



# SHRINE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS

A MINISTRY OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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**Sunday, March 2, 2025**

*Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*



## MASS INTENTIONS

March 2

10:00 am Bilingual Mass

March 9

9:00 am English Mass

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 23, 2025**

**Regular Offertory: \$3296**

(Includes \$20 Christmas, \$21 Solemnity of Mary, \$100 Fuel & \$80 Easter Flowers)

**Total: \$3296**

### 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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**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 2**

*Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*

**Sunday, March 9**

*First Sunday in Lent*

*Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.*

## LECTIODIVINA

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

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

**Sun., March 9 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 26:4-10

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 91:1-2, 10-15

**Second Reading:** Romans 10:8-13

**Gospel:** St. Luke 4:1-13

**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 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.

### **Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry**

Our food pantry currently needs the following items: toilet paper, juice (64 oz.), tuna fish, jelly, beef stew, and rice (11lb). Personal & feminine hygiene and cleaning products are always needed. Looking to have a list of volunteers on an 'as needed' basis to cover for sickness and planned time away. If you can help, please contact Blessed Sacrament parish office!

### **Blessed Sacrament Boutique**

Shopping hours are 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays, with donations accepted on Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m.-noon. We cannot accept books, some electronics, fabric scraps, or clothing in need of repair or dirty. Unwanted items are an expense to the church to dispose of. We need men's winter coats!

### **Tax Statements:**



If you would like a 2024 tax statement for your donations, please call the Shrine office or email your request to [mfredette103@gmail.com](mailto:mfredette103@gmail.com).

### **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*

### **Second Collection Next Week – March 9 Black and Indian Mission Collection**

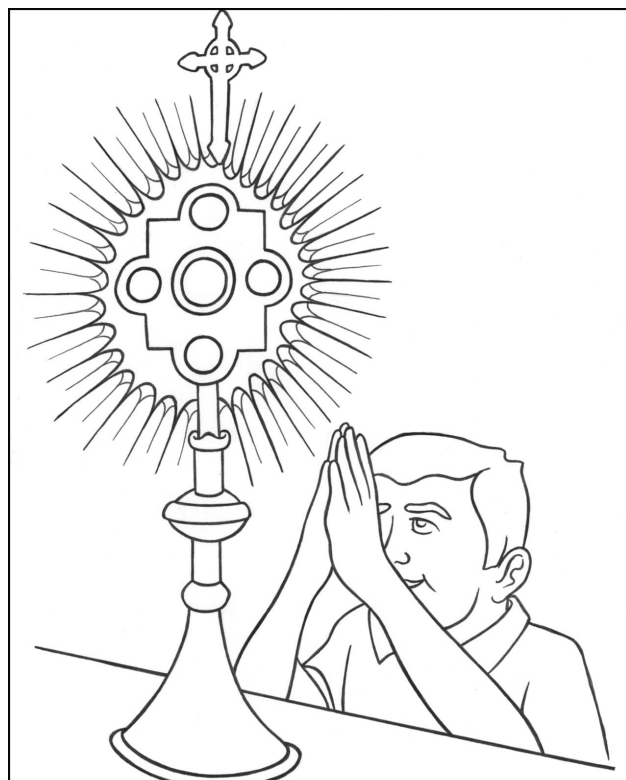
This collection exists to help local African American and Native American Diocesan Communities throughout the United States spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground. Please be generous!

**Miscarriage Ministry Web Page:** The new Miscarriage Ministry in our diocese now has a webpage <https://www.rcda.org/miscarriageministry>. Many thanks to Shaunda Penny and Katie Grogan, the driving forces behind this effort and to Mary Fay for her work in getting this webpage together. Check it out and spread the word.

### **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.) – starts March 4

## **CHILDREN'S CORNER**



### **The Importance of Eucharistic Adoration**

The importance of Eucharistic Adoration is shown in the fact that the Church has a ritual that regulates it: the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction. This is an extension of the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which occurs in every Mass: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church. The Rite concludes with the ordained minister blessing the faithful with the Blessed Sacrament.

### **Lenten Schedule**

#### **March 5, 2025 – Ash Wednesday**

English at Blessed Sacrament Church: Mass at 7:00 am, Service (School) at 9:00 am, and Service at 12:00 pm  
Spanish Service at the Shrine Church at 7:00 pm

#### **Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday in Lent, there will be a bilingual Mass, Stations of the Cross, and Soup and Reflection starting at 6:30 pm.

#### **Reconciliation**

Father Dan will be available for confessions after Sunday Masses starting March 16, after the Ash Wednesday Service, and during Soup/Reflection on March 7, 14, & 21.