



SHRINE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS

A Ministry of Blessed Sacrament Parish

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Sunday, March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!



MASS INTENTIONS

March 10

9:00 am English Mass

† Maggie Gilroy by Maureen Jeffers

11:00 am Spanish Mass

March 18

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 March 3, 2024

Regular Offertory: \$3030

(Includes \$231 Easter Flowers)

Total: \$3030

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/>

Second Collection – Today

Catholic Relief Services

CRS carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas.

Please give generously.

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 10

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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Sunday, March 17

Fifth Sunday in Lent

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

LECTIO DIVINA

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

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

Sunday, March 17 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: St. John 12:20-33

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.

Lenten Schedule

Lectio Divina and Reflection Group

There will be Lectio Divina on Tuesdays in English via Zoom, 7:00 pm (Contact Tammy at tmcrasto@hotmail.com for the link.) – starts February 13 and our Spanish-speaking reflection group will meet this Lent on Mondays. Sessions will begin on Monday, February 19 at 6:00 pm.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday, there will be a bilingual Mass, Stations of the Cross, and Soup and Reflection starting at 6:00 pm.

Reconciliation

During Lent, Father O'Connor will be available for confessions after both Sunday Masses, after the Ash Wednesday Mass, and during Soup/Reflection on Fridays.

Calling All Saint Rose Alums! Save the date:

Saturday, May 18, 2024 for the day we are inviting alums to campus to celebrate the 103 year history of the College of Saint Rose. If you have ideas about what you would like to have happen or are willing to assist on one of the committees involved in making this a wonderful time to come together - email us at

HonoringSaintRose@strose.edu. For ongoing information about the schedule of events, check out:

<https://www.strose.edu/honoring-saint-rose/>

Tax Statements: "If you would like a 2023 tax statement for your donations, please call the Shrine office or email your request to mfredette103@gmail.com."

Support Our School: Blessed Sacrament!

1. Annual "Awesome April" Spring Raffle and Chicken Parmesan Dinner will be held this year on Saturday, **April 6th** from 5-7 p.m. in the school gym.
2. **Monte Carlo Night:** Join us on Friday, **April 5th** from 6-11 p.m. at the Albany Shaker Firehouse, 555 Albany-Shaker Rd., for raffles, prizes, games, hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and more! Tickets are \$75 each and can be obtained by calling the school.



St. Patrick's Day Mass at Blessed Sacrament



This year's annual St. Patrick's Day Mass will be **March 16 @ 9 a.m.** followed by a reception in the school hall. All are invited to be part of the celebration. We are looking for volunteers to help as greeters, ushers, reception workers. If you are able to help, please call the parish office.

CHILDREN'S CORNER



Memorial & Healing Mass For Anyone Who Has Experienced Miscarriage, Stillbirth, Or Early Infant Death. As Catholics, we believe life begins at the moment of conception. Those who have suffered miscarriage, stillbirth, or early infant death, are invited to come for healing, prayer, and community on Wed, March 20, 2024 at 6:30pm at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Schenectady.

The **Chrism Mass** will be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on **Thursday, March 21st at 7:00pm.** All are welcome to attend.

Easter Flower Given in Memory of:



Mary & Charlie DeJulio	Linda Keeley
Samuel, John & Joseph Pastore	John McGraw
Veronica McGraw	Louis Mrak
Frances Mrak	Father Ackoh
Amissad Family	Asante Family
Barbara & Jimmy Crawford	Phyllis Gooding
Whitfield Gooding	C. Agnes Frank
Mary & Donald Engel	John Felts
Alice & Henry Tammany	Anel Antonio Torres
Alejandro Dominguez	Basilia Correa
Rafael Dominguez	Argueta Family
Argueta Arana	

Tea & Short Reads

Join us at the Pine Hills Branch of the Albany Public Library for Round IV for Tea & Short Reads, our little-book club. More information available, and the stories themselves, under "Events" at www.BlessedSacramentAlbany.org.