



**SHRINE CHURCH OF
OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS**
A MISSION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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Sunday, March 3, 2024

Third Sunday in Lent

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.



MASS INTENTIONS

March 3

9:00 am English Mass

† Grant Ford by his family

♣ Members of the AOH and LAOH ♣,
both living and deceased

11:00 am Spanish Mass

March 10

9:00 am English Mass

† Maggie Gilroy by Maureen Jeffers

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 February 25, 2024

Regular Offertory: \$2167

(Includes \$55 Fuel & \$10 Easter Flowers)

Black, Native & Latin Americans: \$1 Total: \$2168

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 – March 10

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*
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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS & ATTACHMENTS:

Deadline: Wednesdays@ Noon to:
Tammy Crasto, tmcrasto@hotmail.com

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 3

Third Sunday in Lent

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Sunday, March 11

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

LECTIO DIVINA

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

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

Sunday, March 11 ~ Fourth Sunday in Lent

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: St. John 3:14-21

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.

Deacon Information Sessions

Do you feel the call or know of someone who might be interested in becoming a deacon? There are two information sessions:

- Thursday, March 7 at 7:00pm in the St. Mary Clinton Heights Parish Hall
- Saturday, March 23 at 10:00am in the St. John the Evangelist parish building in Schenectady

Following the information nights, there will be a Deacon Inquirer discernment retreat on Saturday, April 6 at St. Ambrose from 8:30am to 5:00pm. This event will be by invitation only.

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.

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

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.

NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME! OR HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?

Please fill in your information below and drop in the collection. Date: _____

Name: _____ () I am new to the parish.

Address: _____ () Send me "The Evangelist".

Phone: _____ Email: _____ () Please send church envelopes.