




**Important Contact Information**

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 Wednesdays@Noon ~ Claire Nolan, [cbnolou@gmail.com](mailto:cbnolou@gmail.com) ~March  
**Mass Intentions:**TammyCrasto (518) 229-7345 or *Confesora Franco* (518) 542-4192

**Fifth Sunday in Lent ~ March 21,2021**

♪ ♪ *Create a clean heart in me, O God.* ♪ ♪

<p><b>March 21</b>  <b>9:30 am English Mass</b>        † Marionand † Salvatore Giordano</p> <p><b>12:00 pm Spanish Mass</b>        † Manuel Soto Beres "El Bo"        † José Domínguez and † Eulalia Lorenzo</p>	<p><b>Mass Intentions</b></p>  <p><b>March 28</b>  <b>9:30 am English Mass</b>        Jean Marks on her 90th Birthday        † Jane † Frank and † Elizabeth Sheerhan        by the McGinty Family        † John Felts by his Family  <b>12:00 pm Spanish Mass</b>        †</p>
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**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 14**  
 Regular \$2019.44  
 Catholic Relief \$559.58 ~ Easter Flowers \$22.00  
 Mission Sunday \$494.00

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 21**  
*Fifth Sunday in Lent*  
*Create a clean heart in me, O God.*  
**Wednesday March 24**  
 LectioDivina7:00 pm on Zoom  
**Friday March 26**  
 Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm  
**Sunday March 28**  
**Palm Sunday**  
*My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*  
**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

**LectioDivina 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

**LectioDivina**

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

**Readings for Sunday, March 28**  
*Palm Sunday*

**First Reading** Isaiah 50:4-7  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24  
**Second Reading:** Philippians 2:6-11  
**Gospel:** St. Mark 14:1 - 15:47

**LectioDivina** On Zoom, Wednesdays in Lent. To sign up: Email the Parish Office - [OLAmericaShrine@gmail.com](mailto:OLAmericaShrine@gmail.com) or Fill out the Google Form - [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3Ju75U8MZ0dV5PgLMbckITcr4PiOvXgNK4a0UeLAn3HSSA/view\\_form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3Ju75U8MZ0dV5PgLMbckITcr4PiOvXgNK4a0UeLAn3HSSA/view_form)

**Seating for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday**

We are expecting a large number of parishioners for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Due to State and Diocesan regulations seating for our Spanish language Mass will be limited. We will make every effort to provide as much seating as possible. Your safety is of the utmost importance.

Here are some guidelines which will help to protect us:

- 1) Please follow the directions of the Ushers
- 2) Mass will start at 12 Noon – SHARP. Please come early
- 3) If possible, we will have the front doors open in order to facilitate contact tracing sign-ins
- 4) Areas will be designated for family seating and seating for singles
- 5) Please keep your children close by

**2020 Tax Statements:** To request your 2020 tax statements e-mail [OLAmericaShrine@gmail.com](mailto:OLAmericaShrine@gmail.com) or call and leave a message: 518-465-3685. The statement can be e-mailed or sent to the address we have on file. Please also include an updated address.

**The Colors of Lent**

This Sunday has a special Latin name that means rejoice. Discover this word by using the code below to write the correct letter on the blank lines at the bottom of the page.

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A	S	R	E	O
B	T	U	A	G
C	N	L	D	Y

**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. A mass vaccination site has opened at the Washington Avenue Armory.

**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.



**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