

Pastor

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Vince Forte, Guitar

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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.

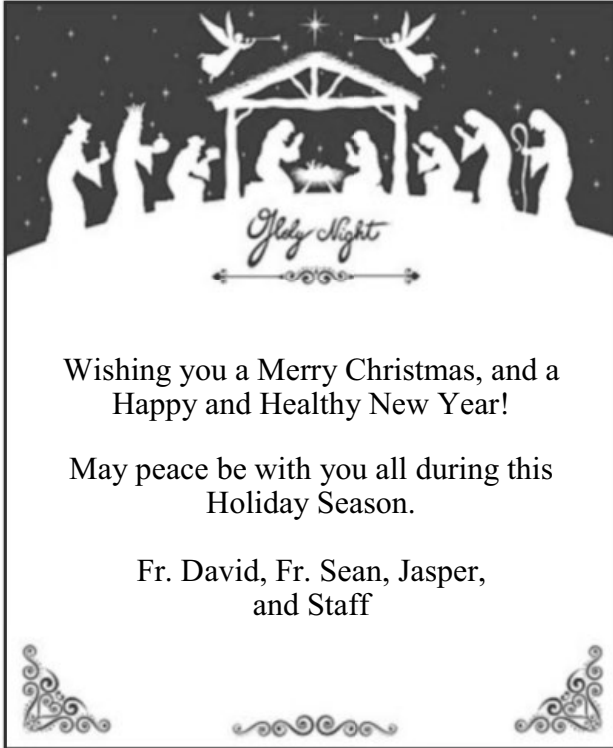


St. Vincent de Paul Society:

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Sun., December 24, Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m.—Delaware Site
6:00 p.m.—South End Site

Mon., December 25, Christmas Day

9:00 a.m.—Delaware Site
10:30 a.m.—Delaware Site (Spanish Mass)

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
2024**

Mon., January 1, New Years Day

9:00 a.m.—St. Mary's Church
(for all Network Parishes)



Mass Intentions -December 23-24, 2023

4PM DEL Vigil: Saturday, December 23

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)
Arlene Triola (Anne & Richard Schmidt)
Thomas & Jane Lemme (by Children)
Ralph & Anne Lemme (by Karen & Robert)
Joey Masciocco (by Karen & Robert)

Sun., December 24, Fourth Sunday of Advent DEL

9:00AM St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners

Next Weekend- December 30-31, 2023

4PM DEL Vigil: Saturday, December 30

Nick & Rose Elacqua—Christmas Mass (by Children)

Sun., December 31, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph DEL

9:00AM St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners

COLLECTION

The total collection for December 10th was \$5,046.00
(includes PayPal, Mailed in, Spanish Mass)

Immaculate Conception: \$369.00

Attendance: 4:00pm: 43
9:00am: 100
10:30am: 63
(Spanish Mass) 10:30am: 221

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.



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

Jessie Brady,

and all others whom we hold dear.



Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought light into the darkness surrounding the heart of those living in poverty bringing them the real, lasting, and deep joy of Christmas.

ST. JAMES FOOD PANTRY

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

From the Desk of Linda Cruz, Director:



We had a couple glitches with the gift cards, but overall it was a big success. Next year the form will be more explanatory and announcements made in that regard. We sold over \$18,000 in cards, and the pantry earned over \$1,000 in profit. Many thanks to everyone that participated.

For Thanksgiving the pantry served turkey dinners to more than 50 families in our community and will serve the same families for Christmas dinner. Along with the dinners we will provide gifts to each child in their household. We would not be able to do any of this without the help from our parishioners and community organizations. Many thanks to Wayne Higdon and his terrific boy scouts and boy scout leaders for their successful food drive. Also thanks to Sharon and the teachers at Albany Med Kids for another year end food drive.

We especially appreciate the continued support from St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Not only do they help with gifts at Christmas, but with the guidance of Maryann Hospadar they do much more. She has a "stocking stuffer" Drive and "hats and gloves" Drive for Christmas. She also has numerous food drives throughout the year which immensely assists our pantry to make it from one month to the next.

Our pantry is a collaboration of individuals striving to provide and improve the living situation for families in need in our community.



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