



SHRINE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS

A MINISTRY OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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Sunday, December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

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



MASS INTENTIONS

December 8

10:00 am Bilingual Mass

For the people of our parish

December 15

9:00 am English Mass

† McGinty and † Sheeran Families
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 December 1, 2024

Regular Offertory: \$3290

(Includes Christmas Flowers \$450)

Total: \$3290

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*

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DEACON: *Rev. Miguel Fabián*

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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS & ATTACHMENTS:

Deadline: Wednesdays@ Noon to:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 8

Second Sunday of Advent

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

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

Sunday, December 15

Third Sunday of Advent

*Cry out with joy and gladness:
for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.*

LECTIO DIVINA

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

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

Sun., December 15 – Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: St. Luke 3:10-18

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.

How Can I Help?

Food Pantry: Please consider donating to our food pantry especially as the holidays are quickly approaching and there is great need! The pantry is currently looking for: cranberry sauce, stuffing, gravy, diapers, personal hygiene products, and feminine hygiene products. Our food pantry is open Mondays and Thursdays, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

The Boutique: Our thrift store is open on Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon, and accepts donations on Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon. We are now accepting Christmas items! Kindly wait until spring to donate spring and summer clothing.

Taconic Catholic Young Adult Group and the Diocese of Albany invite you to a Young Adult Semi-Formal Epiphany Ball.

What: Semi-formal dinner and dance

When: Saturday, January 11, 2025

Time: 6 PM to 10 PM: Appetizers, drinks, dinner, and dancing

Where: St. Mary's Church – Crescent; 86 Church Hill Road, Waterford

Ticket Cost: \$20 per person “Early Bird”; \$25 after January 1; \$30 per person at the door

Register: <https://www.bohmdesigns.com/ball/>

Questions: ardensFidelis@proton.me or
Thomas.Cronin@rcda.org

CHILDREN'S CORNER



Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe



Dearest Lady of Guadalupe, fruitful Mother of Holiness, teach me your ways of gentleness and strength. Hear my prayer offered with deepfelt confidence to beg this favor.... O

Mary, conceived without sin, I come to your throne of grace to share the fervent devotion of your

faithful Mexican children who call to you under the glorious Aztec title of “Guadalupe” the virgin who crushed the serpent. Queen of Martyrs, whose Immaculate heart was pierced by seven wounds of grief, help me to walk valiantly amid the sharp thorns thrown across my pathway. Queen of Apostles aid me to win souls for the Sacred Heart of my Savior. I plead this through the merits of your merciful Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Christmas Flower Donations in Memory/Honor of:

Mary & Charles De Julio
Samuel, Joe & John Pastore
Whitfield F. Gooding
Agnes C. Frank
Veronica McGraw
Frances Mrak
Basilisa Correas
Rafael Dominguez
Thomas Martino Sr.
Greg Martin
The Asante Family
The LeJunene Family
Alice & Henry Tammany
Don Engel
Donnie Engel
Benfatto Family
Departed Family and Friends
Claire L. Nolan
James & Mary Curran
Kitty & Norman Burgess
Maureen & Brian Jeffers
Juan Casado

Roseanne Goodman
Linda Keeley
Phyllis K. Gooding
John McGraw
Louis Mrak
Angel Torres Vega
Alejandro Dominguez
Ed Olsieski
Sam Martino Jr.
Popi & Mimi Martino
The Amissah Family
Fr. Ackoh
John Felts
Mary Engel
Irene Hillman
Calcagno Family
Fr. Jim Hayes
Edward P. Nolan
Red & Helen Flatthy
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