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**Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – August 15, 2021**

♪ ♪ *The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.* ♪ ♪

<p><b>August 15</b> 9:30 am English Mass</p> <p><b>12:00 pm Spanish Mass</b> † <i>Guillermina Sosa</i> by Yoni Mercedes</p>	<p><b>Mass Intentions</b></p> 	<p><b>August 22</b> 9:30 am English Mass</p> <p><b>12:00 pm Spanish Mass</b></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 August 8**  
**Regular: \$2449.62**

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 15, 2021**  
*Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
*The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.*

**Sunday August 22, 2021**  
*Twenty-first 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 22**

**First Reading:** Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 34:2-3, 16-21  
**Second Reading:** Ephesians 5:21-32  
**Gospel:** St. John 6:60-69

**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.

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

Seeking part-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. [blesseedsacramentalb@gmail.com](mailto:blesseedsacramentalb@gmail.com) to request an application.

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

St. Vincent’s and Blessed Sacrament Parishes are 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). The last movie will be on **August 31 at 7:00 pm:** “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.

**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.

**Prayer for the Assumption of Mary**

*Father in heaven,  
all creation rightly gives you praise,  
for all life and all holiness come from you.  
In the plan of your wisdom  
she who bore the Christ in her womb was raised body and  
soul in glory to be with him in heaven.  
May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness  
and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Children’s Corner**



The **Albany Capital Center** will host an exhibit **Michaelangelo - A Different View** of over 50 pieces of Michaelangelo’s work, including the ‘*Last Judgement*’. This exhibit will run from July 29 through August 23. Tickets are \$8-\$17 with group and family discounts. Contact Albany Capital Center for tickets.

**Question of the Week**

Adults:  
*What do you trust that God will do for you?*  
Children:  
*What gift of God makes you happy and joyful?*

*Do you have a body?* Then the upcoming event at St. Clement’s in Saratoga is right for you! Christopher West and Mike Mangione lead **an evening of music and conversation exploring why we were made by God and what we were made for and God’s design of us, body and soul.** Christopher and Mike are insistent that we were Made for More. Thursday, Sep. 23, 2021, 7:00-9:30. Tickets are available at Blessed Sacrament office, \$25. [TOBINstitute.org](http://TOBINstitute.org)

**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.