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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 29, 2021

♪ ♪ *The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.* ♪ ♪

August 29

9:30 am English Mass

✠ Shelia Schaltz by John and Sandy McGraw

12:00 pm Spanish Mass

Rafael Arenas by the community

✠ Basilia Correa

by her daughter, Elena Dominguez

✠ Luz María Fabián by Confesora

✠ Rafael Bolívar Franco

by his brother, Faustino Franco

✠ Orlando Santiago by Matilde E. Arias

✠ José Alberto Sánchez

by his aunt, Claribel Sánchez

Mass Intentions



September 5

9:30 am English Mass

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 August 22

Regular: \$1509.20

Catholic Home Missions: \$348.65

Assumption: \$5.00

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 29, 2021

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Sunday September 5, 2021

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Praise the Lord, my soul.

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, September 5

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 146:6-10
Second Reading: James 2:1-5
Gospel: St. Mark 7:31-37

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. blessedsacramentalb@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 for 9:30 Mass, and *Fausto Franco*: 518-330-8120 or fausto_franco@hotmail.com 12:00 Mass.

AOH Communion Breakfast - October 17

There will be Mass at 9:30 at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Americas followed by breakfast at the AOH Hall, 375 Ontario St. The AOH is a Catholic & Irish member organization dedicated to Fraternity, Christian Charity, & Heritage.

Question of the Week

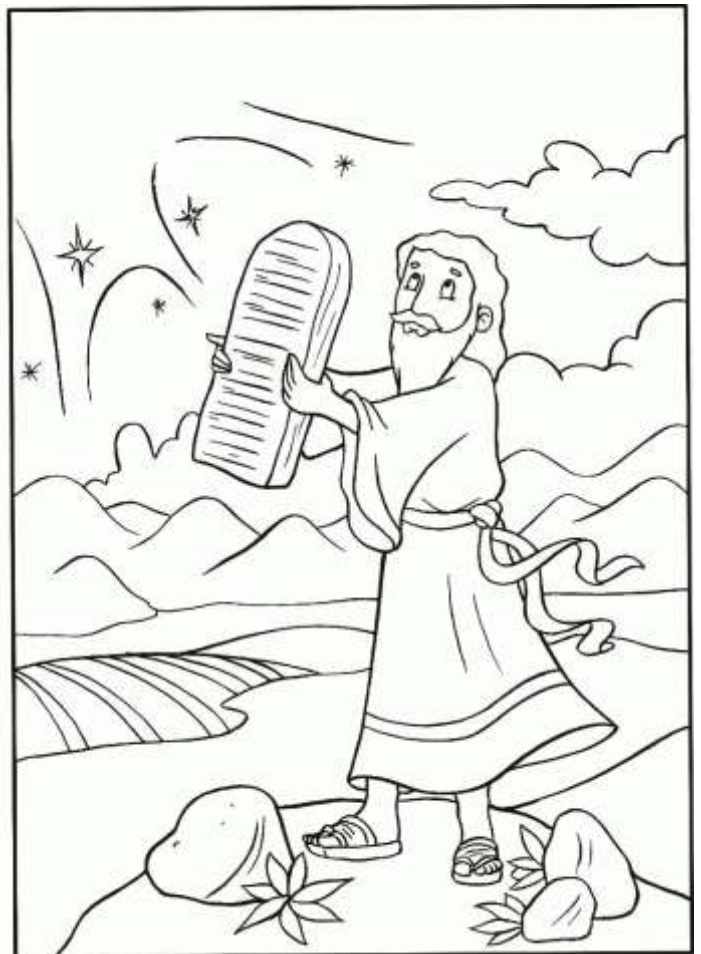
Adults:

How do I prepare my heart to receive the transformative power of God’s words?

Children:

How do I welcome the words of Jesus into my heart?

Children’s Corner



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



A Summer Prayer

*Thank you, God, for the pleasures of summer,
the bright sunny days and perfect moonlit evenings,
the smells of mowed grass and air thick with rain.
Thank you for days at the lake
and evenings chasing fireflies,
for vacations and festivals,
picnics and cookouts,
baseball and concerts and swimsuits and popsicles.
Thank you for the fireworks of thunderstorms,
for watermelon sweetness,
for summer’s pace and summer’s grace,
for all your beauty and power, faithfulness and love,
displayed in summer, Amen.*

**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.