



Important Contact Information

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Shrine Chaplain: Rev. Francis O'Connor, (518) 482-3375 or (518) 588-2531

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Deadline for Bulletin Announcement & Attachment:

Wednesdays@Noon ~ Claire Nolan, cbnolou@gmail.com ~March

Mass Intentions: Tammy Crasto (518) 229-7345 or Confesora Franco (518) 542-4192

Third Sunday in Lent—March 14, 2021

♪ ♪ *Let my tongue be silenced if ever I forget you.* ♪ ♪

March 14

9:30 am English Mass

✠ McGinty and Sheeran Family
by the McGinty family

✠ Louis Mrak by Sandy and John McGraw

12:00 pm Spanish Mass

✠ Augustin de Cantarote

✠ Angel Estrada by Estilita and Luis Zarza

Mass

Intentions



March 21

9:30 am English Mass

✠ Marion and ✠ Salvatore Giordano

12:00 pm Spanish Mass

✠ Manuel Soto El Bo

✠ Jose Dominguez and ✠ Eulalia Lorenzo

Sharing our Treasure

~ *Giving as an act of Worship* ~

We need at least \$2,500.00 per week in the collections to break even, not counting unexpected maintenance costs.

Collections As of March 7

Regular: \$3648.35

Easter: \$5.00 ~ Holy Land: \$5.00

Fuel: \$50.00 ~ Easter Flowers: \$215.00

Catholic Relief: \$25.00

If you are unable to attend Mass, please mail checks:
274 Sherman Street, Albany, NY 12206. *Do not mail cash.*

*Thank you, each and all, who share your
Time, Talent & Treasure with our community*

Calendar of Events

Sunday March 14

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

Wednesday March 17

Feast of Saint Patrick

Lectio Divina 7:00 pm on Zoom

Friday March 19

Feast of Saint Joseph

Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm

Sunday March 21

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Create a clean heart in me, O God. **To View Masses**

Online:

Go to the Live Mass on Facebook
for All Masses Held at the Shrine Church

<https://www.facebook.com/shrinechurchofourladyoftheamericas/>

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 – 6:45 pm
Spanish Language – 6:45 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.

LectioDivina

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

Readings for Sunday, March 21
Fifth Sunday in Lent

First Reading Ezekiel 37:12-14
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11
Gospel: St. John 11:1-45

Lectio Divina will offered via zoom on Wednesdays in Lent. 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 60 and older are currently eligible to be vaccinated in New York, along with people who have comorbidities and other serious

health issues. Check your eligibility and sign up to be vaccinated <https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/> or 1-833-697-4829, or contact your local health department. There will be a mass vaccination site opening on March at the Albany Armory.



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

Over Please

Children's Corner

The Verdict Is...

Match the pictures under each line with a letter in the key.

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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
Open Enrollment for 2021-2022!!
Now Accepting Applications for Students in Grades Nursery Through 8!! Call to Find Out About *the Beacon of Hope Scholarship*

Opportunity from the Albany Diocese. Come explore our Faith-Based Learning Environment Where We Strive for Academic Excellence Each and Every Day! **Call Today for More Information and a Virtual Tour!!!** 518-438-5854!

Living the Word This Week



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

Offer the daily crosses in your life for the needs of the world.