



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

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Sunday, January 1, 2023

Solemnity of Mary

♪ *May God bless us in his mercy.* ♪



MASS INTENTIONS

January 1

9:00 am English Mass

✠ *Frank McGinty* by the McGinty family

✠ *Elizabeth Anne Linzey* by Joseph Crupi

11:00 am Spanish Mass

January 8

9:00 am English Mass

✠ *Edith Beckerle* by the Giordano family

✠ *George and Mary Barber*
by the Giordano family

11:00 am Spanish Mass

✠ *Francisca Hernández de Rodríguez*
by Carolina, Emely, Mercedes, Dána
and Liliana Rodríguez

✠ *Ernesto Barrio Ramírez*
by his wife, children and grandchildren

SHARING OUR TREASURE

~ Giving as an act of Worship ~

We need at least \$2,750.00 per week in the collections to break even, not counting unexpected maintenance costs.

Information from December 25, 2022

Regular Offertory: \$2658

Immaculate Conception: \$20, Total: \$2678

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

View Masses Online on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/shrinechurchofourladyoftheamericas/>

Mission Statement

"We are a vibrant, welcoming, multi-cultural Catholic community in the heart of the City of Albany celebrating and ministering the presence of Jesus with our parishioners and neighbors."

DIRECTORY

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary

May God bless us in his mercy.

Sunday, January 8

Epiphany of the Lord

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

LECTIO DIVINA

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

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

Sunday, January 8

Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: St. Matthew 2:1-12

Scam Alert: If you receive an email from Fr. O'Connor or Fr. Dan requesting money or gift cards be sent to anyone in need, **It is a scam.**

Hospital Visits:

If you or someone you know is in the hospital, let hospital admissions know that you are a Catholic and what your parish is. Then Father O'Connor or another priest can visit and bring communion to you

Dear "People of God"

"Joy is the echo of God's life within us." That first Christmas night the angels sang gloriously above the manger in Bethlehem, "Joy to the world, the Savior's come."

My Dear Parishioners and Friends, our Christmas visitors and all of you who cannot be with us this Christmas, I wish you joy the deep peace of Jesus in your hearts and in your lives.

On behalf of our Pastor Father Quinn, Father Charles, Deacon Miguel Fabian, our Parish Life Coordinator, Alejandra Saucedo, our Music Director, Debbie Klose (and Tim), our Religious Education Director, Confesora Franco. I wish you deep joy this Christmas and New Year!

Great Peace,

Fr. Frank O'Connor

The Solemnity of Mary – January 1



On New Year's Day, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, with a feast. This celebration is the octave of Christmas. An octave is an eight day extension of the feast. In the modern Roman Calendar, only Christmas and Easter have an octave. This holiday is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus.

It is a reminder of the role she played in the salvation of humankind. The title "Mother of God" is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos, which means "God-bearer". Mary being chosen by God, the Father, to bring Jesus Christ into this world, and her willingness to do so is great cause for celebration. Without her role, Jesus would not have been able to die for the sins of humans, thus giving them a second chance at redemption.

As we start anew with the birth of our savior, and soon the beginning of the new year, along with Fr. Charles and Fr. O'Connor, I'm praying for our parish family & our loved ones, for a joyous and blessed Christmas season, a happy, healthy New Year 2023, and growth for us all as God's children! Please remember us and all our parish, Shrine, and School staff if your prayers,

~ Fr. Dan Quinn

CHILDREN'S CORNER

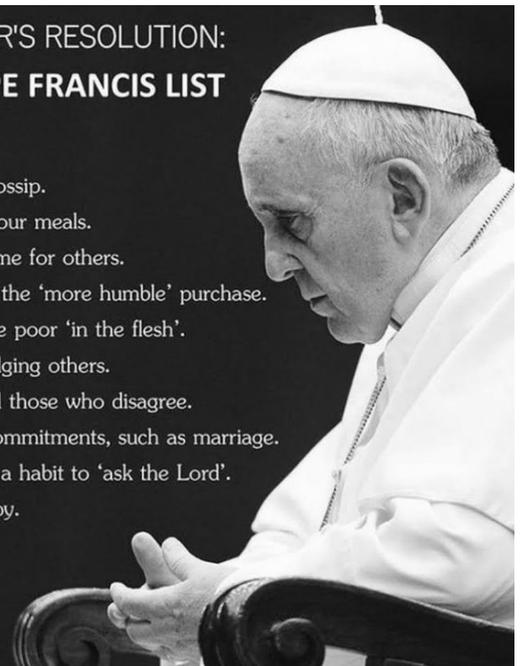


NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: THE POPE FRANCIS LIST

1. Don't gossip.
2. Finish your meals.
3. Make time for others.
4. Choose the 'more humble' purchase.
5. Meet the poor 'in the flesh'.
6. Stop judging others.
7. Befriend those who disagree.
8. Make commitments, such as marriage.
9. Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord'.
10. Be happy.

Paradiso

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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.