



**SHRINE CHURCH OF  
OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS**  
A MISSION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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**Sunday, January 22, 2023**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

♪ *The Lord is my light and my salvation.* ♪



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**January 22**

**9:00 am English Mass**

✠ *Elizabeth Anne Linzey* by Janet Gargiulo

✠ *Elizabeth Anne Linzey* by Pat Fahlander

**11:00 am Spanish Mass**

✠ *Basilisa Maldonado Cruz* by her cousin,  
Griselle Maldonado-Torres and family

**January 29**

**9:00 am English Mass**



**11:00 am Spanish Mass**

**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.*

**Information from January 15, 2023**

**Regular Offertory: \$1960**

**(\$60 Solemnity of Mary)**

**Total: \$1960**

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

**View Masses Online on Facebook:**

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

**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."*

**DIRECTORY**

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**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS & ATTACHMENTS:**

Deadline: Wednesdays@ Noon to:

*Claire Nolan*, [cbnolou@gmail.com](mailto:cbnolou@gmail.com) - January

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, January 22**

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

**Sunday, January 29**

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Blessed are the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!*

**LECTIO DIVINA**

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

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

**Sunday, January 29**

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**First Reading:** Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

**Gospel:** St. Matthew 5:1-12a

**Scam Alert:** If you receive an email from

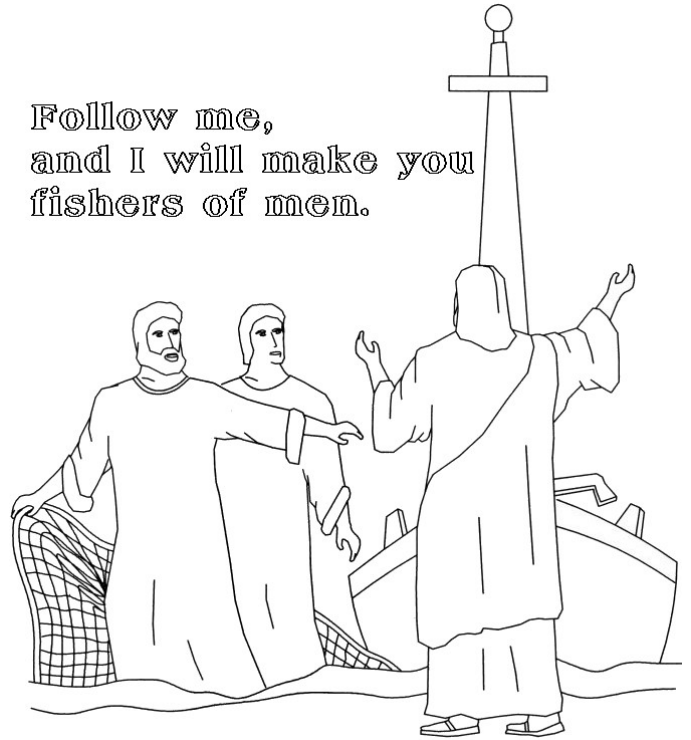
Fr. O'Connor or Fr. Dan requesting money or gift cards be sent to anyone in need, **It is a scam.**

**Hospital Visits:**

If you or someone you know is in the hospital, let hospital admissions know that you are a Catholic and what your parish is. Then Father O'Connor or another priest can visit and bring communion to you

# CHILDREN'S CORNER

Follow me,  
and I will make you  
fishers of men.



## Tea and Short Reads

This 6-week series of discussions (and tea!) will explore a different short story or poem each week. They take place at the Pine Hills Library on Wednesdays from March 8 thru April 12 at 12:30 pm. The writings involve the themes of patience, the environment, commitment, life and death, childhood, and war. Discussion will be facilitated by Rev. Daniel Quinn. Links to the readings below:

3/8 - "Leaf by Niggle" by J.R.R. Tolkien - <https://wp.lps.org/mpayant/files/2010/08/LEAF-BY-NIGGLE.pdf>

3/15 - "The Man Who Planted Trees" by Jean Giono - [https://kugelmass.files.wordpress.com/2016/09/the\\_man\\_who\\_planted\\_trees.pdf](https://kugelmass.files.wordpress.com/2016/09/the_man_who_planted_trees.pdf)

Or Christopher Plummer could read it to you: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ybeK8mTlOTk>

3/22 - "The Hound of Heaven" by Francis Thompson - <http://www.houndofheaven.com/poem>

3/29 - "Lepanto" by G. K. Chesterton - <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/47917/lepanto>

4/5 - "The River" by Flannery O'Connor - [https://www.doxaweb.com/assets/The\\_River.pdf](https://www.doxaweb.com/assets/The_River.pdf)

4/12 - "Parker's Back" by Flannery O'Connor - <https://jpcatholic.edu/NCUpdf/courses/HUMA122-ParkersBack.pdf>

## Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Bishop Edward Scharfenberger would like to inform all in the Diocese about a **Memorial Mass** for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, to be held today, **January 22 at 3:00pm**, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. Bishop Scharfenberger will preside. Also, the 5:00pm Mass at the Cathedral that day will be canceled with this Mass taking its place. Details will be forthcoming. For now, please add the date and time to your calendars.

**Confirmation Classes for 2023** will begin on Friday, January 27. Classes meet each Friday, 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the Meeting Room. For registration and more information, see Owen Glenn after the 9:00 English Mass or Confesora Franco after the 11:00 Spanish Mass.

**2023 Calendars  
are available in the back of Church.**

## Blessed Sacrament School Open House

Please join us for our next open house on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 11 a.m.! Why Blessed Sacrament School?

- PreK-Grade 8
- Safe school environment
- Busing available
- School day: 7:15am-2:45pm
- Aftercare available
- Hot breakfast and lunch available
- Excellent teachers
- STEM focused
- Financial aid available



If you would prefer a personalized tour, however, no problem! Just send an e-mail to [info@blessedsacramentschool.net](mailto:info@blessedsacramentschool.net) or give us a call (518) 438-5854 to set up your tour.

**Tax Statements:** If you would like a 2022 tax statement for your donations, please call the Shrine office or email your request to [mfredette103@gmail.com](mailto:mfredette103@gmail.com).

## Coffee and Conversation After the 9:30 am Mass Next Weekend – January 29<sup>th</sup>

Please see Teresa after Mass to sign up to bring something to share.

**NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME! OR 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.