



SHRINE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS

A MINISTRY OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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Sunday, December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

Cry out with joy and gladness:

for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.



MASS INTENTIONS

December 15

9:00 am English Mass

✠ *McGinty* and ✠ *Sheeran Families*
by the McGinty family

11:00 am Spanish Mass

✠ *Maria Diaz* by Carlos Sorian

December 22

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 December 8, 2024

Regular Offertory: \$1988

(Includes \$300 Immaculate Conception, \$200
Community Celebrations, \$50 Christmas)

Total: \$1988

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

SHRINE CHAPLAIN: *Rev. Francis O'Connor*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 15

Third Sunday of Advent

Cry out with joy and gladness:

for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Sunday, December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Lord, make us turn to you;

let us see your face and we shall be saved.

LECTIO DIVINA

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

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

Sun., December 22 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: St. Luke 1:39-45

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.

Christmas Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24

4:30 pm Carol Singing, 5:00 pm Bilingual Mass

Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25

9:00 am Mass in English
11:00 am Misa en Español

Solemnity of the Mary – Wednesday, January 1

11:00 am Bilingual Mass

Taconic Catholic Young Adult Group and the Diocese of Albany invite you to a Young Adult Semi-Formal Epiphany Ball.

What: Semi-formal dinner and dance

When: Saturday, January 11, 2025

Time: 6 PM to 10 PM: Appetizers, drinks, dinner, and dancing

Where: St. Mary's Church – Crescent; 86 Church Hill Road, Waterford

Ticket Cost: \$20 per person “Early Bird”; \$25 after January 1; \$30 per person at the door

Register: <https://www.bohmdesigns.com/ball/>

Questions: ardensFidelis@proton.me or
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CHILDREN'S CORNER



What is special about the Third Sunday of Advent?



For much of the Church's history, this Sunday had a special name: "Gaudete" Sunday. On Gaudete Sunday, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, "The Lord is coming." But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, the summary might be, "The Lord is near." This shift is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation. Liturgically, the colors lighten as well. The priest usually wears rose-colored vestments, a hue seen only on Gaudete Sunday and Laetare Sunday. On this day, we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is also rose-colored, or if you prefer, pink. The word "Gaudete" is Latin for "Rejoice." This celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy.

Christmas Flower Donations in Memory/Honor of:

Mary & Charles De Julio
Samuel, Joe & John Pastore
Whitfield F. Gooding
Agnes C. Frank
Veronica McGraw
Frances Mrak
Basilia Correas
Rafael Dominguez
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Angel Torres Vega
Alejandro Dominguez
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