



# SHRINE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS

A MISSION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 5, 2021

♪ *Praise the Lord, my soul.* ♪



## MASS INTENTIONS

September 5

9:30 am English Mass

*For the students and teachers beginning a new school year*

12:00 pm Spanish Mass

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September 12

9:30 am English Mass

Open for intentions

12:00 pm Spanish Mass

Open for intentions

## 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 29**

**Regular: \$ 3254.75**

**Catholic Home Missions: \$60.00**

**Assumption: \$10.00**

If you are unable to attend Mass, please mail checks to  
274 Sherman Street, Albany, NY 12206. *Do not mail cash.*

*Thank you, each and all, who share your  
Time, Talent & Treasure with our community!*

There will be a special Second Collection today  
for People of Haiti.

## DIRECTORY

**SHRINE CHAPLAIN :** *Rev. Francis O'Connor*  
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**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS & ATTACHMENTS:**

Deadline: Wednesdays @ Noon to:

*Claire Nolan, [cbnolou@gmail.com](mailto:cbnolou@gmail.com) ~Sept*

**MASS INTENTIONS :** *Tammy Crasto (518) 229-7345*

*Confesora Franco (518) 542-4192*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, September 5, 2021**

*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Praise the Lord, my soul!*

**Sunday, September 12, 2021**

*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*I will walk before the Lord,  
in the land of the living.*

**Thursday, Sep. 23, 7-9:30 PM**

Do you have a body? Then the upcoming event at St. Clement's in Saratoga is right for you! **Made for More** brings Christopher West and Mike Mangione to 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*. Tickets are available at Blessed Sacrament office, \$25. [TOBINstitute.org](http://TOBINstitute.org)

**Sunday, October 17**

The Ancient Order of Hibernians will be at the 9:30 AM Mass, and then continue to breakfast at the AOH Hall, 375 Ontario St. The AOH is a Catholic & Irish member organization dedicated to Fraternity, Christian Charity, & Heritage.

# MASS DURING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

**General Procedures:** 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. Six feet of social distancing must be observed. Do not gather in groups before or after Mass.

**Holy Communion:** To maintain appropriate distancing, 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.

**Attendance:** 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.

## LECTIO DIVINA

**English:** <https://catholic.bible/category/lectio-divina/>

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

### Readings for Sunday, September 12

**First Reading:** Isaiah 50:5-9a

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 116:1-6, 8-9

**Second Reading:** James 2:14-18

**Gospel:** St. Mark 8:27-35

### 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, assists with communications, maintains records, oversees financial donations, and assists 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. Applications available at [blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com](mailto:blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com).

### Question of the Week

Adults:

*When has the Word of God penetrated my heart and given me the courage to preach the Good News?*

Children:

*What does my belief in Jesus mean to me?*

**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.

# CHILDREN'S CORNER



### A Prayer for the New School Year

*God of all wisdom, we praise you for gifting us with curiosity and learning. Give to all students, teachers, and caregivers a clear sense of your love. May they feel your presence throughout this school year. Guide their choices, their quest for knowledge, and their relationships. Use their successes and failures as opportunities to grow in understanding of who you would have them to be. Continue to shape them, that they may walk in the way of Christ, grow strong in Spirit's love for all people, and know the complete joy of life in you. In the name of Christ our Great Teacher, we pray. Amen. - Linda Witte Henke*

**Help Wanted - Landscaping and End of Summer Yard Cleanup.** Looking for a person to trim and prune shrubs and bushes and to get the yard ready for the winter months. Pine Hills, Albany location. Contact [cbnolou@gmail.com](mailto:cbnolou@gmail.com) for more information.

### To View Masses Online:

Go to the Live Mass on Facebook for All Masses held at the Shrine Church <https://www.facebook.com/shrinechurchofourladyoftheamericas/>

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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.