



SHRINE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS

A MISSION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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Sunday, February 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*



MASS INTENTIONS

February 11

9:00 am English Mass

- ✠ *Maggie Gilroy* by Maureen Jeffers
- ✠ *Patrick J. Dalton* by his wife
- ✠ *Veronica McGraw* by John and Sandy McGraw

11:00 am Spanish Mass

- ✠ *Eligió Morillo*
- ♥ *Fausto and Monica Franco* on their birthday
by their parents

February 18

9:00 am English Mass

- ✠ *Alice* and ✠ *Grant Ford*

11:00 am Spanish Mass

- ✠ *Rosa Emila Baez*
by her daughter, Mercedes Lara
- ✠ *Eva Puchuela*, ✠ *Carmela Puchuela*,
✠ *Delfilio Puchuela*, and ✠ *Maria Lucinda Ayabaca* by Ana Patricia Coraizaca

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 4, 2024

**Regular Offertory: \$2950, Fuel: \$90, Easter flowers:
\$10, Catholic Relief: \$10, Black and Native
Americans: \$10, Total: \$3070**

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."*

DIRECTORY

SHRINE CHAPLAIN: *Rev. Francis O'Connor*
(518) 482-3375 or (518) 588-2531

DEACON: *Rev. Miguel Fabián*

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Deadline: Wednesdays@ Noon to:
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 11

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

Sunday, February 18

First Sunday in Lent

*Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.*

LECTIO DIVINA

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

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

Sunday, February 18 - First Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: St. Mark 1:12-15

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.

View Masses Online on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/shrinechurchofourladyoftheamericas/>

CHILDREN'S CORNER



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."

Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday ~ February 14

Masses/Services in English at Blessed Sacrament Church – Mass at 7:00 am, Liturgy of the Word & Ashes (with the School) at 9:00 am, Liturgy of the Word & Ashes, 12:00 pm, and Liturgy of the Word & Ashes at 5:30 pm and Spanish Mass at the Shrine at 7:00 pm,

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.

Dear parishioners,

It is a little daunting to be named pastor of our three large city-parishes with their schools, and yet I have a lot of confidence and hope. Let me share with you my "reasons to have hope": first, I'm not alone. I have the assistance of Fr. Kyle and Fr. O'Connor as brother priests and housemates. As brothers with the shared identity as priests of Jesus and the mission to sanctify God's people through the sacraments, we have clear purpose and mission that we can live out together.

Second, we have the assistance and prayers of the whole people of God here in Albany, with all of us, so many faithful members of Christ's body, with so many gifts and talents, so that we make up where each other lacks. We are not alone; together, we carry the faith, our beliefs, our capacity for love, charity, and forgiveness.

Third, I answer my original scriptural quote from St. Peter's exhortation in his first letter (1 Peter 3:15) with another scriptural quote, one which I have relied upon so much that I have selected it as one of readings for my funeral (not that that is any time soon!): "I will call this to mind as my reason to have hope: the favors of the Lord are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent; they are renewed each morning." (Lamentations 3:22)

Our calling as followers of Christ is both comforting and challenging, as I was regularly reminded by one of my first mentors. Yes, we are being shepherded to greener pastures, but we have a lot of important work to do along the way. With hope in Jesus, I am comfortable in knowing that not all is lost, and as hard as it might be, Jesus is also, even primarily, pulling the weight. Let us make our contributions to the ministry, calling, and indeed sufferings of Jesus, and together joyfully progress together towards our heavenly homeland.

Rev. Daniel Quinn
Pastor

Black, Native American & Latin American Missions

Collection – Feb. 18: Funds from this combined collection support projects and are used to help fund catechesis and evangelization programs throughout the United States and the Church of Latin America and the Caribbean.

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.