



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

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**Sunday, February 12, 2023**  
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

♪ *Blessed are they who follow  
the law of the Lord!* ♪



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**February 12**

**9:00 am English Mass**

- ✠ *Ron Frisbee* by the Giordano family
- ✠ *Veronica McGraw* by John and Sandy McGraw

**11:00 am Spanish Mass**

For the health of ♥ *Kya MacDonal* ♥, a 2 years old girl, who has cancer by *Elsa Segovia*

- ✠ *Luis Manuel Gonzales* (3<sup>rd</sup> anniv.)  
by his wife *Cristiana*

Thanksgiving to God for ♥ *Monica* and *Fausto Franco* ♥ on their birthdays by their family

- ✠ *Gerónimo Ortiz Cartagena*  
by her daughter *Cynthia* and grandchildren

**February 19**

**9:00 am English Mass**

**11:00 am Spanish Mass**

- ✠ *Rosa Emilia Baez*  
by her daughter *Mercedes Lara*

**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 February 5, 2023**

**Regular Offertory: \$1834 Fuel: \$25 Total: \$1859**

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**

**SHRINE CHAPLAIN:** *Rev. Francis O'Connor*  
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**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS & ATTACHMENTS:**

Deadline: Wednesdays@ Noon to:  
*Tammy*, [tmcraсто@hotmail.com](mailto:tmcraсто@hotmail.com) - February

**MASS INTENTIONS:** *Tammy Crasto* (518) 229-7345  
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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, February 12**

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!*

**Sunday, February 19**

*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*The Lord is kind and merciful.*

**LECTIO DIVINA**

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

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

**Sunday, February 19**

*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**First Reading:** Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

**Gospel:** St. Matthew 5:38-48

**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:**  
Please notify our Shrine Church Office at 518-465-3685 and/or Fr. O'Connor at 518-588-2531 or Deacon Fabian or our Pastoral Associate Alejandra Saucedo about any member of our community who is in the hospital or is homebound and not able to come to church.

**Lectio Divina for Lent on Tuesdays**

Lectio Divina for Lent begins on February 21 and ends on March 28 and is held on Tuesdays. There will be three groups:

- Spanish Language – 6:00 pm in the Shrine Sacristy
- English Language – 7:00 pm in the Blessed Sacrament Sacristy
- English Language via Zoom – 7:00 pm – please send Tammy Crasto ([tmcrasto@hotmail.com](mailto:tmcrasto@hotmail.com)) your email address for the Zoom link

**Fr. Quinn to Speak at the Spanish Mass:**

Fr. Quinn will be available to speak to the Spanish parishioners before or after the 11:00 Mass on February 19 about the Spanish Diocesan Appeal. Envelopes will be in the pews and they can put in the offertory collection that day or the following Sunday.

**Confirmation Classes for 2023** began 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.

**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).

**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. For more information and links to the readings, go to: <https://albanypubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/10230048>

**Black History Month:** Every February, the U.S. honors the contributions and sacrifices of African Americans who have helped shape the nation. It celebrates the rich cultural heritage, triumphs and adversities that are an indelible part of our country's history. Listen for some beautiful music this month from the choir honoring Black History Month!

# CHILDREN'S CORNER



ABOLISH COMPLETE PURPOSE  
 KINGDOM HEAVEN VIRTUE  
 ANCESTORS KILL ANGRY  
 ALTAR THRONE FOOTSTOOL

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**Palms for Ashes**

The ashes used for Ash Wednesday are made from the burned and blessed palms of the previous year's Palm Sunday. If you would like to bring your palms to Church for burning, please bring them by February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Black History Month Prayer**

*Good and gracious God, we lament the lasting legacy of slavery and the many manifestations thereof, yielding racist policies and deep trauma that has continued for centuries since its ceremonial ending in the United States. We commit ourselves to ongoing repair and redress of these sins. We lament our complicity in allowing racist policies and practices to continue. May we have the courage to disrupt and avert any system of inequity. We affirm ourselves as members of one human family, believing that what affects one of us, affects all of us. May we commit ourselves to seeing and hearing one another, and being our siblings' caretaker. Amen.*

**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.