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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00PM at Delaware Site

Sunday : 9:00AM at Delaware Site
10:30AM at South End Site

SPANISH MASS: 10:30AM at Delaware Site

Parish Office

391 Delaware Ave., Albany, New York 12209

Phone: (518) 434-4028

HOURS: 9:00AM-3:00PM

Monday-Thursday (Closed Fridays)

****CALL TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT****

Website: parishes.rcda.org/stfrancisofassisi

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St. James Food Pantry

Corner of St. James Place & Summit Ave, Albany, NY 12209

Linda Cruz, Director

(518) 414-1929

Monday 10:00am—12:30pm / Wednesday 10:00am—12:30pm

St. John's/St. Ann's Center

88 Fourth Avenue

Albany, NY 12202

Fr. Sean O'Brien, O.F.M., Director

Kathy Engel, Program Assistant

(518) 472-9091, ext. 14

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday-10am-Noon AND 1pm-3pm

Friday-10:00am-Noon

Welcome Table: Tuesday and Saturday-11:30am-1:00pm

Trustees: Vincent Franconere, Jo-Ann Garrison

Pastoral Council Chair: Angie Robilotto

Prayer & Worship Committee Chair: Georgeann Payne

Finance Committee Chair: Wayne Higdon

St. Francis of Assisi Parish (Delaware Site)

*391 Delaware Avenue
Albany, NY 12209*

St. Francis of Assisi Parish (South End Site)

*Fourth Avenue @ Franklin Street
Albany, NY 12202*

Mission Statement

St. Francis of Assisi is a welcoming and compassionate Parish, united in the Love of Christ, reaching throughout the community to serve the people of God.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) at Delaware Ave. Site:

Saturday—3:15pm (before the 4:00 p.m. Mass)

Sacrament of Baptism:

Call the parish office to make arrangements for appointment & Baptism preparation class.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Couples should contact the parish office at least 6 to 8 months in advance of the proposed marriage date and before finalizing reception plans. All couples will take part in a Marriage Preparation Program.

Faith Formation and Religious Education:

Faith Formation will be offered at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Church, Albany, NY for all ages: from elementary grades to High School.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:

Each Spring and Fall, a communal service of the anointing of the sick will take place; the date and time will be announced through the bulletin. For individual Sacrament, please call the Parish Office, or see one of the Priests after the weekend Liturgy.

For Pastoral Visit to homebound:

If you are preparing to enter the hospital for surgery, please call the Parish Office.



St. Vincent de Paul Society:

We are dedicated to helping those struggling financially. If you or someone you know needs assistance, please contact the Parish Office, and ask to be referred to a member of the St. Vincent dePaul Society.

Feel free to share this bulletin with a neighbor or friend

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Advent Lessons and Carols

The Cathedral Church of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, 15 December 2023 at 7:00pm

Corner of Eagle Street and Madison Avenue, Albany, NY
(Tim Reno will lead the Cathedral Choir and congregation in singing the haunting melodies of Advent—Christmas as we listen to the prophecies and stories of the incarnation of God).

The Parish Church of Saint Francis of Assisi

Sunday, 17 December 2023 at 2:00pm

391 Delaware Avenue, Albany, NY

The Cathedral Church of All Saints [Episcopal]

Tuesday, 19 December 2023 at 7:00pm

62 South Swan Street, Albany, NY
(Woodrow Bynum leads The Cathedral of All Saints Choir).

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated communally in the Advent Season...

Tuesday, 12 December 2023 at 7:00pm – Saint Pius X,
Loudonville.

Wednesday, 13 December 2023 at 7:00pm – Blessed
Sacrament, Albany

Monday, 18 December 2023 at 7:00pm – Saint Vincent
DePaul, Albany



Maria Aricipa, Mary Dolan, Bob Doody, Charles Liam Duffy, Chuck Dyer, John Fanning, Joyce Flanagan, Gina Garrison, Katherine Gilligan, Chris Godfrey, Marge Hepp, Michael Horgan and Family, Alison Horgan-Zepeda, Fr. David Jones, Jean Kane, Betty McSweeney, Joe O'Clair, Patricia Polan, Jaxson Rivera, Janet Rundle, Sr. Natalie Runfola, Carolyn Samuels, Michele Sloman, Fr. Paul Smith, Mary & Ron Sontz, Nathan Williams



Mass Intentions -December 9-10, 2023

4PM DEL Vigil: Saturday, December 9

Healing Mass for Mary Sontz

Sun., December 10, Second Sunday of Advent DEL

9:00AM Healing Mass for Karen Cole & Summer Ashley
(by Ron & Mary Sontz & Family)

SE

10:30AM Janet Keller (by Joe & Family)
Margaret S. Payne (by Georgeann)

Next Weekend– December 16-17, 2023

4PM DEL Vigil: Saturday, December 16

Gloria M. Johnson, Francis R. Johnson, & Francis J.
Johnson (by Gloria Moak)

Anne Lemme (by Ron & Mary Sontz & Mary Dolan)

Edward Hart (by Ron & Mary Sontz)

Gerald Buras, Sr. (by Anne Schmidt)

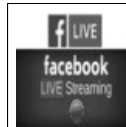
Rev. Dominic Ingemie (by Ron & Mary Sontz, and
Mary Dolan)

Sun., December 17, Third Sunday of Advent DEL

9:00AM Connell & McCormack Family (by Joan & Family)
James & Helen Curry, William & Anne Fox,
Frances Moran, & Mary Lansing (by Judy Curry)

SE

10:30AM Lucy & Paul Tudico (by Daughters)



Live Stream (or review) our 9:00am & 10:30am
Masses by going to our Facebook Page:
St.FrancisofAssisi.Albany, or check us out on
YouTube.

COLLECTION

The total collection for December 3rd was \$5,262.06

(includes PayPal, Mailed in, Spanish Mass)

Attendance: 4:00pm: 42
9:00am: 78
10:30am: 75
(Spanish Mass) 10:30am: 104

Please make checks payable to St. Francis of Assisi Parish

PLEASE NOTE: We use PayPal to accept donations online. Go to: parishes.rcda.org/StFrancisofAssisi, click DONATE, then "Donate with a Debit or Credit Card". You can schedule a single or recurring donation.



SEND CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO OUR VETERANS ...

To send a Christmas Card to a
Veteran, do the following:

Use any Christmas Card WITHOUT GLITTER.

Sign only your FIRST NAME on the card.

Place card in envelope—write NOTHING on envelope.

Place the card/envelope in the boxes located at both sites
marked to receive these cards.

That's all there is to it!!!

DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 12, 2023





NEXT WEEKEND!
Sunday, December 17th
2:00 p.m.—Delaware Site

The choirs of St. Francis Parish (under the direction of Kristen Witham, Music Director) have had the tradition of doing a Lessons and Carols Service. They have not been able to do it since 2019, and are looking forward to being able to do it again. Please plan on attending. All are welcome!



QUILT RAFFLE TO BENEFIT THE CHURCH

A great response to the raffle but we have more tickets, and you can help by selling them to friends or relatives. Thanks for all your help!

DRAWING TO BE HELD SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17th AFTER THE 10:30AM MASS.



WE PRAY FOR our loved ones who have completed their earthly sojourn, especially

Joan Miller,

and all others whom we hold dear.



In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

ST. JAMES FOOD PANTRY

Open: Monday: 10am-12:30pm
& Wednesday: 10am-12:30pm
518-414-1929

From the Desk of Linda Cruz, Director:

Christmas Giving Tree Gifts should be wrapped with the gift tag from the Giving Tree securely taped onto the package. **The packages must be returned by the following dates:**

In church THIS WEEKEND (December 9th/10th)
 at all Masses.

To the St. James Food Pantry by Monday, December 11, Wednesday, December 13 or Friday, December 15th between 9AM and 1PM.

To the Parish Office Monday thru Thursday between 9AM and 2PM **before** December 14th (**CALL FIRST**)

Food Pantry Requests: The food pantry would not be able to provide for the families in our community without the support and assistance from our parishioners, friends and family and we are so grateful.

We are in DESPERATE need of Cereal, and Enfamil Baby Formula.



ST. JOHN'S/ ST. ANN'S CENTER



PHONE: 518-472-9091 ext. 14

OPEN: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
 10am-Noon & 1pm-3pm
 Friday-10:00am-Noon

Welcome Table: Tuesday and Saturday
 11:30am-1:00pm

Dear Parishioners:

Holidays are quickly approaching and our needs are many. If you could provide any of the following items, we'd be most grateful:

Boxed mash potatoes, stuffing mix, turkey gravy, vegetables, cake or brownie mix.

Know of our appreciation and gratitude for your on-going support and help with our ministry at St. John's/St. Ann's Outreach Center!

Peace & all good, Fr. Sean and Kathleen Engle

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