



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



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Opportunities for Spiritual Growth

Spiritual Resources

New Pilgrim's Path

www.newpilgrimpath.ie

New Pilgrim Path is a website aimed at introducing fellow Christians of all denominations to the great wealth of online spiritual resources. Links to a variety of valuable websites on spirituality are provided. In addition to the permanent pages of Daily Prayer, Sacred Music, Inspiration, and Online Retreats, each week we feature a different Website of the Week, Poem of the Week and Music of the Week.

The Center for Action and Contemplation

www.cac.org

Franciscan Richard Rohr founded the Center for Action and Contemplation (CAC) in 1987 to integrate both action and contemplation—the two are inseparable. Contemplation is a way of listening with the heart while not relying entirely on the head. Contemplation is a prayerful letting go of our sense of control and choosing to cooperate with God and God's work in the world. Prayer without action, as Father Richard says, can promote our tendency to self-preoccupation, and without contemplation, even well-intended actions can cause more harm than good. The site includes Daily Meditations – Podcasts - Books

Looking for a 5 minute daily spiritual pickup?



Try the YOUCAT App. YOUCAT stands for Youth Catechism BUT don't let that chase you away. A daily picture, biblical passage, Q&A from the Catholic Catechism and an inspirational quote might be just what you are looking for to raise your spirits by the Holy Spirit. Go to the app store on our phone and put in YOUCAT App.

The Word Explored

Fr. David's Sunday Homilies

www.davidwmmickiewicz.wordpress.com

Catholic Women Preach

www.catholicwomenpreach.org

Following the liturgical year, Catholic women reflect on how the texts relate to all Catholics today with a special emphasis on the lives of women, their apostolic call, and their roles in the Church and the world.



Maria Aricipa, Amy Atwood, Ralph Balfourt, Nick Casullo, Mary Dolan, Bob Doody, Charles Liam Duffy, Chuck Dyer, David & Eri, John Fanning, Gina Garrison, Katherine Gilligan, Chris Godfrey, Marge Hepp, Fr. David Jones, Jean Kane, Rose Kellogg, Betty McSweeney, Joe O'Clair, Gladys Perez, Jaxson Rivera, Sr. Natalie Runfola, Carolyn Samuels, Mary & Ron Sontz, Nathan Williams

Mass Intentions -December 31-January 1, 2023

4PM DEL Vigil: Saturday, December 31

Rose & Nicholas Elacqua—Christmas Mass (by Children)

Sun., January 1, Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

DEL

9:00AM No Intentions

SE

10:30AM No Intentions

Next Weekend- January 7-8, 2023

4PM DEL Vigil: Saturday, January 7

Dorothy Sokol—Birthday (by Parish Staff)
Edward Kahlert (by Jean Abatto)

Sun., January 8, The Epiphany of the Lord

DEL

9:00AM No Intentions

SE

10:30AM No Intentions

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

COLLECTION

The total collection for December 18th was \$3,847.00

(Includes Mailed In, Spanish Mass, & PayPal)

Christmas Flowers: \$490.00

Immaculate Conception: \$50.00

Attendance:

DEL: 4:00pm - 62

9:00am - 102

(Spanish Mass) 10:30am - 84

SE: 10:30am - 48

Please make checks payable to St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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, January 6.** (Please use the side entrance.)



Fr. David Mickiewicz will be officially installed as Pastor of St. Mary's on Saturday, January 7th at 4:00 p.m. and St. Francis of Assisi on Sunday, January 8th at the 9:00 a.m. (Delaware Site) Mass.

ST. JAMES FOOD PANTRY

Open: Tuesday 11am-2pm & Thursday 10am-12noon
518-414-1929

From the Desk of Linda Cruz, Director:

I, along with the volunteers of the St. James Food Pantry, would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a safe, happy, and healthy New Year! Thank you for all your donations during the past year. We truly appreciate you all!

The Food Pantry will be CLOSED from Tuesday, December 20th, and will **re-open on Tuesday, January 3rd** for the Christmas/New Year Holiday. **If you have a food emergency**, contact the Food Pantry of the Capital District at 518-458-1167, and they will direct you to a neighboring pantry for **emergency help**.

We are in desperate need of: peanut butter, jelly, and cereal.
 Thank you!!!



Today is the feast of Mary, Mother of God. Like Mary may we always treasure the events in our life and reflect on them in our heart.
Please remember to support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in 2023 so that together we can continue to bring comfort and peace to our brothers and sisters who are poor and suffering. May the peace and joy of the New Year be yours!



To Susan Pezzolla, winner of the Quilt Raffle. She and her husband Peter were previous parishioners.

Thank you to all who bought tickets!



REMINDER: The Parish Office will be **CLOSED** Monday, December 26th through Monday, January 2nd for the Christmas/ New Year Holiday.



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

Needed items: peanut butter, cereal, pasta (spaghetti, ziti, elbows), tuna fish, soup, cooking oil, rice, toilet paper, soap & shampoo.



From the desk of Fr. Sean O'Brien, Director:

Continued thanks you to everyone for the generous outpouring of donations still coming our way.

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