



# SHRINE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS

A MINISTRY OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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**Sunday, July 28, 2024**

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*The hand of the Lord feeds us;  
he answers all our needs.*



## MASS INTENTIONS

July 28

9:00 am English Mass

11:00 am Spanish Mass

August 4

9:00 am English Mass

✠ Elizabeth Sheeran by the McGinty family

11:00 am Spanish Mass

✠ Virgilio Tomas Vasquez

## 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.*

**Collection Information for July 21, 2024**

**Regular Offertory: \$2731 Total: \$2731**

### 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."*

**View Masses Online on Facebook:**

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



### Pennies for the Parish

Grab a jar or use your own! Fill it with your pennies, nickels, dimes & quarters! Hand in your filled jars at any Sunday Mass. Thank you very much! "A penny saved is a penny earned", so the saying goes.

### Second Collection July 28: Peter's Pence

The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See.

## DIRECTORY

**SHRINE CHAPLAIN:** *Rev. Francis O'Connor*  
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, July 28**

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.*

**Sunday, August 4**

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*The Lord gave them bread from heaven.*

## LECTIO DIVINA

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

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

**Sunday, August 4 – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday on Ordinary Time**

**First Reading:** Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

**Gospel:** St. John 6:24-35

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

**Hospital Visits:** Please notify our Shrine Church Office at 518-465-3685 and/or Fr. O'Connor at 518-588-2531 or Deacon Fabian or our Pastoral Associate Alejandra Saucedo about any member of our community who is in the hospital or is homebound and not able to come to church.  
**In case of an emergency** requiring the ministry of a priest, outside of parish office hours, especially in danger of death, please contact the priests at (518) 482-3375. If no one answers, please leave a message.

### Spanish Speaking Reflection Group

The reflection group will meet again in September with a study of The Pauline Letters. We will meet on Mondays, from 6 to 7 p.m., for 10 sessions. The cost of the 2 books (commentary and study guide) is \$19.00. As always, everyone is invited. Those interested can contact Yocasta Fabián or Linda Sánchez.

### Mark your calendars!!!! Our 37th annual parish weekend at Pyramid Life Center is August 16-18th.

Enjoy the beauty of the Adirondacks with your family and church community at an affordable price for food and lodging! We hope to see you there!!!



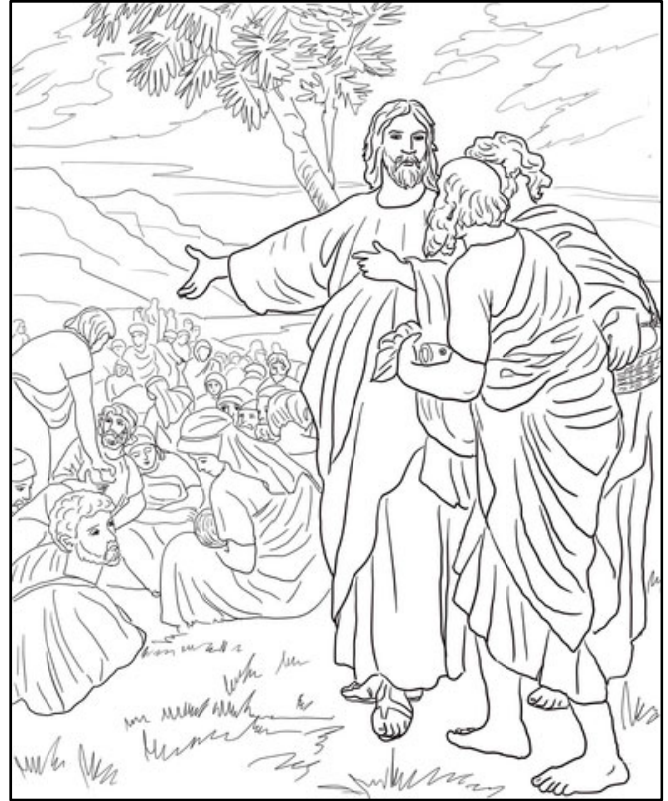
The **52nd Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration** will be held on **Sunday, September 29th, 2024**, at 3:00 PM, at Christ Our Light Catholic Church, 1 Maria Drive, in Loudonville. Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will celebrate the Mass at 3:00 PM and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the Parish Hall at Christ Our Light immediately following Mass. Please register through your parish office or by email to [Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org](mailto:Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org).

### Support Our Catholic Schools

We are looking for donors to help pay all three middle schools, All Saints, Blessed Sacrament, and Mater Christi, to take a bus trip to the Martyr's Shrine in Auriesville on Sep. 25, to kick off the school year on the right foot with a pilgrimage to our most holy local site. As this trip would be for about 240 of our Catholic School students, if you would be willing to help out with the school bus bill, the lunch bill, or any of the other materials we're going to need for this day trip, please make a separate restricted donation to our school for this purpose. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity!

**Food Pantry:** We currently need elbow & spaghetti pasta, jelly, macaroni and cheese, Spaghettios (larger than single serving size), cereal, personal and feminine hygiene items, coffee, and diapers in sizes 3 and 4. Thank you! For every \$2.50 "Fight Hunger" shopping bag sold in July at Hannaford, 900 Central Ave., Albany, our food pantry will receive \$1!

## CHILDREN'S CORNER



### Mark Your Calendars

#### Family Festival at Blessed Sacrament

The annual Family Festival will be held September 28th! The virtual Silent Auction has become one of the most popular events at the festival. This year, we will be adding ways for everyone to participate in our Silent Auction as well as adding another special auction in the school gym. You can help ... we welcome you or someone you know to donate a basket or prize packages to be auctioned. Also, keep putting those craft skills to work with items for our craft booth. Please help us make this an even bigger event this year!

#### Worldwide Marriage Encounter: *Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time:*

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <https://wwmectw.org/>.

Some of the dates to sign up are:

August 2-4, 2024 in Portland, CT

September 20-22 in Huntington, NY

October 18-20 in Sunapee, NH