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Third Sunday of Easter ~ April 25, 2021

♪ ♪ *The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.* ♪ ♪

<p>April 25 9:30 am English Mass † Walter and † Julia Connolly By Ellen McPherson 12:00 pm Spanish Mass</p>	<p>Mass Intentions</p> 	<p>May 2 9:30 am English Mass † Walter and † Julia Connolly By Ellen McPherson 12:00 pm Spanish Mass **For those baptized today</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 April 18
Regular: \$2,331.00
Easter: \$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

Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 25 – Fourth Sunday of Easter
The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Sunday, May 2 – Fifth Sunday of Easter
The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

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; give your name and phone number. 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 dismissal. Singing can cause the virus to travel; listen, do not sing to the beautiful music. 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. Receive the Body of Christ in your hand. As you turn away, 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.

Lectio Divina

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

Readings for Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 2

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 32:26-28, 30-32
Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24
Gospel: St. John 15:1-8

COVID-19 Vaccination Information

Pope Francis and Pope Benedict have received the COVID-19 vaccine. The Vatican tells us that getting the vaccine is an urgent response to the public health crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Please consider getting the vaccine. Do not gamble with your health or the health of your family and neighbors. **People 16 and over**, healthcare workers, long-term care facility residents, and frontline essential workers *are currently eligible to be vaccinated in New York*, along with people who have comorbidities and other serious health issues. Check your eligibility and sign up to be vaccinated <https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/> or 1-833-697-4829, or contact your local health department.

Blessed Sacrament School News

There is open enrollment for 2021-2022 for students in nursery through grade 8. Come explore our faith-based learning environment where we strive for academic excellence each and every day! **Call today for more information and a virtual tour.** 518-438-5854.



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.



May 2 – May 9, 2021

Family Promise of the Capital Region is offering an online auction featuring a beautiful selection of baskets and items from local businesses. Please consider supporting their mission of providing shelter and support to homeless families and families at risk for homelessness.

The link to the auction is on their website:
<https://www.familypromisecr.org/>.

Children's Corner

John 10:17-18



Rhyme Time

Each of the words at the bottom of the page rhymes with power. Place each into its correct sentence.

1. We kneaded the _____ and baked it into bread.
2. The Eiffel _____ is a favorite landmark in Paris.
3. The loud noise made us all _____.
4. Our family prayed the _____ Father together.
5. The candy was _____ so she puckered her lips.
6. The _____ in the vase is a red rose.
7. Jesus said to his mother, "My _____ has not yet come" (John 2:4).
8. My mother asked me to _____ the dirty kitchen sink.
9. My sister's friends planned a wedding _____ for her.
10. Dad was late for my game because he got caught in _____ traffic.

COWER	HOUR	HOUR	SOUR
FLOUR	OUR	SCOUR	TOWER
FLOWER	RUSH	SHOWER	

Faith Formation Classes: All classes will be held virtually. Catechism classes are available for youth ages 7 and up and for adults 18 and over. We will also offer preparation classes for those wishing to receive the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. To enroll, please call the Shrine Church office (518) 465-3685, ext. 11 and leave a message for *Cynthia Ortiz Ramirez*, Faith Formation Coordinator.

Gospel Reflection for the Week

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Adults: *Who is shepherding me?
Whom have I shepherded?*

Children: *Who has been like a shepherd to me
by his or her example?*

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 *Teresa Crasto-Donnelly* at 518-210-9524 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 Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry, under the direction of *Sister Patricia Lynch*, distributes food on Monday mornings to neighborhood residents, and takes deliveries on some Tuesdays. We are looking for some additional help, especially people with strong arms and an ability to speak Spanish! **Call 518-482-3375**



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