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**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 1, 2021**  
 🎵 🎵 *The Lord gave them bread from heaven.* 🎵 🎵

<p><b>August 1</b>  <b>9:30 am English Mass</b>  <i>For the people of the parish</i></p> <p><b>12:00 pm Spanish Mass</b>    † <i>Maria Estervina Matos</i> by Charlene Cordero    † <i>Judith Durante Barradas</i>    by her daughter Dulce M. Hernández</p>	<p><b>Mass Intentions</b></p> 	<p><b>August 8</b>  <b>9:30 am English Mass</b>    † <i>Elizabeth Sheeran</i> by the McGinty family</p> <p><b>12:00 pm Spanish Mass</b>    † <i>Roberto S. Perez</i> by Nancy Girón Perez</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 July 25**  
**Regular: \$1512.19**  
**Peter's Pence: \$460.95**  
**Food for the Poor: \$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 August 1, 2021**  
*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*The Lord gave them bread from heaven.*

**Sunday August 8, 2021**  
*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

**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:** Face masks must be worn at all times. Six feet social distancing must be observed. During *Holy Communion*: to maintain appropriate “social distancing”, our 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. 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 Sunday, August 8

**First Reading:** 1 Kings 19:4-8  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 34:2-9  
**Second Reading:** Ephesians 4:30-5:2  
**Gospel:** St. John 6:41-51

Our Annual Weekend at  
Pyramid Life Center, August 20-22 is full!  
No more application will be accepted.

#### Shrine Church Administrative Assistant (part-time)

Seeking apart-time Administrative Assistant to support the Chaplain and Pastoral Associate. The Administrative Assistant extends hospitality and welcome to all in the parish and in the community. Assist with communications, maintain records, oversee financial donations, and assist the Chaplain and Pastoral Associate as needed. Bilingual in English and Spanish preferred; 15 hours per week; availability for 2 hours on Sunday preferred, not required. [blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com](mailto:blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com) to request an application.

#### “Faith on Film” – Summer Movie Series

Summer is a great time to go to the movies, and film has long been a medium through which our Christian faith has been portrayed. With that in mind, St. Vincent’s and Blessed Sacrament Parishes will begin hosting a film series called “Faith on Film” at the newly-renovated Madison Theatre in Albany. Films chosen for this series are challenging, inspiring, and sometimes just straight entertaining (with a subtle message). Our Catholic tradition has a universally upheld belief that storytelling is a means of conveying the Gospel, and these films carry on that tradition.

The movie series continues as follows:

**August 10:** “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood”  
**August 31:** “My Italian Secret”

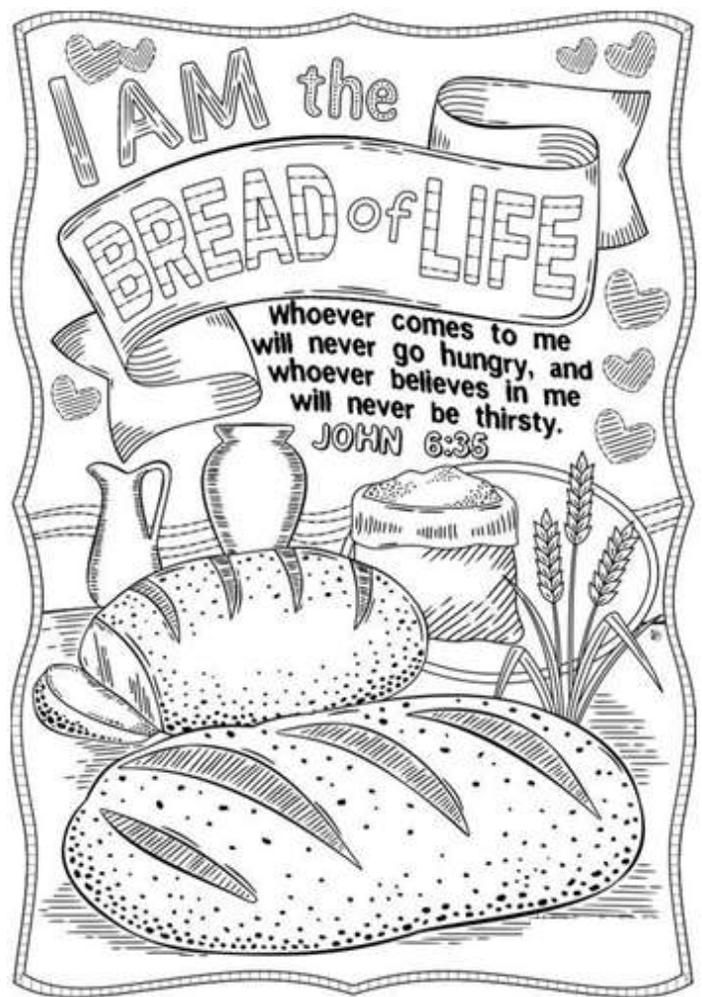
There will be a short introduction to each film. Parking is available in the St. Vincent’s lot (a block from the theatre – don’t park in the Price Chopper lot!). The price of admission is a voluntary contribution to the food pantry. A basket will be made available at the snack counter.

**Online Ministry:** *volunteers* for livestream Sunday Masses. Contact *Teresa Crasto-Donnelly*: 518-210-9524 or [teresacrasto@gmail.com](mailto:teresacrasto@gmail.com) for 9:30 Mass, and *Fausto Franco*: 518-330-8120 or [fausto\\_franco@hotmail.com](mailto:fausto_franco@hotmail.com) 12:00 Mass.

#### Covid Update from Bishop Scharfenberger

We should **continue to wear face masks and social distance** during Mass. This is important for vulnerable people. We are now called and expected to a true, active, live and in person participation in Sunday Mass. If you are sick or suffering from serious illness or in a vulnerable category or experiencing anxiety about returning to Mass in person, you are not obliged to attend Sunday Mass in person.

### Children’s Corner



#### Question of the Week

Adults:

*When has my faith helped me believe without seeing?*

Children:

*Who helps me believe in things I cannot see?*

#### Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for August 2021 “The Church”

*Let us pray for the Church,  
that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace  
and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.*

#### Giving Thanks For Summer

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!  
Thank you for the warmth of the sun  
and the increased daylight.  
Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the  
opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.  
Thank You for the increased time  
I have to be with my friends and family,  
and for the more casual pace of the summer season.  
Draw me closer to You this summer.  
Teach me how I can pray  
no matter where I am or what I am doing.  
Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence  
and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.  
As I enjoy Your creation, create in me  
a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.

- Author Unknown

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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.