



### Important Contact Information

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**Deadline for Bulletin Announcement & Attachment:**

Wednesdays@Noon ~ Tammy Crasto, [tmcrasto@hotmail.com](mailto:tmcrasto@hotmail.com) ~April

**Mass Intentions:** Tammy Crasto (518) 229-7345 or Confesora Franco (518) 542-4192

### Fifth Sunday of Easter~ May 2, 2021

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

**May 2**

**9:30 am English Mass**

✠ Walter and ✠ Julia Connolly

By Ellen McPherson

✠ Barbara Noonan by the McGinty Family

✠ Frances Mrak by Sandy and John McGraw

✠ Paul Piela by Owen Glenn and Robin Wilkes

**12:00 pm Spanish Mass**

\*\*For those baptized today

**Mass Intentions**



**May 9**

**Mother's Day**

**9:30 am English Mass**

✠ Helen McGinty by the McGinty Family

✠ Milton and ✠ Sybil McPherson

by Ellen McPherson

**12:00 pm Spanish Mass**

#### 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 25**

**Regular: \$3119.45**

**Easter: \$650.00**

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, May 2 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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

**Saturday May 8**

*Feast of Our Lady of Luján ~ Patroness of Argentina*

**Sunday May 9 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Mother's Day**

*The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power*

**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.

**LectioDivina**

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

**Readings for Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 9**

**First Reading:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4  
**Second Reading:** 1 John 4:7-10  
**Gospel:** St. John 15:9-17

**COVID-19 Vaccination Information**

*Please get the vaccine.* Do not gamble with your health or the health of your family and neighbors. **All Adults, age 16 and over** are eligible to be vaccinated. Sign up to be vaccinated <https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/> or 833-697-4829, or contact your local health department.

**Blessed Sacrament School News**

**Open enrollment for 2021-2022 for students in nursery through grade 8.** 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.



**Confessions Available in the City of Albany**

On Sunday: 10:30 am and 4:00 pm at the Cathedral and before and after the Masses at The Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas.  
Monday: 12:15 at the Cathedral  
Tuesday: 7:30 am at St. Mary's and 12:30 at Blessed Sacrament  
Wednesday: 12:15 at the Cathedral and 4:30 at Mater Christi  
Thursday: 7:30 am at St. Mary's and 12:30 at Blessed Sacrament  
Friday: 12:15 at the Cathedral  
Saturday: 3:00 at All Saints, 3:00 at Blessed Sacrament, 3:00 at Mater Christi, 3:15 at St. Mary's and 4:45 at St. Vincent  
And anywhere, including St. Francis and Sacred Heart, by appointment

**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.

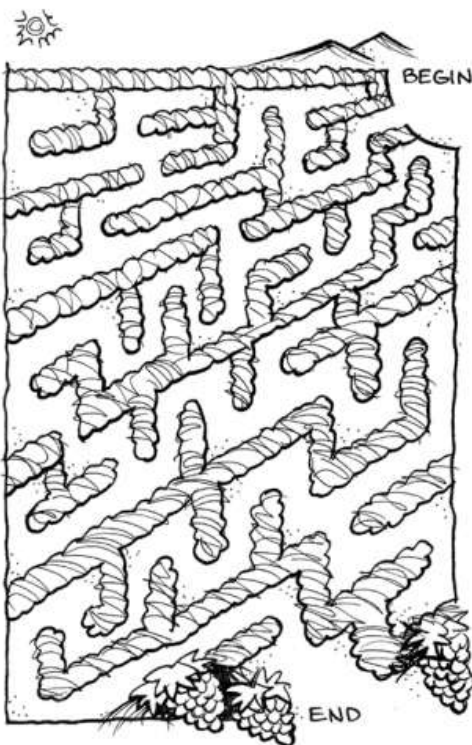


**Online Auction to benefit Family Promise of the Capital Region** Featuring a selection of baskets and items from local businesses. Support their mission of providing shelter and support to homeless families and families at risk for homelessness. The link to the auction is on their website: <https://www.familypromisecr.org/>.

**Children's Corner**

**Stay with Jesus**

Jesus invited us to "remain in me" and he promised to remain with us! Walk through the vineyard on the path Jesus has made for you.



**Faith Formation:** All classes are held virtually. Catechism available for all ages. Preparation classes for those wishing to receive the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. 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**



**Adults:** *When has God pruned me so that I could grow and give life?*  
**Children:** *When have I felt good because I did something to help someone?*

**Online Ministry Needs:** The Shrine Church is in need of **volunteers** to run the livestream Sunday Masses. If you are interested in helping, please contact *Teresa Crasto-Donnelly* at 518-210-9524 or [pdonnellyk@gmail.com](mailto:pdonnellyk@gmail.com) for the 9:30 Mass, and *Fausto Franco* at 518-330-8120 or [fausto\\_franco@hotmail.com](mailto: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