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Second Sunday in Lent – February 28, 2021

♪ ♪ *I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.* ♪ ♪

<p>February 28 9:30 am English Mass</p> <p>12:00 pm Spanish Mass † Manuel Albarrán by his wife Rosa Albarrán † José Hidalgo Sanchez. by his niece Mirella Hidalgo **For the health of Fr. Modesto López (Cáncer) by Zina Daboub † Chele Saravia (6th anniv.) † Fray Abilio Muños (3rd anniv.) † Pedro Barrios (23rd anniv.) **Nicola Moreno (birthday) by P. Modesto Lopez</p>	<p>Mass Intentions</p> 	<p>March 7 9:30 am English Mass</p> <p>12:00 pm Spanish Mass † María de Jesús Ceballos by Estilita & Luis Zarza</p>
<p>Sharing our Treasure ~ <i>Giving as an act of Worship</i> ~ We need at least \$2,500.00 per week in the collections to break even, not counting unexpected maintenance costs.</p> <p>Collections As of February 21 Regular: \$2203.00 ~ Ash Wednesday: \$269.25 Black and Native Americans: \$450.14 Fuel: \$25.00 ~ Christmas: \$20.00</p> <p>If you are unable to attend Mass, please mail checks: 274 Sherman Street, Albany, NY 12206. <i>Do not mail cash.</i></p> <p><i>Thank you, each and all, who share your Time, Talent & Treasure with our community</i></p>		<p>Calendar of Events Sunday, February 28 Second Sunday in Lent <i>I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.</i></p> <p>Sunday, March 7 Third Sunday in Lent <i>Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.</i></p> <p>To View Masses Online: Go to the Live Mass on Facebook for All Masses Held at the Shrine Church https://www.facebook.com/shrinechurchofourladyoftheamericas/</p>

Mass during Coronavirus pandemic:

Procedures: Enter the Church using the Lake Avenue entrance; give your name and phone number. Face masks must be worn at all times. All will be escorted to a place to sit, directions will be given for receiving communion and dismissal. Singing can cause the virus to travel; listen, do not sing to the beautiful music. Six feet social distancing must be observed. Do not gather in groups before or after Mass.

Holy Communion: to maintain appropriate “social distancing”, “ambassadors” will direct those going to Communion. Persons sitting on the Blessed Mother’s side will go first; THEN, persons on the St. Joseph side of the church. Those in the front of the church will receive in the front of the center aisle. Those in the back will receive in the Gathering Area. Receive the Body of Christ in your hand. As you turn away, lower your mask, consume the Body of Christ, and then raise your mask again. This helps protect you and those who distribute the Holy Eucharist.

Lenten Season at the Shrine Church

Diocesan and health department Covid-19 safety protocols will affect some of our traditional Lent/Easter celebrations. As with regular Sunday Masses, the **max number of people who can attend any Mass is set at 120.**

Bilingual Stations of the Cross and Reflection

Fridays in Lent starting February 19 – 6:30 pm

Lectio Divina via Zoom - Wednesdays

English Language – 7:00 pm

Spanish Language – 7:00 pm

Palm Sunday – March 28

English Mass – 9:30 am ~ Spanish Mass – 12:00 pm

Holy Thursday – April 1

Bilingual Mass – 7:00 pm

Good Friday – April 2

Bilingual Service – 6:00 pm

Easter Vigil – April 3

Bilingual Mass – 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday – April 4

English Mass – 9:30 am ~ Spanish Mass – 12:00 pm

2020 Tax Statements: You may request your 2020 tax statements by sending an e-mail to OLAmericaShrine@gmail.com or by calling and leaving a message at 518-465-3685. The statement can be e-mailed to you or sent to the address we have on file. If you have moved, or did not receive the two mailings that were sent in 2020, then please also include an updated address.

Lectio Divina

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

Readings for Sunday, March 7

Third Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 19:8-11
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25
Gospel: St. John 2:13-25

Lectio Divina will offered via zoom on Wednesdays in Lent starting February 24, 2021. To sign up: Email the Parish Office - OLAmericaShrine@gmail.com or Fill out the Google Form - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3Ju75U8MZ0dV5PgLMbckITcr4PiOvXgNK4a0UeLAn3HSSA/view_form

COVID-19 Vaccination Information

Healthcare workers, long-term care facility residents, frontline essential workers and people 65 and older are currently eligible to be vaccinated in New York, along with people who have comorbidities and other serious health issues. New Yorkers can check their eligibility and sign up to be vaccinated through the state’s online portal (<https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/>) by calling 1-833-697-4829, or contacting their local health department. There will be a mass vaccination site opening on March at the Albany Armory.

Children’s Corner

The Transfiguration

The answer to each math problem has a color. Use the colors as a guide for coloring the picture.

- 4 + 3 - 1 = Yellow
- 9 - 5 - 3 = Orange
- 3 + 2 = Brown
- 8 - 1 - 5 = Blue
- 3 + 5 - 4 = Green
- 2 + 5 - 4 = Gray

Read Sunday’s Gospel to find out the names of the two men in the picture with Jesus.



Faith Formation Classes: All classes will be held virtually. Catechism classes are available for youth ages 7 and up and for adults 18 and over. We will also offer preparation classes for those wishing to receive the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. To enroll, please call the Shrine Church office (518) 465-3685, ext. 11 and leave a message for *Cynthia Ortiz Ramirez*, Faith Formation Coordinator.

Blessed Sacrament School News

As our Lenten Reflection we are focusing on 40 Days of Kindness. Our school community is using these 40 days to focus on all of the kind acts that Jesus would want us to perform for each other. Especially during these challenging times, there can never be too much kindness. Now Accepting Applications for Students in Grades Nursery Through 8!! We offer a faith-based educational environment based on academic excellence! Call Today For a Virtual Tour!!! Do you know anyone who would like to be a Blessed Sacrament Angel, and help a student in need with tuition assistance?

Living the Word This Week



How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?

Reach out to someone who is in need of a word of hope or encouragement.



NEW TO THE PARISH? Welcome! HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE Number?

Please fill in your information below and drop in the collection. Date: _____

Name: _____ () I am new to the parish
 Address: _____ () Send me “The Evangelist”
 Phone: _____ Email: _____ () Please send church envelopes