



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

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Sunday, February 26, 2023

First Sunday in Lent

♪ *Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.* ♪



MASS INTENTIONS

February 26

9:00 am English Mass

11:00 am Spanish Mass

March 5

9:00 am English Mass

† *Angelo Cannistraci*

by Megan Mansion Ruthman

† *Rosa Salvatore Cannavo* by Sylvia Yager

† *Jimmy Yager* by Barbara Yager

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 February 19, 2023

Regular Offertory: \$2665 (Includes \$41 for Easter)

Fuel: \$70 Total: \$2735

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*

(518) 482-3375 or (518) 588-2531

DEACON: *Rev. Miguel Fabián*

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE: *Alejandra Saucedo*

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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS & ATTACHMENTS:

Deadline: Wednesdays@ Noon to:

Claire Nolan, cbnolou@gmail.com – March

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 26

First Sunday in Lent

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Sunday, March 5

Second Sunday in Lent

*Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

LECTIO DIVINA

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

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

Sunday, March 5

Second Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Gospel: St. Matthew 17:1-9

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.

CHILDREN'S CORNER



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) your email address for the Zoom link

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.

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>

Food Pantry Blessed Sacrament: The pantry needs Spanish-speaking volunteers on Mondays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Please contact our parish office if you can help! Our food pantry is open Mondays and Thursdays, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Right now, we especially need diapers (sizes 3 and 6), shampoo, toothpaste, dish detergent, laundry detergent, and coffee.

Second Collection for Black, Native American and Latin American Mission – This Week: The Black and Native American Mission collection advances the Church's mission of evangelization by supporting social programs in high-need areas of the Diocese. The Collection for the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean helps rebuild the Church where natural disasters have devastated it - for instance, in Haiti - and improve catechesis, education and priesthood formation.

Lenten and Triduum Schedule

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English Language – 7:00 pm in the Blessed Sacrament Sacristy

English Language via Zoom – 7:00 pm

Mass, Stations and Soup, February 24 - March 31 -
Fridays at 6:00 pm
(Mass, Stations of the Cross, and Soup and Reflection)

Reconciliation, February 24 - March 31 - Fridays after
the Stations of the Cross

Palm Sunday, April 2 - 9:00 am English Mass and 11:00
am Spanish Mass

Holy Thursday, April 6 - 7:00 pm Bilingual Mass

Good Friday, April 7 - 6:00 pm Bilingual Service

Easter Vigil, April 8 - 7:30 Bilingual Mass

Easter Sunday, April 9 - 9:00 am English Mass and
11:00 am Spanish Mass

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.