



SHRINE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS

A MINISTRY OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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Sunday, March 16, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent

The Lord is my light and my salvation.



MASS INTENTIONS

March 16

9:00 am English Mass

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

11:00 am Spanish Mass

✠ *Jeanne Roulleau*
by Linda and Francisco Sanchez

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

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 5 and 9, 2025

Regular Offertory: \$4351 (Includes \$1 Easter Flowers,
\$50 Fuel & \$872 Ash Wednesday)

Black, Native & Latin Americans: \$371

Total: \$4722

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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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 16

Second Sunday in Lent

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Sunday, March 23

Third Sunday in Lent

The Lord is kind and merciful.

LECTIODIVINA

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

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

Sun., March 16 – 2nd Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel: St. Luke 13:1-9

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 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.

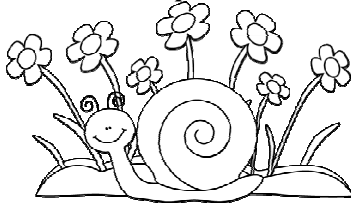
Easter Flower Donation given in memory of:

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

"Requiem" by Maria Ricchio Bryce: Maria is the music director from St. Luke in Schenectady.

This special musical presentation is by the Siena College and combined choirs and community members held at St. Francis (St. James Delaware Ave.) on March 23rd at 3:00 PM. This is a great opportunity and an appropriately Lenten musical selection.

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!

IGNITE 2025 Catholic Men's Conference: Saturday, March 29: The conference returns with a great lineup of speakers: Bear Woznick, Father Chase Hilgenbrinck, and Ben Steele. As always, Bishop Lucia will begin the day with Holy Mass. IGNITE will return to Bishop Ludden High School/Senior High School this year. Mark your calendar NOW and register early to save \$20. We challenge everyone to not only register but also bring a family member or friend to share the day. Register online at www.ignitecatholicmen.org

CHILDREN'S CORNER



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

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.