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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

**Palm Sunday ~ March 28,2021**

♪ ♪ *My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?* ♪ ♪

<p><b>March 28</b>  <b>9:30 am English Mass</b>  <i>Jean Marks</i> on her 90th Birthday      † <i>Jane</i> †<i>Frank</i> and †<i>Elizabeth Sheerhan</i>      by the McGinty Family      † <i>John Felts</i> by his Family  <b>12:00 pm Spanish Mass</b>      Thanksgiving to God for <i>Zina Arana</i> on her birthday      by her mother <i>ZinaDaboub</i></p>	<p><b>Mass Intentions</b></p>  <p><b>April 4</b>  <b>Easter Sunday</b>  <i>Hallelujah! He has Risen! Hallelujah!</i>  <b>9:30 am English Mass</b>      †  <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 \$2705.10  
 Catholic Relief \$261.00 ~ Easter Flowers \$70.00  
 Fuel \$250.00 ~ Easter \$10:00 ~ Holy Land \$10.00

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 28**  
*Palm Sunday*  
*My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*  
**Wednesday March 30**  
 LectioDivina 7:00 pm on Zoom  
**Thursday April 1**  
*Holy Thursday – Bilingual Service at 7:00 pm*  
**Friday April 2**  
*Good Friday – Bilingual Service at 6:00 pm*  
**Saturday April 3**  
*Easter Vigil – Bilingual Mass at 8:00 pm*  
**Easter Sunday April 4**  
*English Mas at 9:30 and Mass in Spanish at 12:00*  
**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**

As with regular Sunday Masses, the **max number of people who can attend any Service is set at 120.**

**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 Easter Sunday, April 4**

**First Reading** Acts 10:34a, 37-43

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:1-4

**Gospel:** St. John 20:1-9

**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/1FAIpQLSe3Ju75U8MZ0dV5PgLMbcklTer4PiOvXgNK4a0UeLAn3HSSA/viewform>

**Seating for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday**

Due to State and Diocesan regulations seating for our Spanish language Mass will be limited. 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.

**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.



COVID-19 Vaccine Pope Francis and Pope Benedict have received the COVID-19 vaccine. The Vatican tells us that getting the vaccine is an urgent response to the public health crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Please consider getting the vaccine. Do not gamble with your health or the health of your family and neighbors.

**COVID-19 Vaccination Information**

**People 50 and over**, healthcare workers, long-term care facility residents, and frontline essential workers *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.

Spring Into Action for **Family Promise Online Auction - May 2 – May 9.** **Family Promise of the Capital Region** is offering an online auction featuring a beautiful selection of baskets and items from local businesses. The link to the auction is on their website: <https://www.familypromisecr.org/>. Please consider supporting their mission of providing shelter and support to homeless families and families at risk for homelessness.

**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.

Pease donate to the *Pontifical Good Friday Collection.*

This Collection gives us an opportunity to express our solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land. A donation to the *Holy Father's* annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those affected by war, violence and instability in this region. Contributions to this special collection go to support education and sacred shrines. We become an instrument of peace in a troubled land. It is important that Christians continue to live, work and pray in the Holy Land.

**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