



**SHRINE CHURCH OF
OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS**
A MISSION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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Sunday, January 2, 2022

Epiphany of Our Lord

♪*Lord, every nation on Earth will adore you.*♪



MASS INTENTIONS

January 2

9:30 am English Mass

✠*Frank McGinty* by the McGinty family

✠*George and Mary Barber* by the Giordano Family

12:00 am Spanish Mass

January 9

9:30 am English Mass

Emily Beckerle by the Giordano Family

✠*Rosa* and ✠*Salvatore Cannavo*

by their daughter *Sylvia Yager*

12:00 am 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 December 26, 2021

Regular: \$2194.00

Christmas: \$1690.00

Assumption: \$125.00

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

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

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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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 2, 2022

Epiphany of Our Lord

Lord, every nation on Earth will adore you.

Sunday January 9, 2022

The Baptism of Our Lord

The Lord will bless His people with peace.

A Christmas Prayer

Emmanuel, God with us you chose to come for each person, destitute and the wealthy, the unfortunate and the privileged, the troubled and the peaceful, the healthy and the ill. You came in human form with a message of extravagant love, showing us how to be with those who have much less than we do. You came offering a gesture of respect and reverence instead of indifference and disdain; giving courteous kindness in place of thoughtless disregard; contributing ongoing support rather than merely holiday handout.

*Change my heart. Turn it inside out,
toward the larger world.*

Remind me daily of those who struggle with their basic existence. Lead me to help change social systems that contribute to this ongoing struggle. Enlarge my awareness. Increase my generosity. Guide my choices of how to live, what I purchase, and how I use my material wealth. Remind me often of your presence in those I tend to ignore or forget Boundless Love, thank you for cherishing each person on this planet.

Joyce Rupp

CORONAVIRUS MASS PROCEDURES

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.

LECTIODIVINA

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

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

Readings for Sunday, January 9

The Baptism of Our Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 29

Second Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

Gospel: St. Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



CHILDREN'S CORNER



My Dear Friends,

"Joy is the echo of God's life within us." This phrase has always enchanted me. "Joy to the World, the Lord is come!" But can there be 'joy' in our hearts when there are so many difficulties, even tragedies to bear? Last week we celebrated a funeral for an 18 year old girl who was killed in an automobile accident. Her mother is devastated. Can there ever be joy in her life again? Many of us have lost a loved one. Others have a life threatening illness.

"Joy to the World!" Is it possible to be joyful. Jesus whose birth we celebrate today promises us that if you believe you will live beyond all your suffering, life to the fullness.

May returning to this glorious birth again and again, to His glorious promises, lead us more deeply into Christmas joy. Joy to the world.

I am grateful, joyful to celebrate this Christmas Mass with you.

Father O'Connor

I wish you a joyful
Merry Christmas

NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME! OR 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.