



# SHRINE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS

A Ministry of Blessed Sacrament Parish

274 Sherman Street, Albany, NY 12206 (Rear Entrance)  
(518) 465-3685, Ext. 12 English; Ext. 13 Spanish

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**Sunday, March 17, 2024**

***Fifth Sunday in Lent***

*Create a clean heart in me, O God.*



## MASS INTENTIONS

March 17

**9:00 am English Mass**

**11:00 am Spanish Mass**

March 24

**9:00 am English Mass**

✠ Grant and ✠ Alice Ford

✠ Helen McGinty by the McGinty family

♥ Jean Marks on her birthday ♥

**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 10, 2024**

**Regular Offertory: \$2795**

(Includes \$10 Easter Flowers & \$20 Christmas)

**Catholic Relief Services: \$453 Total: \$3248**

### 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/>

*Happy  
Saint Patrick's  
Day*

## 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](mailto:tmcrasto@hotmail.com)

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, March 17**

***Fifth Sunday in Lent***

*Create a clean heart in me, O God.*

**Sunday, March 24**

***Palm Sunday***

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

## LECTIO DIVINA

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

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

**Sunday, March 24 - 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. Mark 11:1-10 (Passion: Mark 14:1—15:47)

**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](mailto:tmcrasto@hotmail.com) for the link.) and our Spanish-speaking reflection group will meet this Lent on Mondays 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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

#### Memorial and Healing Mass for anyone who experienced miscarriage, stillbirth and early infant death

March 20, 2024 at 6:30 pm  
St. Paul Apostle Church, 2733 Albany St., 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.

## 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.

#### 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).

#### 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	