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Staff: **Pastor:** *Rev. Joseph O'Brien*, (518) 482-3375

Shrine Chaplain: *Rev. Francis O'Connor*, (518) 482-3375

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Music Minister: *Deborah Klose*, e-mail: dklose@nycap.rr.com

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 - March

March 1, 2020

9:30 am English Mass

✠ *Edward Hall (1st Anniv.)*

✠ *John and Phyllis Schillaci*

** *Robert Martinez* on his birthday

12:00 pm Spanish Mass

✠ *Roberto Duarte (RIP 2/12/2020)*

by *Mary & Gisela Rodriguez*

**For the health of *Aurelia María Matos Franco & Palerma Mañon* by *Confesora Franco*

Mass Intentions



March 8 2020

9:30 am English Mass

***For the Women of our Parish especially Sister Grace R. Díaz*

12:00 pm Spanish Mass

***For Women around the World*

Weekly MASS Intentions: Request in 2 easy steps! *Please do Step #1 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 of the Mass intention.

First Sunday in Lent ~ March 1, 2020

♪ ♪ *Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.* ♪ ♪

This Week's Liturgical Ministers

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*

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

February 23 \$2186.17

Fuel \$25.00 and Easter Flowers \$20.00

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

Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 1

First Sunday of Lent

9:30 am English Mass; 12:00 pm Spanish Mass
We welcome members of AOH to the 9:30 Mass today!
Práctica/Bailes –Herminia - 4:00 – 6:00pm

Tuesday, March 3

Faith Formation 6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 4

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

Friday, March 6

Confirmation Class 7:00 pm

Bilingual Stations of the Cross, Soup, Reflection – 6:30pm

Saturday, March 7

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

Sunday, March 8

Second Sunday of Lent

International Women's Day

9:30 am English Mass; 12:00 pm Spanish Mass
Coffee and Conversation – 10:30 am
Práctica/Bailes –Herminia - 4:00 – 6:00pm

See item on back of bulletin re position opening:

<https://www.rcda.org/offices/human-resources/employment-opportunities>



LENT

Join us for

Bilingual Stations of the Cross, Soup, & Reflection
Fridays in Lent at 6:30 pm

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.

You can download the **Lectio Divina Weekly Guide** in

English: <https://catholic.bible/category/lectio-divina/>

Spanish: <https://catholic.bible/lectio-divina-en-espanol/>

The Mustard Seed Collection Today is for the Veteran's House

The April 5 Mustard Seed Collection is for **THE DROP IN CENTER** in Sheridan Hollow run by Interfaith Council.

During a Code Blue, people can stay overnight. During the day, the homeless can take a shower, do their laundry, get some clothes, and have a hot meal. The all-day coffee pot is always full and they offer services such as a PO Box for mail. Without a mailing address you don't exist to many agencies.

They often have lawyers & social workers stop in to help.

We as a Parish can give shampoo, body wash, razors, deodorant, laundry soap, dryer sheets, pasta, sauce, soups, canned vegetables, any foods they can use for their evening meal.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONSTANT GENEROSITY.

Posting for the Pastoral Associate position for the Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas is on the diocesan website.

If you, or someone you know, are interested in applying, please go to the diocesan website:

<https://www.rcda.org/offices/human-resources/employment-opportunities>

We are all invited! Mark your calendars for these special events at Blessed Sacrament:

St. Patrick's Day Mass - Saturday, March 14th at 9:00 am with a reception in the gym.

Chicken Parm Dinner - Saturday, April 4th after the 4:00 pm Mass in the gym.

Annual Garage Sale - Saturday, May 2nd in the gym.

Peek at March 8

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4A

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8B-10

Gospel: St. Matthew 17:1-9

9:30 am English Mass: Sacristan: *Teresa Crasto-Donnelly*; Leader: *Tammy Crasto*; Readers: *Fred Boehrer* and *Jean Marks*; Eucharistic Ministers: *Linda Dalton*, *Ellen McPherson*, *John Lakis*, and *Judy Houck*

12:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sacristán: *Patricia Reyes*, Lectores: *Lourdes Fabian* and *Elena Alcantar*; Ministros Eucarísticos: *Jacqueline Fabian*, *Delfina Santaski*, and *Nancy Pérez*; Hospitalidad: *Miriam Domínguez*, *Rosa Albarán*, and *Williams González*.



Through Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance, **families or individuals may be able to get one-time assistance for things like utilities, medical care or other costs in order to make ends meet.**

If you or someone you know is in need, **contact Catholic Charities by visiting ccrca.org or calling 518-453-6650.**

Today's Reflection

We enter once more into the very holy season of Lent: a time of preparation; a desert time; a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving; a time to return to the basics.

And so how wonderful that the Church gives us, for this first Sunday of Lent,

a passage from the very beginning of the Bible, a story of universal and enduring significance.

We hear of the creation and fall of mankind.

But we will not properly understand this epic tale until we see that it has to do with us.

~Word on Fire Catholic Ministries~

Lunch Parish Fundraiser

The Fundraiser Committee is continuing its efforts to raise funds for our Shrine Church community.

To achieve that, we must rely on donations and fundraisers. Our next fundraiser will be a **lunch sale on Sunday March 22** after the Noon Mass. We are looking for monetary donations to cover the cost of the chicken and other items. If you are interested, please contact *Griselle* by calling or texting her at 518-545-9070.



Mark your calendars for **Sunday, March 22nd** after the 12:00 Mass

Join us for a delicious chicken lunch – eat in or take-out!



We thank our God for *Sister Grace!*

Thank you, *Sister Grace*,

for your seven years of service to the Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas!

Good Luck in your “retirement”!

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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

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