



SHRINE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS

A Ministry of Blessed Sacrament Parish

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Sunday, September 8, 2024

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Praise the Lord, my soul!



MASS INTENTIONS

September 8

9:00 am English Mass

11:00 am Spanish Mass

✠ *Trinidad de Argueta* on her anniversary
In thanksgiving for *Maricela Aguilar*

September 15

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 September 1, 2024

Regular Offertory: \$2492

(Includes \$110 Initial Offering)

Bequest to The Shrine Church: \$2000 Total: \$4492

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*

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE: *Alejandra Saucedo*
(518) 465-3685, ext.12.

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Confesora Franco, (518) 542-4192

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(518) 482-3375 or (518) 588-2531

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 8

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Sunday, September 15

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

LECTIO DIVINA

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

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

Sun., September 15 – 24th Sunday on Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9a

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Second Reading: James 2:14-18

Gospel: St. Mark 8:27-35

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.

Community Celebration Days

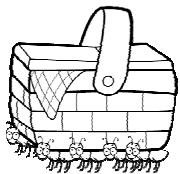
We are blessed to belong to multi-cultural community! In the future we would like to have some special bilingual Masses as full community followed by light refreshments and sharing of our faith together. Over the next several weeks, tune in to learn more about why these celebrations will be a wonderful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

Parish Picnic – Sunday September 22, 2024



Please save the date for our Parish Picnic, to be held this year at Cook Park in Colonie 1:00pm to sundown. Everyone is invited! Hard working parishioners will prepare hamburgers and hot dogs. Please consider bringing a dish to share. Sign-up by the gathering area.

Dear community,

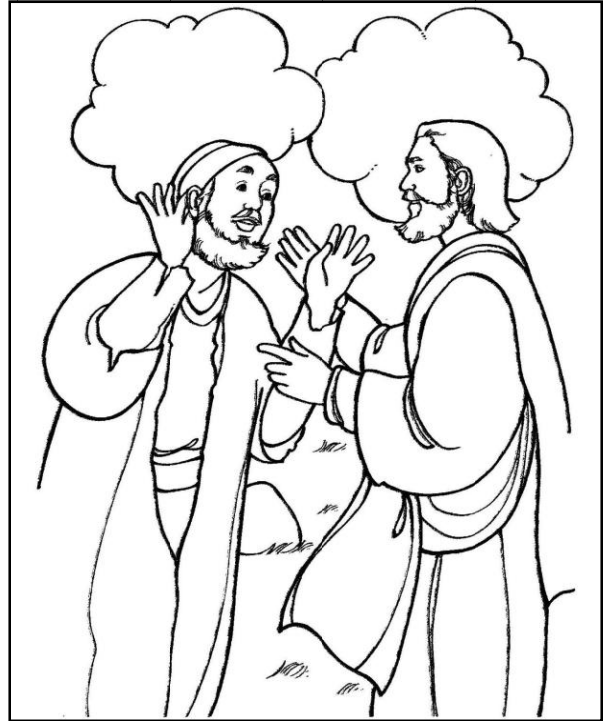
I am writing to you to share that my mother recently had back surgery and she is in a period of recovery. I will be taking three months leave from my position as Pastoral Associate of the Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas beginning September 1, 2024 so that I can be attentive to her care in Dallas, TX.

Confesora Franco is agreeable to assuming my responsibilities during my absence. I anticipate returning to my position on December 1, 2024.

This parish is incredibly special, and its absolute privilege to get to be part of it. Thank you for your constant support. God bless you, and know that I’m praying for you always!

~Alejandra Saucedo

CHILDREN’S CORNER



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!

Voices from the Torah: Poetry by *Bertrand Fay*
Presented by The Very Rev’d David Wm. Mickiewicz
Explore the inner thoughts of people from our most ancient stories, Adam, Cain and Seth, Isaac, Eve. Held on:

Sunday, 3 October 2024 at 3:00pm,

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Corner of Eagle & Madison, Albany, NY

Sunday, 3 November 2024 at 3:00pm,

The Church of Christ the King, 20 Sumpter Avenue, Albany, NY