



SHRINE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS

A MINISTRY OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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Sunday, March 23, 2025

Third Sunday of Lent

The Lord is kind and merciful.



MASS INTENTIONS

March 23

9:00 am English Mass

✠ *Jane*, ✠ *Frank* and ✠ *Elizabeth Sheeran*
by the McGinty family

11:00 am Spanish Mass

✠ *Jeanne Roulleau*
by Linda and Francisco Sanchez

March 30

9:00 am English Mass

✠ *John Felts* by his family

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 16, 2025

Regular Offertory: \$3319

(Includes \$295 Easter Flowers)

Black, Native & Latin Americans: \$110

Total: \$3429

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!



DIRECTORY

SHRINE CHAPLAIN: *Rev. Francis O'Connor*

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DEACON: *Rev. Miguel Fabián*

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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 23

Third Sunday in Lent

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Sunday, March 30

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

LECTIODIVINA

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

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

Sun., March 30 – 4th Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel: St. Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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.

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.

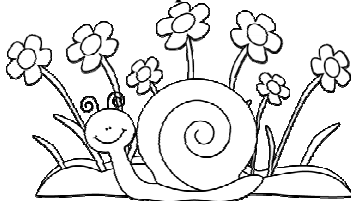
Easter Flower Donation given in memory of:

<i>Mary & Charles De Julio</i>	<i>Linda Keeley</i>
<i>De Julio & Pastore deceased family members</i>	
<i>Roseanne Goodman</i>	<i>Alice & Henry Tammany</i>
<i>Mary & Donald Engels</i>	<i>John Felts</i>
<i>Donald Engels</i>	<i>Rita Mary Nolan</i>
<i>Claire L. Nolan</i>	<i>Edward P. Nolan, MD</i>
<i>Alejandro Dominguez</i>	<i>Basilio Correa</i>
<i>Rafael Dominguez</i>	<i>Angel Antonio Torres</i>
<i>All Souls in Purgatory</i>	<i>Ivan Quansah</i>
<i>Mary Asante</i>	<i>Habiba Saeed</i>
<i>Frank Gooding Families</i>	<i>Thomas J. Martino Sr.</i>
<i>Edward Blue Dennis</i>	<i>Linda M. Martino</i>
<i>Tammy Leigh Matthews</i>	<i>Benfatto Family</i>
<i>Calcagno Family</i>	<i>Irene Hillman</i>
<i>Jeanne Roulleau</i>	<i>Familia Argueta Arana</i>

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 March 4

Easter Flower Special Collection



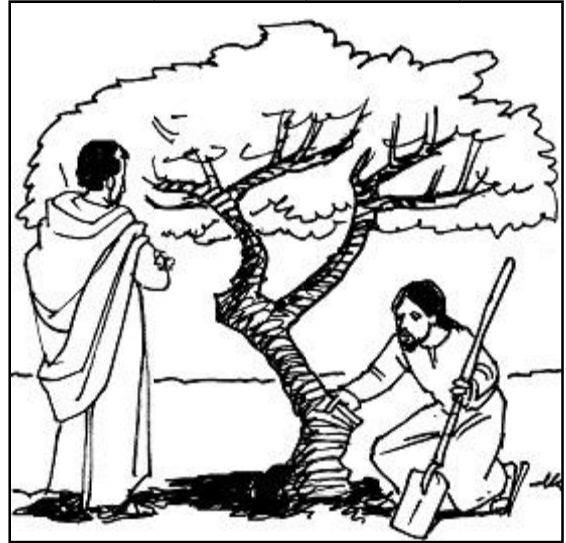
A special second collection will be taken on March 16 and March 23 for our Easter Flowers. The cost of flowers increases each year. This year the cost will be \$1400. Please give generously! Thanks so much!

Second Collection for Next Week – March 30

Catholic Relief Services Annual Appeal

Catholic Relief Services carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas. Please be generous!

CHILDREN'S CORNER



Chrism Mass: Thursday, April 10, 2025, 7pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 125 Eagle St., Albany.

Lenten Schedule

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.

Generations of Faith Sponsored Social

We are in a spiritual battle! How do we recognize the enemy? How do we win? Come learn more at a social event for young adults (ages 18-39) and older generation (ages 65+) to discuss the topic of Battling Spiritual Warfare. Held Wednesday, March 26 from 6:30 to 8:30pm at Corpus Christi Church Parish Hall, 2001 Route 9, Round Lake. The presenter is Bishop Scharfenberger. Hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and refreshments will be served. There is no cost for the event, but a "Free Will Offering" will be available. For more information, please contact Trip Gagnon at trip611@aol.com.