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Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ September 6, 2020

♪ ♪ *If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.* ♪ ♪

<p>September 6 9:30 am English Mass In thanksgiving for Ramon Bonifacio, newly ordained deacon <i>For teachers and students heading back to school</i></p> <p>12:00 pm Spanish Mass † Andre Maria Lara (65th anniversary) † Porfirio Lopez by his niece & nephew, Luis & Esti In thanksgiving for Ramon Bonifacio, newly ordained deacon <i>For teachers and students heading back to school</i></p>	<p>Mass Intentions</p> 	<p>September 13 9:30 am English Mass <i>Open for intentions</i> 12:00 pm Spanish Mass <i>Open for intentions</i></p>
<p>Sharing our Treasure <i>~ Giving as an act of Worship ~</i> We need at least \$2,500.00 per week in the collections to break even, not counting unexpected maintenance costs.</p> <p>Collections As of August 30, 2020 Regular: \$2,159.70 Catholic Home Missions: \$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 Sunday, September 6 <i>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.</i></p> <p>Sunday, September 13 <i>Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.</i></p> <p>To View Masses Online: 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>	

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 virus.

Procedures: Enter the Church using the Lake Avenue entrance; your name and phone number will be taken at the door. Face masks must be worn at all times. All will be escorted to a place to sit, directions will be given for receiving communion and at dismissal. Singing can cause the virus to travel longer distances listen, do not sing to the beautiful music. At all times, six feet social distancing must be observed. Do not gather in groups before or after Mass.

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.

Reflection of the Week

Adults: *What have you been able to overcome because others patiently loved you?*

Children: *How can you help another person do the right thing?*

Doors to the Future "Unframed" Family Promise of the Capital Region Fundraiser

This fundraiser will take place in October. Stay tuned for more details. To learn more about Family Promise, visit their website: <https://www.familypromisecr.org/>

A Labor Day Prayer



Creator Lord, the source of all wisdom and purpose, and the blessing of those who labor; be with us in our work to guide and govern our world. Give to all people work that enhances human dignity and bonds us to one another. Give us pride in our work, a fair return for our labor, and joy in knowing that our work finds its source in you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessed Sacrament School,

a part of the ministry of the Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas, is currently holding Open Enrollment for Nursery through Eighth grades. Our program offers five day in-person learning. Blessed Sacrament School offers an exciting, rigorous curriculum centered in faith, and focused on academic excellence. Our school day starts at 7:15 with an extended day AfterCare program until 5:00 p.m.

To learn more go to our website at: www.blessedsacramentschool.net, email us at info@blessedsacramentschool.net, or call us at 518-438-5854.



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.

Prayer for the Safety of Returning to School

Father please hear us when we tell You of our concerns of sending our children and educators back to school.

Know that we are striving to make all of the right decisions and need Your love and power to help us overcome any difficulties.

Please watch over everyone as times and routines are about to change once again.

We know that we can do anything through You, so please help us ensure health and semi-normalcy in the coming months.

We give our hearts to You, now and forever. Amen

~Author Unknown

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.

Lectio Divina

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

Readings for Sunday, September 13
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 103:1-4, 9-12

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: St. Matthew 18:21-35



"The pandemic has highlighted how vulnerable and interconnected everyone is. If we do not take care of one another, starting with the least, with those who are most impacted, including creation, we cannot heal the world."

~ Pope Francis

At the request of **Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger**, a collection to assist relief efforts in the aftermath of the deadly **August 4 explosion in Beirut, Lebanon**, will be taken up in parishes throughout the 14 counties of the Diocese of Albany from **now through the weekend of September 12-13**. All proceeds will be sent to Catholic Relief Services, which will then forward donations to their partner on the ground, Caritas-Lebanon, to provide emergency food, shelter, medicine, and more in the affected area. For those who are unable to attend Mass, donations will be accepted online through individual parishes or directly **through CRS** at <https://www.crs.org/>

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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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