <p>*** <b>Fuel Collection: \$205.00</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thank you, each and all, who share your Time, Talent &amp; Treasure with our community</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Calendar of Events</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, February 9</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b></p> <p>9:30 am English Mass <i>Followed by Coffee and Conversation</i></p> <p>12:00 pm Spanish Mass</p> <p>Práctica/Bailes –Herminia - 4:00 – 6:00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday, February 11</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b></p> <p>Faith Formation – 6:00-7:00 pm Our Lady of Lourdes – 7:00-8:00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, February 12</b></p> <p>Choir Practice: English - 5:00 pm &amp; Spanish – 6:00 pm Fundraising Committee – 5:45 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday, February 14</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>St. Valentine's Day</b></p> <p>Grupo de Oración – 6:00 – 8:00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday, February 15</b></p> <p>Práctica de Bailes – Herminia 4:00 – 6:00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, February 16</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b></p> <p>9:30 am English Mass 12:00 pm Spanish Mass Práctica/Bailes –Herminia - 4:00 – 6:00pm</p>
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## Lectio Divina:

<https://catholicdotbible.files.wordpress.com/2020/01/ot-5-1.pdf> **English**

<https://catholicdotbible.files.wordpress.com/2020/01/ot-5.esp> **Spanish**

### 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** is 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!**

## Pennies for the Parish Fundraiser

(Contributions made by people 3 - 90+ Years)



**Sept. - Nov.: \$633.00**

**December: 915.00**



**Grand Total: \$1,548.00 !!!**

### Peek at February 16 – Youth Mass

**First Reading:** Sirach 15:15-20

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

**Gospel:** St. Matthew 5:17-37

**9:30 am English Mass:** Sacristan: *Teresa Crasto-Donnelly*; Leader: *John Giordano*; Readers: *Teresa Crasto-Donnelly* and *Carol Conroy*; Eucharistic Ministers: *Allison Agneta, Tammy Crasto, Kathryn Giordano, and Grant Ford*

**12:00 pm Spanish Mass:** Sacristán: *Confesora Franco*; Lectores: *Dianelis Vásquez* and *Brianna Vasquez*; Ministros Eucarísticos: *Fausto Franco, María Argueta, and Juana Barbosa*; Hospitalidad: *Williams Gonzalez* 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](mailto:cbnolou@gmail.com).

## 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!!!**

## ♥ Worldwide Marriage Encounter ♥

"Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift." Learn the tools of forgiveness and healing by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are

**Mar 27-29, 2020 in Albany, NY**

and July 10-12, 2020 in East Windsor, CT. For more information, call *Pat & Mary Jo McLaughlin* at **860-315-2127** or visit them at <https://wwmectw.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 [rwcewesthill@gmail.com](mailto:rwcewesthill@gmail.com).



## Albany Driving School Class Weekly on Sundays

274 Sherman St., Albany, NY 12206, Meeting Room  
Organizer: **Ronny Williams, PhD, MBA (518) 915-1189**

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## 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/ \* Sept. 17/ \*Oct. 22**

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



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