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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
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 LENT

*Welcome
Back!!*

Fr. Joe Falletta,
who will celebrate our
9:00am and 10:30am
Masses this weekend.

Please Notice This



Because of a problem with the List Server Provider we were using, I had to switch to a new Provider. In making the switch some email addresses were lost. If you did not receive the bulletin for the last few weeks, your address was probably one that was lost.

Please send me your email address and I will add you to the new List Server.

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Mass Intentions-February 24-25, 2024

4PM DEL Vigil: Saturday, February 24

Robert J. & Robert M. Keegan (by Barbara Keegan)
Robert & Catherine Frank (by Barbara Keegan)
Dominick F. & Anna T. Allegretta (by Diane Biernacki)
Frederick W. Biernacki (by Diane Biernacki)
Cheryl Biernacki Evola (by Diane Biernacki)
Thomas & Jane Lemme (by Children)
Thanksgiving Mass to St. Anthony for Favor Granted

Sun., February 25, Second Sunday of Lent DEL

9:00AM Angela & Salvatore Rappoccio (by Children)
Lucille M. Hoffer & Lyle D. Hoffer

10:30AM

SE Lee Mooney (by Nancy & Jeff Shanno)
Joe Early (by Nancy & Jeff Shanno)

Next Weekend- March 2-3, 2024

4PM DEL Vigil: Saturday, March 2

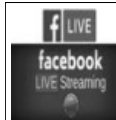
St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners

Sun., March 3, Third Sunday of Lent DEL

9:00AM In Honor of Mary Dolan (by Family)

10:30AM

SE Julia Ashkar (by Brilling-Horgan Family)



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



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, Jaxson Rivera, Janet Rundle, Sr. Natalie Runfolo, Carolyn Samuels, Michele Sloman, Fr. Paul Smith, Mary & Ron Sontz, Sandy Spulnick, Nathan Williams

COLLECTION

The total collections for February 18th will be in upcoming bulletin.



Lent is a call not just to "give up something" but more important to "give something for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they call the parish office. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Your almsgiving in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

The Nocturnal Adoration Society meets the first Friday of each month from 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in St. Francis of Assisi Church (Delaware Ave.) **Next gathering is on Friday, March 1st.** (Please use the side entrance.)

Lenten Fasting & Feasting

FAST from worry and FEAST on trusting in God.
 FAST from complaining and FEAST on appreciation.
 FAST from negatives and FEAST on affirmatives.
 FAST from unrelenting pressures and FEAST on unceasing prayer.
 FAST from hostility and FEAST on non-resistance.
 FAST from bitterness and FEAST on forgiveness.
 FAST from self-concern and FEAST on compassion for others.
 FAST from idle gossip and FEAST on purposeful silence.
 FAST from judging others and FEAST on the Christ within them.
 FAST from emphasis on differences and FEAST on the unity of life.
 FAST from apparent darkness and FEAST on the reality of light.
 FAST from thoughts of illness and FEAST on the healing power of God.
 FAST from the words that pollute and FEAST on phrases that purify.
 FAST from discontent and FEAST on gratitude.
 FAST from anger and FEAST on optimism.
 FAST from discouragement and FEAST on hope.
 FAST from lifelessness and FEAST on enthusiasm.
 FAST from suspicion and FEAST on truth.
 FAST from thoughts that weaken and FEAST on promises that inspire.
Fast from SIN and Feast on CHRIST.

**Lenten Encounters with God
 Events & Presentations 2024**

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (Corner of Madison Avenue & Eagle Street, Albany, New York)
The Parish of Saint Francis of Assisi (391 Delaware Avenue Albany, New York)

**Lent II 25 February 2024 3:00pm Cain and Abel Have
 Their Day in Court**

Rabbi Dan Ornstein of Congregation Ohav Shalom in Albany will take us on an interpretive and spiritual journey through the Cain and Abel story. We'll imagine God's confrontation with Cain as a murder trial in which Cain - and all humanity - are the defendants. How are we to balance justice & mercy?

Lent III 3 March 2024 3:00pm Hidden Mercy

Journalist and national correspondent Michael J. O'Loughlin, author of *Hidden Mercy: AIDS, Catholics and the Untold Stories of Compassion in the Face of Fear* will discuss his book which offers hope filled and inspirational personal encounters with people who suffered from AIDS and what it means for us to respond to those in need.

Lent IV 10 March 2024 3:00pm Voices from the Passion

Pope Paul VI wonderfully said, "Modern people listen more willingly to witnesses than teachers". Bertrand Fay, poet, priest & teacher will explore and present through his poetry the witness of people who suffered alongside Jesus in his passion making up, as Paul wrote, what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ.

Lent V 17 March 2024 11:00 Piper's Mass /

3:00pm "Requiem" by John Rutter (At the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception [11:00am] Mark the Feast of Saint Patrick with the Schenectady Pipe Band and the Cathedral Choir.

(At Saint Francis of Assisi, Delaware Avenue at Saint James Place [3:00pm] Under the Direction of Tim Reno, Director of Music of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception enjoy the Siena College Choirs and Alumni Clare Ensemble and Singers presenting "Requiem" by John Rutter.

ST. JAMES FOOD PANTRY

**Open: Monday: 10am-12:30pm
 & Wednesday: 10am-12:30pm
 5-414-192**

From the Desk of Linda Cruz, Director:

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!

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024
 8:00 am - 12:30 pm**

Pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee, tea, cocoa.

Albany Med Daycare Gym St. James Place, Albany

Presented by: St. Francis of Assisi Parish Scout
 Troop 11
 &
 Cub Pack 211

And a FOOD DRIVE for our St. James Pantry. Please bring canned/boxed food or personal care items to donate; we'll be collecting them in the gym during the breakfast.

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