



SHRINE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS

A MINISTRY OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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Sunday, December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.



MASS INTENTIONS

December 1

9:00 am English Mass

11:00 am Spanish Mass

December 8

10:00 am Bilingual Mass

For the people of our parish

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 November 24, 2024

Regular Offertory: \$3465.41

(Includes Pennies for Parish \$1436.41, Christmas Flowers \$70, Fuel \$10, All Saints \$5 & All Souls \$5)

Campaign for Human Dev.: \$13 Total: \$3478.41

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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Deadline: Wednesdays@ Noon to:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 1

First Sunday of Advent

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

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.

LECTIO DIVINA

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

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

Sun., December 8 – Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel: St. Luke 3:1-6

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.

Calling all altar servers! We need some servers to help for the Confirmation ceremony this December, for St. Vincent, All Saints, and Blessed Sacrament confirmation candidates. Servers must be available for rehearsal Monday Dec. 2 at 6:30 PM at All Saints Church, Homestead Ave., off of Western Ave., and the Confirmation ceremony on Tuesday Dec. 3 at 6:30 (arrive at 6:00). Sign up by calling All Saints office at (518) 482-4497 or sending an e-mail to Office@AllSaintsAlbany.org.

Christmas Flower Donations in Memory/Honor of:

<i>Mary & Charles De Julio</i>	<i>Roseanne Goodman</i>
<i>Samuel, Joe & John Pastore</i>	<i>Linda Keeley</i>
<i>Whitfield F. Gooding</i>	<i>Phyllis K. Gooding</i>
<i>Agnes C. Frank</i>	<i>John McGraw</i>
<i>Veronica McGraw</i>	<i>Louis Mrak</i>
<i>Frances Mrak</i>	<i>Angel Torres Vega</i>
<i>Basilia Correas</i>	<i>Alejandro Dominguez</i>
<i>Rafael Dominguez</i>	<i>Ed Olsieski</i>
<i>Thomas Martino Sr.</i>	<i>Sam Martino Jr.</i>
<i>Greg Martin</i>	<i>Popi & Mimi Martino</i>
<i>The Asante Family</i>	<i>The Amissah Family</i>
<i>The LeJunene Family</i>	<i>Fr. Ackoh</i>
<i>Alice & Henry Tammany</i>	<i>John Felts</i>
<i>Don Engel</i>	<i>Mary Engel</i>
<i>Donnie Engel</i>	<i>Irene Hillman</i>
<i>Benfatto Family</i>	<i>Calcagno Family</i>
<i>Departed Family and Friends</i>	<i>Fr. Jim Hayes</i>
<i>Claire L. Nolan</i>	<i>Edward P. Nolan</i>

Community Celebration Days



Thank you all you helped with the planning of last weekend's Advent Wreath event! We had 40 families who came to make wreaths! Look for more information about our next event coming in March 2025.

CHILDREN'S CORNER



God Bless Our Confirmation Candidates!



<i>Amellie Cristina Japon</i>	<i>Deaneida Melisa Tello</i>
<i>Emely Rodriguez</i>	<i>Marielle Dos Reis</i>
<i>Mercedes Rodriguez</i>	<i>Daysi Yunga</i>
<i>Liliana Rodriguez</i>	<i>Samuel Elias Campiz</i>
<i>Diana Rodriguez</i>	<i>Zuniel Roque</i>
<i>Gisela del Cisne Sauca</i>	<i>Cynthia Saca</i>
<i>Sahely Brea</i>	<i>Jason Yunga Pichisaca</i>
<i>Yadiel Antonio Cruz Ortega</i>	

Special Second Collection This Week for: Christmas Flowers



Please help us decorate for Christmas! The cost this year is \$900. Your donation helps with the cost of the flowers. Thanks so much!