



SHRINE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS

A Ministry of Blessed Sacrament Parish

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Sunday, September 1, 2024

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



MASS INTENTIONS

September 1

9:00 am English Mass

11:00 am Spanish Mass

✠ Roberto Perez by his family

September 8

9:00 am English Mass

11:00 am Spanish Mass

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 August 25, 2024

Regular Offertory: \$2840 (Includes \$76 Assumption)

Catholic Home Missions: \$413 Total: \$3253

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.

DIRECTORY

SHRINE CHAPLAIN: *Rev. Francis O'Connor*
(518) 482-3375 or (518) 588-2531

DEACON: *Rev. Miguel Fabián*

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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS & ATTACHMENTS:

Deadline: Wednesdays@ Noon to:

Tammy Crasto, tmcrasto@hotmail.com

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

Confesora Franco (518) 542-4192

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 1

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, September 8

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Praise the Lord, my soul!

LECTIO DIVINA

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

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

Sunday, September 8 – 23rd Sunday on Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

Gospel: St. Mark 7:31-37

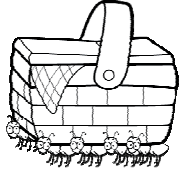
Scam Alert: If you receive an email or text from Fr. O'Connor or Fr. Dan requesting money or gift cards be sent to anyone in need, **It is a scam.**

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 first session will be Monday, September 16. 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.



Save the Date: Annual Parish Picnic – September 22

It will be held at Colonie Cook Park.
More details to follow.

Community Celebration Days

We are blessed to belong to multi-cultural community! In the future we would like to have some special bilingual Masses as full community followed by light refreshments and sharing of our faith together. Over the next several weeks, tune in to learn more about why these celebrations will be a wonderful way to celebrate our unity in Christ.

Bilingual Masses: Sacrificing Ourselves

A bilingual Mass is an enriching, unique, edifying, and transforming life experience. The U.S. Bishops state that “In the celebration of the Mass the faithful form a holy people, the people God has made his own, a royal priesthood, so that they may give thanks to God and offer the spotless Victim not only through the hands of the priest, but also together with him, and so that they may learn to offer themselves.” So what does it mean to “offer” ourselves? One way of offering ourselves is to put aside personal preferences and think of the parish family first by participating fully in communal worship. Mass is not about you or me, it is about us. Whenever we briefly stop understanding spoken or sung words at Mass because another language is being used, let’s remember that someone else is being welcomed to the table. In this way our sacrifice becomes a meaningful offering of ourselves and we are transformed by the Holy Spirit in ways that reveal God’s love.

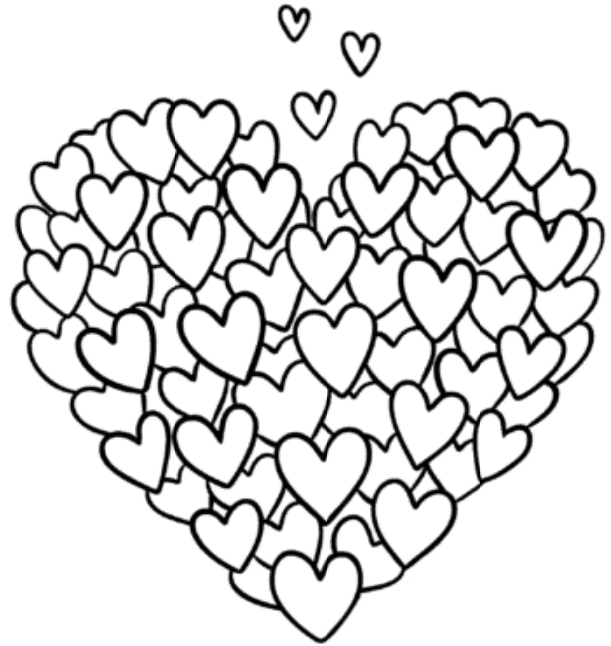
Excerpts from *Bilingual Masses: Sacrificing Ourselves* by Sanitago Fernández

Tea and Short Reads

Our next session of Tea & Short Reads is right around the corner! Join us for eight Wednesdays of October & November for more discussions of Christian themes in short stories, poems, & essays! We will meet every Wednesday at 12:30, as usual, but now at 12 Rosemont St., All Saints Catholic Church Parish Offices, in the “Upper Room” (immediately next to All Saints Academy) Parking is available in the lot from Brevator St., and limited parking on Rosemont! The readings are available for free on Blessed Sacrament's website: <https://blessedsacramentalbany.org/tea-short-reads/>

CHILDREN’S CORNER

Create a clean heart in me, O God.



Registration for Catechesis - 2024 - 2025

Registration on Sundays, August 04, 2024 - September 08, 2024, 1:00 pm — 2:00 pm

We ask for a donation of \$40.00 for one child and \$60.00 per family with more than one child.



Classes begin:

Tuesday, September 17, 2024 - 6:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m. in Spanish and Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm — 8:00 pm in English

Confirmation Friday at 7:00pm—8:00pm English and Confirmation Wednesday 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm Spanish

RCIA Wednesdays from 6:pm – 7:30pm Spanish

We Will Wait For You!

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. 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!