



SHRINE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS

A MINISTRY OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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Sunday, December 29, 2024

***Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph***

*Blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways.*



MASS INTENTIONS

December 29

9:00 am English Mass

✠ *Herb Barber*

11:00 am Spanish Mass

January 5

9:00 am English Mass

✠ *Frank McGinty* by the McGinty 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 December 22, 2024

Regular Offertory: \$1954

(Includes \$100 Christmas & \$100 Solemnity of Mary)

Total: \$1954

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 29

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

*Blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways.*

Sunday, January 5

Feast of the Epiphany

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

LECTIO DIVINA

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

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

Sun., January 5 – *Feast of the Epiphany*

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 71: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: St. Matthew 2:1-12

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.

New Year's Mass Schedule



Solemnity of the Mary – Wednesday, January 1
11:00 am Bilingual Mass



Brothers & Sisters,

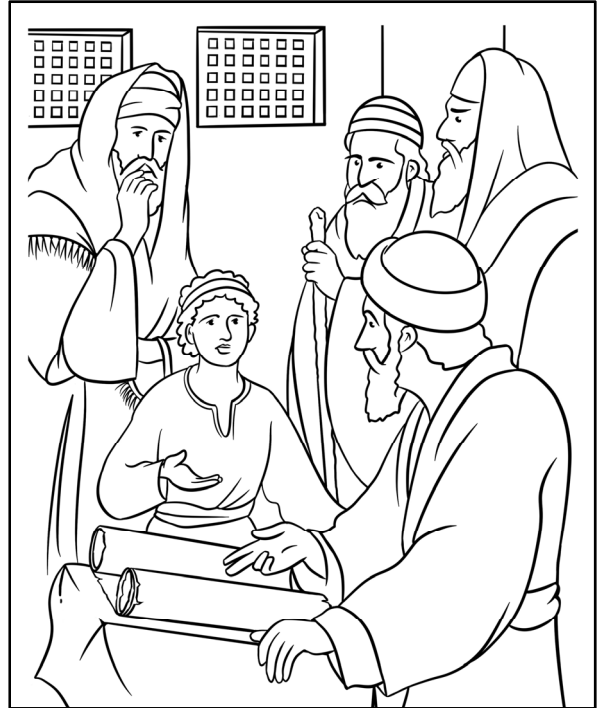
In the northern hemisphere, Christmas and the Winter Solstice, the day of the year with the least amount of sunlight, are near each other on the calendar in a symbolic way. The sunlight starts to increase, a few minutes each day after Saturday, Dec. 22nd. Similarly, John the Baptist's feast day is June 24th, about when the sun starts spending less time in the sky each day. Placing our feasts in this way, signifies what John says, "He must increase; I must decrease". It really makes John's words tangible. His words start to fade away, and Jesus' presence at Christmas grows along with the light in the sky, and eventually the warmth of the sun, and air, and earth all follow suit until new growth comes out of the earth in spring, and what seemed like death buds forth new life.

Our beliefs take on the life of symbols when they are rooted in the tangible things of the material of the earth. So also does God take on the material of the earth, to better communicate to us all that God is. But more than taking on the material of the sun and earth, in a pantheistic sort of way, he skips over all the lesser of his creations and joins us on Earth in the full human flesh and personhood of a baby. He is Jesus: divine, and clothed in humanity. He is a baby, a boy, a man. He has a way of life, things to say, beliefs to share, help and grace to give. In this way, his can easily be mistaken for one human way of life among many, one set of beliefs proposed by one human among many. Or, He can be seen, as we see him, as the presence of God among us, the divine Messiah, the Savior of the world!

Rev. Daniel Quinn, Pastor

** Happy *
New Year **

CHILDREN'S CORNER



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>Basilisa Correias</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>
<i>James & Mary Curran</i>	<i>Red & Helen Flatthy</i>
<i>Kitty & Norman Burgess</i>	<i>Ariosto Alvarado</i>
<i>Maureen & Brian Jeffers</i>	<i>Porfirio Gonzalez</i>
<i>Juan Casado</i>	<i>Guillermo Miguel Solis</i>

Spanish Language Bible Study: We will continue our reflection group with the Bible study, "The Stories of the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus." This study has 7 sessions. The first session will be Monday, January 27 at 6 pm. The cost of the 2 books (commentary and study guide) is \$14. If you would like to participate, please speak to Jocasta Fabián or Linda Sanchez.