



SHRINE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS

A MINISTRY OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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Sunday, April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent

*The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*



MASS INTENTIONS

April 6

9:00 am English Mass

11:00 am Spanish Mass

April 13

9:00 am English Mass

✠ *John McGinty* by the McGinty family

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 30, 2025

Regular Offertory: \$2130

(Includes \$245 Easter Flowers)

Black, Native & Latin Americans: \$5

Catholic Relief Services: \$387 Total: \$2522

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!



DIRECTORY

SHRINE CHAPLAIN: *Rev. Francis O'Connor*

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Deadline: Wednesdays@ Noon to:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 6

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

LECTIODIVINA

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

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

Sun., April 13 – Palm Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: St. Luke 19:28-40

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. Quinn 518-482-3375 or Deacon Fabian or our Pastoral Associate Confesora Franco 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.

Easter Flower Donation given in memory of:

Mary & Charles De Julio	Linda Keeley
De Julio & Pastore deceased family members	
Roseanne Goodman	Alice & Henry Tammany
Mary & Donald Engels	John Felts
Donald Engels	Rita Mary Nolan
Claire L. Nolan	Edward P. Nolan, MD
Alejandro Dominguez	Basilisa Correa
Rafael Dominguez	Angel Antonio Torres
All Souls in Purgatory	Ivan Quansah
Mary Asante	Habiba Saeed
Frank Gooding Families	Thomas J. Martino Sr.
Edward Blue Dennis	Linda M. Martino
Tammy Leigh Matthews	Benfatto Family
Calcagno Family	Irene Hillman
Jeanne Roulleau	Familia Argueta Arana
Nancy Byrne	Vinny Caccese
Pat Dennis	Anne De Stefano
Larry Dyer	Seana Munson
Maureen Tilley	Pascual Elias Franco
Teofilo Fabian	Aurelia Motusde Franco
Guillermo Miguel Solis	Erineo Diaz Ortiz

Our Shrine Church choir members **Rick and Meg Eckhardt** will join with the **Octavo Singers and the Schenectady-Saratoga Symphony Orchestra** to perform the powerful and dramatic VERDI's REQUIEM. **Sunday, April 13, 3:00 p.m.** at Proctor's Theater in Schenectady.

Mass Intentions

When making a Mass Intention Donation, please make checks payable to Blessed Sacrament as Blessed Sacrament maintains the Mass Intention account for both churches. Donations are then used to offset the cost of priests saying Mass. The suggested donation for a mass intention is \$15.

Important Opportunity: With the recent changes at Blessed Sacrament, All Saints, and Mater Christi Parishes regarding their schools, part of our new governance model is to assemble a single new school board to oversee the parish schools in the city of Albany. We are seeking candidates to be proposed who would serve on the new **Albany City Catholic School Board**. Good candidates for the school board exhibit: the ability to advocate supportively in areas of importance to the educational program and school culture, a willingness to give the time to serve conscientiously, the ability to act without bias in the best interest of the students and of the school, a life lived in consistency with the teachings of Jesus and his Church to serve others in response to their baptismal call, expertise in human development, education, finance, law, or financial development, and active membership at one of the parishes in Albany. Candidates' names, along with their contact information and a brief description from the person or people proposing them as to why they would make a good candidate, may be sent to Fr. Quinn at daniel.quinn@rcda.org.

CHILDREN'S CORNER



Chrism Mass: Thursday, April 10, 2025, 7pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 125 Eagle St., Albany.

Palm Sunday and Easter Triduum Schedule



Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13, 9:00 am Mass in English and 11:00 am Mass in Spanish

Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 17, 7:00 pm Bilingual Mass

Good Friday

Friday, April 18, 6:00 pm Bilingual Service

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 19, 7:45 pm Bilingual Mass

Easter ~ Pascual

Sunday, April 20, 9:00 am Mass in English and 11:00 am Mass in Spanish

Holy Thursday Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of Jesus

The tradition of visiting seven churches on Holy Thursday may date to Rome at the time of S. Philip Neri in the 16th century. Many older parishioners remember this tradition. We take the time to pray and reflect on what took place at the Last Supper, including how Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and gave them his own body and blood in the Eucharist. We also pray and reflect on what happened at each of the seven places Jesus was brought afterward, until the Crucifixion on Good Friday. We ask you to retrace the steps of Jesus by visiting 7 churches in the Albany area on Thursday evening, April 17. A pilgrim passport will be available at your church beginning on Palm Sunday to pick up along with a list of participating Albany area churches. Go on your own or organize a carful of fellow pilgrims.