



Shrine Entrance: 273 Central Avenue, Albany, New York, 12206

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

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

Deacon: *Rev. Miguel Fabián*

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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;** Fill out registration form **FIRST**, for needed documentation, **Then:** *Claire Nolan* cbnolou@gmail.com in English & *Confesora Franco*, 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→tmcrasto@hotmail.com - August

<p>August 16 9:30 am English Mass <i>For the peace in our world</i> 12:00 pm Spanish Mass In thanksgiving of the birthday of <i>Aesti Castro</i></p>	<p>Mass Intentions</p> 	<p>August 23 9:30 am English Mass <i>For the people of the parish</i> 12:00 pm Spanish Mass ✠ <i>Ginger Ruiz</i> by her friend, <i>Mary McMahon</i> ✠ <i>Rosendo Frias</i> by <i>Confesora Franco</i></p>
<p>Weekly MASS Intentions: Request in 2 easy steps! ***Please do Step #1 FIRST.*** Step 1: Call <i>Tammy Crasto</i> (518) 229-7345 or <i>Confesora Franco</i> (518) 542-4192 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.</p>		

Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ August 16, 2020

♪ ♪ O God, let all the nations praise you! ♪ ♪

<p>This Week's Liturgical Ministers <i>Masses at the Shrine Church have resumed. They can also be viewed live online.</i> Go to the Live Mass on Facebook on Sundays at 9:30 am and 12:00 pm https://www.facebook.com/shrinechurchofourladyoftheamericas/</p> <p>Sharing our Treasure ~ <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>Collections As of August 9, 2020 Regular: \$1,571.64 Assumption: \$3.00 Peter's Pence: \$20.00</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><i>Thank you, each and all, who share your Time, Talent & Treasure with our community</i></p>	<p>Calendar of Events <i>To View Masses Online:</i> Go to the Live Mass on Facebook on Sundays at 9:30 am (English) and 12:00 pm (Spanish) https://www.facebook.com/shrinechurchofourladyoftheamericas/</p> <p>Sunday August 16 <i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>O God, let all the nations praise you.</i></p>  <p>Sunday August 23 <i>Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Lord, your love is eternal;</i> <i>do not forsake the work of your hands.</i></p>
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**Masses at 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.

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 **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.

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

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 or calling 518-453-6650.

Faith Formation is looking for volunteers to work with our **Pre-Communion and First Communion classes.**

If you are interested in helping out, please contact: *Cynthia Ortiz-Ramirez* at 518-456-3685 ext. 11.



Pope Francis Prayer for Protection from Coronavirus

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

Reflection of the Week

Adults: *When has the faith of someone from another race or culture enriched your own faith?*

Children: *What could you do to help someone of another race or culture feel more welcome in your school or neighborhood?*

Prayer for an End to Racism

Gracious God, you created all of us in your image. Open our hearts and minds to this reality. Let us recognize that we are all Your beloved sons and daughters.

You are community: Father, Son, and Spirit. Help us to foster community in our neighborhoods. Teach us to be one as you are one. Teach us to love as you love.

Open our eyes to the sin of racism. Show us where it exists in our society. Please grant us the courage to denounce it, but always with a loving heart like yours. Amen.

Support Your Local Farmers!

You can support local farmers by shopping at a Farmers' Market. They are a safe way to shop and often accept SNAP benefits.

Albany - Washington Park - Knox Street Mall – Saturdays, 10:00am – 2:00pm

Guilderland - 20 Mall – Sundays, 10:00am – 2:00pm

Colonie - Cook's Park – Sundays – 9:00am – 1:00pm

Clifton Park - Shenendehowa United Methodist Church – Mondays - 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Lectio Divina

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

Readings for Sunday August 23

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 138:1-3, 6, 8

Second Reading: Roman 11:33-36

Gospel: St. Matthew 16:13-20



Online Ministry Needs: Thank you so much to the *Giordano family* for all that they have done to move our ministry online. They have donated both time & equipment so that we can livestream our Mass each week. *Joe and Kathryn* will both be going to college in early August, and we are in need of volunteers to run the livestream for the English & Spanish Masses. If you are interested in helping with either of these - please contact Peter at 315-853-1517 or pdonnellyk@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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