




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

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The Epiphany of the Lord - January 3, 2021

♪ ♪ *Lord, every nation on Earth will adore you.* ♪ ♪

<p>January 3 9:30 am English Mass ✠Jillian Walsh by her family ✠Frank McGinty by the McGinty Family 12:00 pm Spanish Mass</p>	<p>Mass Intentions</p> 	<p>January 10 9:30 am English Mass In Thanksgiving for <i>Debbie Klose</i> 12:00 pm Spanish Mass In Thanksgiving for <i>Deacon Miguel Fabian</i> on his Birthday</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 December 27
Regular: \$2149.51 Christmas: \$186.00
Solemnity of Mary: \$5.00
Painting (Mack McPherson): \$100.00

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 here!

Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 3
The Epiphany of the Lord
Lord, every nation on Earth will adore you.

Sunday, January 10
The Baptism of Our Lord
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

To View Masses Online:
Go to the Live Mass on Facebook
for All Masses Held at the Shrine Church
<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.

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
Yolanda & Rocco Benfatto
Doris and Charles Calcagno
Fr. James Hayes
Millie Turcotte*

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.***

Lectio Divina

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

Readings for Sunday, January 3
The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Isaiah 55:1-11
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
Second Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-48 or 1 John 5:1-9
Gospel: St. Mark 1:7-11

Thank You!

The Christ Child Society is very grateful to everyone who donated items for the "comfort bags" which are being given to victims of domestic violence. We are also very grateful to the Christ Child Society for all they do for our community!

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

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.



Prayer for the New Year

God of splendor and glory, we rejoice in the festival of Christmas and pray: God in your faithful love, hear our prayer.
Accept our gratitude for the graces and blessings of this past year, and renew us in gladness and hope for the coming year.
God, in your faithful love, hear our prayer.
Help us to stop the spread of contagious diseases.
God, in your faithful love, hear our prayer.
Keep families of undocumented immigrants safe and together.
God, in your faithful love, hear our prayer.
Our Father. . .
May God strengthen our faith, renew our hope, and deepen our love, through Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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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