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Second Sunday in Advent

♪ ♪ *Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.* ♪ ♪

<p>December 6 9:30 am English Mass ✠ McGinty and Sheeran Families by the Mc Ginty Family ✠ Peggy Soweck, Judy Stoffel's sister by the Shrine community 12:00 pm Spanish Mass ✠ Teofilo Fabian</p>	<p>Mass Intentions</p> 	<p>December 13 9:30 am English Mass 12:00 pm Spanish Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe</p>
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<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 November 29 Regular: \$2657.41 Christmas Flowers: \$10.00</p> <p>If you 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> Fuel Collection – Winter is just around the corner!</p>	<p>Calendar of Events Sunday, December 6 Second Sunday of Advent <i>Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.</i></p> <p>Sunday, December 13 Third Sunday of Advent <i>My soul rejoices in my God.</i> Celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe <i>You are the highest honor of our race.</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>
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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.

Christmas Flowers in honor of:

*Helen Martino
Patrick J Dalton
Mr. and Mrs. William H Mayer
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dalton
Vanessa Dalton
Russell Lockenwitz
James Martino, Sr.
Christopher Dalton
Edward P. Nolan, MD
Rita M. Nolan
Rose H. Haley
James Haley
Nolan Hennessey Family
Dannemiller and McGowan Family
Margaret and Ed LaPointe
Louis Mrak
Francis Mrak
John McGraw
Veronica McGraw
Margaret and Ed FitzGibbons
Marion Ford
Grant Ford Sr.
Gwendolyn
Ruth
Luz
Eulalio*

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.

Online Ministry Needs: The Shrine Church is in great need of **volunteers** to run the livestream for the Sunday Masses. If you are interested in helping 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.

Lectio Divina

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

Readings for Sunday, December 13
Third Sunday in Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2A, 10-11
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 1:46-50, 53-54
Second Reading: 5 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel: St. John 1:5:16-24



Christmas Season at the Shrine Church



*Diocesan and health department Covid-19 safety protocols will affect some of our traditional Christmas celebrations. As with regular Sunday Masses, the **maximum number of people who can attend any Mass is set at 120.***

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – There will be two Masses on Sunday December 13th. The 9:30 am Mass will be that of the 3rd Sunday of Advent. Our noon Mass will be in Spanish when we will celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe. Due to the pandemic regulations we must limit our attendance at the noon Mass to 120 people. We will be taking reservations for the noon Mass on Sunday the 13th of December next week November 29th, and Sunday December 6th.

Posadas – This year we will not celebrate Posadas as we have in the past. There will be a virtual celebration of the Posadas on Facebook with videos, prayers, and scripture. More information is to come.

Christmas Masses – There will be one bilingual Christmas Eve Mass on December 24 at 5:00 pm. On Christmas Day, there will be the normal 9:30 am (English) and 12:00 pm (Spanish) Masses.

New Year's Day Mass – There will be one bilingual Mass held on January 1 at 11:00 am.

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 518-248-5565

The **Christ Child Society** is collecting donations to make comfort bags for victims of domestic violence. **Please consider donating personal care items such as body wash, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes as well as crayons and coloring books.** Please leave the items near the side door when entering Church for Mass the next week. The Christ Child Society has annually provided generous support to many families whose children are celebrating their First Communion and this is a wonderful opportunity for us to support them.

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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