



# SHRINE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS

A MINISTRY OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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**Sunday, April 21, 2024**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

*The stone rejected by the builders  
has become the cornerstone.*



## MASS INTENTIONS

April 21

**9:00 am English Mass**

† Grant and † Alice Ford

† Betty Arnold (Anniv. April 17) by Don Arnold

**11:00 am Spanish Mass**

† Carmen Ramona Gamboa by Jose Canizales

† Aida Torres Torres

by Griselle Maldonado-Torres

† Estilita Zarza

† Isabel Dolores Baquerizo by her family

† Luis Fernando Perez Sucre by Rosemary Soto

April 28

**9:00 am English Mass**

† Edith Beckerle by Giordano family

† Elaine Harper by the McPherson 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 April 14, 2024**

**Regular Offertory: \$2964**

(Includes \$10 Easter, \$60 Easter Flowers & \$10 Fuel)

**Catholic Relief Services: \$40 Holy Land: \$10**

**Black, Native & Latin Americans: \$10 Total: \$3024**

### 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/>

## DIRECTORY

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, April 21**

**Fourth Sunday in Easter**

*The stone rejected by the builders  
has become the cornerstone.*

**Sunday, April 28**

**Fifth Sunday in Easter**

*I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.*

## LECTIO DIVINA

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

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

**Sunday, April 28 - Fifth Sunday in Easter**

**First Reading:** Acts 9:26-31

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

**Second Reading:** 1 John 3:18-24

**Gospel:** St. John 15:1-8

**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.

### Prayer for Our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

*From Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si'*

### Tea & Short Reads

Join us at the Pine Hills Branch of the Albany Public Library for Round IV for Tea & Short Reads, our little-book club. More information available, and the stories themselves, under "Events" at

[www.BlessedSacramentAlbany.org](http://www.BlessedSacramentAlbany.org).

The **Spanish Reflection Group** will begin a study of **Acts of the Apostles** on Monday, April 22 at 6 pm. There are 10 sessions. The cost of the 2 books (study guide and commentary) is \$19. Those interested can speak to Yocasta Fabián or Linda Sánchez.



### Food Pantry and Boutique at Blessed Sacrament

Our **food pantry** has once again been selected as a Hannaford "Fight Hunger" bag program partner! During May 2024, our food pantry will receive \$1 for each reusable Fight Hunger bag sold at the Hannaford store located at 5 Maple Rd., Voorheesville.

The food pantry is **open Mondays and Thursdays, 10:00-11:30 a.m.** Do you speak Spanish? Are you looking for a way to serve others in God's love? We need Spanish speaking volunteers! Please let our parish office know if you feel called to help!

**The Boutique** is not accepting men's suits until further notice. We are still in great need of girls clothing, though! \*The Boutique is **open Saturdays, 9 a.m.-noon**, and accepts donations on **Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m.-noon**.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER



### Easter Flower Given in Memory of:



Mary & Charlie DeJulio	Linda Keeley
Samuel, John & Joseph Pastore	John McGraw
Veronica McGraw	Louis Mrak
Frances Mrak	Father Ackoh
Amissad Family	Asante Family
Barbara & Jimmy Crawford	Phyllis Gooding
Whitfield Gooding	C. Agnes Frank
Mary & Donald Engel	John Felts
Alice & Henry Tammany	Anel Antonio Torres
Alejandro Dominguez	Basilia Correa
Rafael Dominguez	Argueta Family
Argueta Arana	Cannavo Family
Domenica Cusale	Mr. & Mrs. Nicita
Melita Family	Jack Martone
Greg Martin	Popi & Mimi Martino
Ed & Ann McCarthy	Benfatto Family
Calcagno Family	Caramanico Family
Fr. Jim Hayes	Mac Kinnon Family
Patrick Dalton	Kevin Christopher
Mr. & Mrs. William H Mayer	T J Dalton
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Dalton	James & Mary Curran
Gerald & Helen Curran	Davey Curran
Maureen Jeffers	