




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  
**Website:** [www.ourladyoftheamericas.org](http://www.ourladyoftheamericas.org) ~ **E-mail:** [OLAmericaShrine@gmail.com](mailto:OLAmericaShrine@gmail.com)  
**Staff:** Pastor: *Rev. Joseph O'Brien*, (518) 482-3375  
Shrine Chaplain: *Rev. Francis O'Connor*, (518) 482-3375  
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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;** Fill out registration form **FIRST, for needed documentation,** Then *Claire Nolan*, [cbnolou@gmail.com](mailto:cbnolou@gmail.com) in English & *Confesora Franco*, [cfllovejesus@aol.com](mailto:cfllovejesus@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;** 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](mailto:cbnolou@gmail.com) - July

<p><b>July 19</b>  <b>9:30 am English Mass</b>          † <i>Anne Glenn Trechel</i> by her cousin, Owen Glenn  <b>12:00 pm Spanish Mass</b>          ** <i>For the health &amp; well being of our parish community</i></p>	<p><b>Mass Intentions</b></p> 	<p><b>July 26</b>  <b>9:30 am English Mass</b>          † <i>Jim McGraw</i> by John and Sandy McGraw          † <i>Viriginia and † Denis Brunelle</i> by the McGinty Family  <b>12:00 pm Spanish Mass</b>          ** <i>For the health &amp; well being of our parish community</i></p>
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**Weekly MASS Intentions: Request in 2 easy steps! \*\*\*Please do Step #1 FIRST.\*\*\***  
**Step 1: Call Tammy Crasto (518) 229-7345 or Confesora Franco (518) 542-4192**  
**Step 2:** Put your offering envelope in the collection basket **any Sunday** with information of the Mass intention.

**Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time~ July 19, 2020**  
 ♪♪ *Lord, you are good and forgiving.* ♪♪

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>This Week's Liturgical Ministers</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Masses at the Shrine Church have resumed. They can also be viewed live online.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Go to the Live Mass on Facebook on Sundays at 9:30 am and 12:00 pm  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/shrinechurchofourladyoftheamericas/">https://www.facebook.com/shrinechurchofourladyoftheamericas/</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sharing our Treasure</b>  <i>~ Giving as an act of Worship ~</i>  <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 As of July 12, 2020</b>  <b>Regular: \$1,333.00</b></p> <p>For those who would like to continue giving weekly and are unable to attend Mass, please mail checks: 274 Sherman Street, Albany, NY 12206. <i>Do not mail cash.</i></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;"><i>To View Masses Online:</i>  <b>Go to the Live Mass on Facebook on Sundays at 9:30 am (English) and 12:00 pm (Spanish)</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/shrinechurchofourladyoftheamericas/">https://www.facebook.com/shrinechurchofourladyoftheamericas/</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday July 19</b>  <i>Lord, you are good and forgiving</i></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday July 26</b>  <i>Lord, I love your commands</i></p>
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**Masses Return to the Shrine Church  
What You Need to Know**

There is still no obligation to attend Mass because of the Coronavirus pandemic. Masses have resumed at 9:30 am and 12:00 pm, persons who are vulnerable are encouraged to stay at home. Our Masses will continue to be available on Facebook. Fr. O'Connor has named *Don Arnold* as our Shrine Coordinator of "Returning to Mass Safely".

**Do NOT come to church if you have a fever of 100° or higher, are experiencing any Coronavirus symptoms, or have been exposed/tested positive for the Coronavirus.**

**Procedures:**

1. Enter the Church using the *Lake Avenue entrance*; your name and phone number will be taken at the door. **Face masks must be worn from the time you leave your vehicle to come into Church until you return to your vehicle after Mass.**
3. All will be escorted to a place to sit, directions will be given for receiving communion and at dismissal.
4. Singing can cause the virus to travel longer distances *so listen, do not sing to the beautiful music.*
5. *At all times*, six feet social distancing must be observed.
6. Do not gather in groups before or after Mass. After leaving Church, go directly to your car or bicycle.

**Holy Communion:**

The advice from the health community and the Albany Diocese **strongly encourages** us to receive the Body of Christ in your hand. Then as you turn away from the minister of the Eucharist lower your mask, consume the Body of Christ, and then raise your mask again. This helps protect you and those who distribute the Holy Eucharist.

We remember our Confirmandi  
*Omar Amay, Kariana Boston and John Giordano*

We will hold them in prayer as we look forward to the day when they can receive the Holy Spirit at their Confirmation.



We continue to pray for our children who are waiting to receive their **First Holy Communion**  
*Leonardo Amay, Liz Bella Donato, Joaquín Escalante-Coello, Alberto Feliz, Andrés O. Guzmán-Ortiz & Pedro L. Guzmán-Ortiz, Catalina López & Ignacio López, Ana Sofía Moncada-Barrios, and Aimel Ruemmele*

Let us hold them in our prayers as we look to the day they will receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

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 [ccrcda.org](http://ccrcda.org) or calling 518-453-6650.

May the Lord enable all of us to become saints, to be living images of Christ in our time, May he strengthen us to be his witnesses and to bring the Gospel to all our brothers and sisters especially the suffering and those most in need of its message of undying hope." – *Pope Francis*

Please save the date for our **Parish Weekend at Pyramid Life Center August 21-23**. Applications will be made available when the CDC and state regulations for overnight camps become available. The cost: \$50 for adults, children under 18 free, camperships available. Space is limited. For any questions? *Don Klose 518- 986-0280*. We hope to see you there!!

Our very own *Mack (Milton) McPherson* has an exhibit of his artwork at the East Greenbush Library! Check the library for their hours <https://eglibrary.org/>  
Call: (518) 477 -7476. And enjoy Mack's art!

**Prayer to Overcome Racism**

Mary, friend and mother to all, through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other. We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society. We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person. Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: pray for us.  
**Amen.**



**ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES!**

Please send your name & school (and a picture, if you would like), to Tammy Crasto ([tmcrasto@hotmail.com](mailto:tmcrasto@hotmail.com)) so that we can put this good news on our website. Thank you!

**Act of Spiritual Communion**

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.*

~St. Alphonsus Liguori



**Lectio Divina**

Fr. O'Connor encourages us to use Lectio as a way of deepening our prayer life.

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

**Readings for the Sunday July 26  
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading:** 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

**Second Reading:** Romans 8:28-30

**Gospel:** St. Matthew 13:44-52

**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