




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

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Wednesdays@Noon ~ cbnolou@gmail.com ~ November
Mass Intentions:Tammy Crasto (518) 229-7345 or Confesora Franco (518) 542-4192

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ November 15, 2020

♪ ♪ *Blessed are those who fear the Lord.* ♪ ♪

<p>November 15 9:30 am English Mass ✠Deceased Members of the AOH and LAOH In Memory of our Parishioners ✠Pat Barrand✠Wally Donnelly</p> <p>12:00 pm Spanish Mass In Memory of our Parishioners ✠Pat Barrand✠Wally Donnelly</p>	<p>Mass Intentions</p> 	<p>November 22 9:30 am English Mass ✠All you Holy Men and Women, pray for us!</p> <p>12:00 pm Spanish Mass ✠Jeril Reyeson the third anniversary of her passing by her family (Colon-Carrasco-Reyes),</p>
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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 As of November 8
Regular: \$2901.25
All Saints \$35.00 All Souls \$93.00
Christmas Flowers \$70.00Catholic Charities \$153.00
Fuel – \$20.00

If you are unable to attend Mass, please mail checks:
274 Sherman Street, Albany, NY 12206. *Do not mail cash.*

Thank you, each and all, who share your Time, Talent & Treasure with our community
Fuel Collection – Winter is just around the corner!

Calendar of Events
Sunday, November 15
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Blessed are those who fear the Lord.
Saturday, November 21
First Holy Communion -10:00 am
<https://www.facebook.com/Shrine-Church-of-Our-Lady-of-the-Americas-111504133887975>
Sunday, November 22
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

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/>

Mass during Coronavirus pandemic:
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: to maintain appropriate “social distancing”, “ambassadors” will direct those going to Communion. Persons sitting on the Blessed Mother’s side will go first; THEN, persons on the St. Joseph side of the church. Those in the front of the church will receive in the front of the center aisle. Those in the back will receive in the **Gathering Area.** 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.

On November 21, at a special Mass for the children and their families, *11 children of our Shrine Church community* will receive their **First Holy Communion**. Due to the pandemic, attendance is limited to allow for social distancing. However, all can participate by live-streaming on the actual date or by watching at a convenient time afterwards
<https://www.facebook.com/Shrine-Church-of-Our-Lady-of-the-Americas-111504133887975> .

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. AlphonsusLiguori

Calling all Techies!! Online Ministry Needs:The Shrine Church is in great 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 for the 9:30 Mass, and *Fausto Franco* at 518-330-8120 or fausto_franco@hotmail.com for the 12:00 Mass.
Our parishioners at home greatly appreciate this service.

The Shrine Church Pantry Box, donated by *Open World Relief*, is located near the North Lake Avenue entrance of the Church. This is a wonderful opportunity to fulfill Jesus' command to feed the hungry. Please place non-perishable food items in the box when you arrive at Church to help feed our West Hill neighborhood. People in need can open the box to get food to feed themselves and their families.



For more information in the weeks to come, visit <https://www.familypromisecr.org>.

Blessed Sacrament School,
 Open Enrollment for Nursery through Eighth grades. In-person learning and an exciting, rigorous curriculum centered in faith, and focused on academic excellence. The school day begins at 7:15; extended day AfterCare program until 5:00
www.blessedsacramentschool.net,
 email info@blessedsacramentschool.net,
 518-438-5854.

Shrine Church Fundraiser

Our very own parishioner and local artist *Milton "Mack" McPherson* has painted a beautiful image of **Our Lady of the Rosary**. Prints of this painting (20"x 16") are available for a donation of \$75 or more to the Shrine Church. If you would like one, please place \$75 or a check made payable to the Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas in an envelope. Write your name, phone number and the word "Painting" on the envelope and place it in the collection basket. Your print will be ready for pick up the following Sunday. **What a wonderful Christmas gift!** If you have any questions, please contact *Mary Giordano* at mtgiordano20@gmail.com 518-248-5565

"Having a grievance or resentment is like drinking poison and hoping it will kill the enemy."
 -Nelson Mandela

Just Mercy Book Discussion Group (Nov.& Dec.)
 St. Vincent de Paul Church will be hosting a book discussion series on *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. Currently, the program will be both an in-person discussion at 9:45 am on Sunday morning at the church, and as an evening Zoom Call (tentatively scheduled for Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm) **beginning the week of November 1st and lasting for six weeks**. If you are interested, email *Dave Rowell* averowell52@gmail.com or call him at (518) 729-4550 for further information.

Faith Formation is looking for volunteers to work with our **Pre-Communion and First Communion classes**. **Due to Covid, classes are being given on Zoom**
***Cynthia Ortiz-Ramirez* at 518-456-3685 ext. 11**

LectioDivina
English: <https://catholic.bible/category/lectio-divina/>
Spanish: <https://catholic.bible/lectio-divina-en-espanol/>
Readings for Sunday, November 22
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Gospel: St. Matthew 25:31-46



Reflection of the Week
Adults: What gift haven't you developed as you had hoped? What could you still do?
Children: What gift has God given you? What do you want to do with it?

Through Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance, **families or individuals may get one-time assistance for utilities, medical care or other costs to make ends meet**. If you or someone you know is in need, **contact Catholic Charities by visiting ccrcda.org or 518-453-6650**.

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