



# SHRINE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS

A MINISTRY OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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**Sunday, March 24, 2024**

***Palm Sunday***

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



## MASS INTENTIONS

March 24

**9:00 am English Mass**

✠ Grant and ✠ Alice Ford

✠ Helen McGinty by the McGinty family

♥ Jean Marks on her birthday ♥

✠ Louis Mrak by Sandy and John McGraw

**11:00 am Spanish Mass**

✠ Eufemia Muñoz

March 31

**9:00 am English Mass**

✠ Jane, ✠ Frank and ✠ Elizabeth 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 17, 2024**

**Regular Offertory: \$2402**

**(Includes \$96 Easter Flowers)**

**Catholic Relief Services \$2051 Total: \$4453**

### 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/>

**Collection for the Holy Land – Good Friday, Mar. 29**

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes to them from this worldwide collection. Please be generous. Thank you!

## DIRECTORY

**SHRINE CHAPLAIN:** *Rev. Francis O'Connor*

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**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS & ATTACHMENTS:**

Deadline: Wednesdays@ Noon to:

*Tammy Crasto*, [tmcrasto@hotmail.com](mailto:tmcrasto@hotmail.com)

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, March 24**

***Palm Sunday***

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

**Sunday, March 31**

***Easter Sunday***

*This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.*

## LECTIO DIVINA

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

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

**Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday**

**First Reading:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:1-4

**Gospel:** St. John 20:1-9

**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.



## Holy Week

### Holy Thursday

- Thursday, March 28/Bilingual Mass at 7:00 pm

### Good Friday

- Friday, March 29/Bilingual Service at 6:00 pm

### Easter Vigil

- Saturday, March 30/Bilingual Mass at 7:30 pm

### Easter Sunday

- Sunday, March 31/9:00 am Mass in English and 11:00 am Mass in Spanish

**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](mailto:mfredette103@gmail.com)."

### 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](mailto:HonoringSaintRose@strose.edu). For ongoing information about the schedule of events, check out:

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

### Support Our School: Blessed Sacrament!

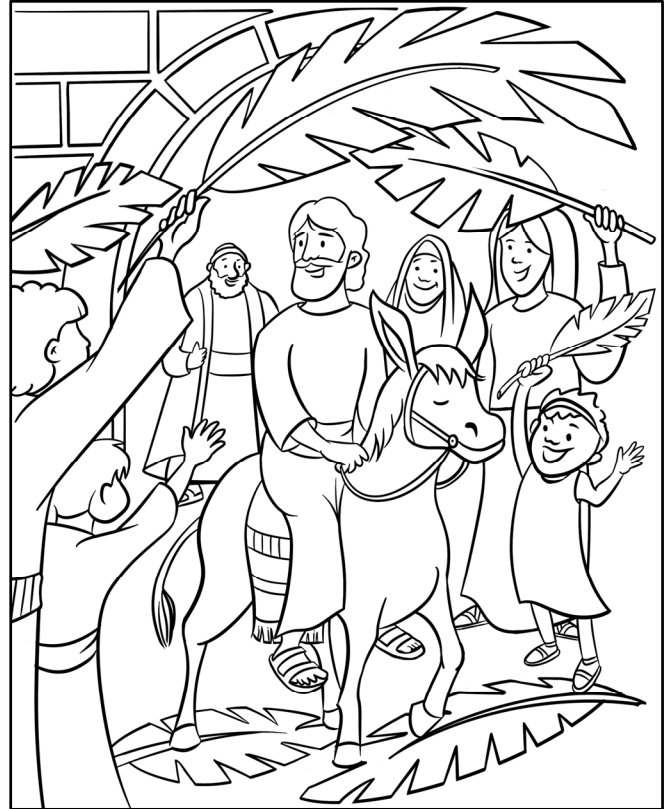
1. Annual "Awesome April" Spring Raffle and Chicken Parmesan Dinner will be held this year on Saturday, April 6th from 5-7 p.m. in the school gym.
2. Monte Carlo Night: Join us on Friday, April 5th from 6-11 p.m. at the Albany Shaker Firehouse, 555 Albany-Shaker Rd., for raffles, prizes, games, hors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

### 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](http://www.BlessedSacramentAlbany.org).

## CHILDREN'S CORNER



### Easter Flower Given in Memory of:



<i>Mary &amp; Charlie DeJulio</i>	<i>Linda Keeley</i>
<i>Samuel, John &amp; Joseph Pastore</i>	<i>John McGraw</i>
<i>Veronica McGraw</i>	<i>Louis Mrak</i>
<i>Frances Mrak</i>	<i>Father Ackoh</i>
<i>Amissad Family</i>	<i>Asante Family</i>
<i>Barbara &amp; Jimmy Crawford</i>	<i>Phyllis Gooding</i>
<i>Whitfield Gooding</i>	<i>C. Agnes Frank</i>
<i>Mary &amp; Donald Engel</i>	<i>John Felts</i>
<i>Alice &amp; Henry Tammany</i>	<i>Anel Antonio Torres</i>
<i>Alejandro Dominguez</i>	<i>Basilia Correa</i>
<i>Rafael Dominguez</i>	<i>Argueta Family</i>
<i>Argueta Arana</i>	<i>Cannavo Family</i>
<i>Domenica Cusale</i>	<i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Nicita</i>
<i>Melita Family</i>	<i>Jack Martone</i>
<i>Greg Martin</i>	<i>Popi &amp; Mimi Martino</i>
<i>Ed &amp; Ann McCarthy</i>	<i>Benfatto Family</i>
<i>Calcagno Family</i>	<i>Caramanico Family</i>
<i>Fr. Jim Hayes</i>	