



SHRINE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS

A MINISTRY OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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Sunday, April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

*The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*



MASS INTENTIONS

April 13

9:00 am English Mass

✠ John McGinty by the McGinty family

11:00 am Spanish Mass

April 20

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 April 6, 2025

Regular Offertory: \$2135

Catholic Relief: \$387 Easter flowers: \$5

Black & Native Americans: \$25 Total: \$2552

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!



♥ **Father O'Connor is now living at the Teresian House!** ♥

DIRECTORY

SHRINE CHAPLAIN: *Rev. Francis O'Connor*
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Sunday, April 20

Easter Sunday

*This is the day the Lord has made,
let us rejoice and be glad.*

LECTIODIVINA

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

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

Sun., April 20 – Easter Sunday

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: St. John 20:1-9

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 Confesora Franco 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.

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>Alice & Henry Tammany</i>
<i>Roseanne Goodman</i>	<i>John Felts</i>
<i>Mary & Donald Engels</i>	<i>Rita Mary Nolan</i>
<i>Donald Engels</i>	<i>Edward P. Nolan, MD</i>
<i>Claire L. Nolan</i>	<i>Basilía Correa</i>
<i>Alejandro Dominguez</i>	<i>Angel Antonio Torres</i>
<i>Rafael Dominguez</i>	<i>Ivan Quansah</i>
<i>All Souls in Purgatory</i>	<i>Habiba Saeed</i>
<i>Mary Asante</i>	<i>Thomas J. Martino Sr.</i>
<i>Frank Gooding Families</i>	<i>Linda M. Martino</i>
<i>Edward Blue Dennis</i>	<i>Benfatto Family</i>
<i>Tammy Leigh Matthews</i>	<i>Irene Hillman</i>
<i>Calcagno Family</i>	<i>Familia Argueta Arana</i>
<i>Jeanne Roulleau</i>	<i>Vinny Caccese</i>
<i>Nancy Byrne</i>	<i>Anne De Stefano</i>
<i>Pat Dennis</i>	<i>Seana Munson</i>
<i>Larry Dyer</i>	<i>Pascual Elias Franco</i>
<i>Maureen Tilley</i>	<i>Aurelia Motusde Franco</i>
<i>Teofilo Fabian</i>	<i>Erineo Diaz Ortiz</i>
<i>Guillermo Miguel Solis</i>	

Mother's Day Dinner Fundraiser – May 10, 2025

We are bringing back the Mother's Day Dinner fundraiser. Come and celebrate mothers! There will be dinner and we will honor a mom from our parish community! Cost is \$20 per family of 5 or less and \$40 for a family of 6 or more. **You must register and pay by April 27th.**

Mass Intentions

When making a Mass Intention Donation, please make checks payable to Blessed Sacrament as Blessed Sacrament maintains the Mass Intention account for both churches. Donations are then used to offset the cost of priests saying Mass. The suggested donation for a mass intention is \$15.

Important Opportunity: With the recent changes at Blessed Sacrament, All Saints, and Mater Christi Parishes regarding their schools, part of our new governance model is to assemble a single new school board to oversee the parish schools in the city of Albany. We are seeking candidates to be proposed who would serve on the new **Albany City Catholic School Board**. Good candidates for the school board exhibit: the ability to advocate supportively in areas of importance to the educational program and school culture, a willingness to give the time to serve conscientiously, the ability to act without bias in the best interest of the students and of the school, a life lived in consistency with the teachings of Jesus and his Church to serve others in response to their baptismal call, expertise in human development, education, finance, law, or financial development, and active membership at one of the parishes in Albany. Candidates' names, along with their contact information and a brief description from the person or people proposing them as to why they would make a good candidate, may be sent to Fr. Quinn at daniel.quinn@rcda.org.

CHILDREN'S CORNER



Holy Thursday Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of Jesus

The tradition of visiting seven churches on Holy Thursday may date to Rome in the 16th century. Many older parishioners remember this tradition. We take the time to pray and reflect on what took place at the Last Supper, including how Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and gave them his own body and blood in the Eucharist. We ask you to retrace the steps of Jesus by visiting 7 churches in the Albany area on Thursday evening, April 17. A pilgrim passport will be available at your church today. Go on your own or organize a careful of fellow pilgrims.

Easter Triduum Schedule



Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 17, 7:00 pm Bilingual Mass

Good Friday

Friday, April 18, 6:00 pm Bilingual Service

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 19, 7:45 pm Bilingual Mass

Easter ~ Pascual

Sunday, April 20, 9:00 am Mass in English and 11:00 am Mass in Spanish

Diocese of Albany - Step Up Men's Conference 2025

The conference is on Saturday, August 9 from 8:15 AM to 3:30 PM at St. Edward the Confessor Church in Clifton Park. The Step Up Men's Conference will give men the tools needed to grow in holiness in their everyday lives. The event will include presentations, Reconciliation, Mass, Adoration, Rosary, refreshments, and lunch. The early registration cost is \$45. per person until July 31 and includes lunch. College age and younger men are FREE, but must register. For more information and to register:

<https://www.rcda.org/StepUp>