

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* 

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Starting Monday July 3rd, the Parish Office will be open during the summer from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday –Thursday and closed on Fridays.





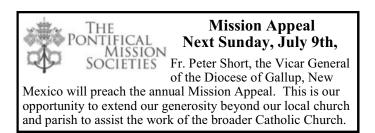
**WE PRAY FOR** our loved ones who have completed their earthly sojourn, especially Marion K Waite,

and all others whom we hold dear.



We welcome into the life of God and the Church Charlotte Wilkins Baptized on Saturday, June 17, 2023

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**4PM DEL Vigil: Saturday, July 1** St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners

Sun., July 2nd, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time DEL

**9:00AM** Members of the Memorial Enrollment

**SE 10:30AM** St. Frances of Assisi Parishioners

Next Weekend- July 8-9, 2023

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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 June 18th was \$3,709.00 (Includes Mailed In, Spanish Mass, & PayPal) Catholic Communications (additional) : \$10.00

Attendance:

DEL: 4:00pm - 55 9:00am - 94 (Spanish Mass) 10:30am - 111 SE: 10:30am - 65

The total collection for June 25th was \$4,069.00 (Includes Mailed In, Spanish Mass, & PayPal) Maintenance: \$205.00

Attendance:

DEL:	4:00pm -	39
	9:00am -	86
(Spanish Mass)	10:30am -	75
SE:	10:30am -	64

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

# JULY 2, 2023

### From the Rector's Desk...

### What is The Historic Albany Network of Parishes?

Bishop Scharfenberger has proposed that parishes minister in networks; a close working together of groups of parishes so that we can more effectively proclaim the Gospel, be better stewards of our valuable and limited human, material and financial resources all of which are in diminishing supply and work toward creating long-term sustainability for all our present parishes. Our network of parishes consists of Cathedral, Historic Saint Mary and Saint Francis of Assisi. To be part of a Network means to move forward together using the strengths of each community for the good of the whole.

What will this practically mean?

\* Each of the three parishes *remains canonically distinct*. Parishes are not merging or closing. Each will continue to have separate finances under the care of its own Trustees and Finance Councils as per law.

What will be new?

\* Through a process of education and prayerful discernment, members from all three parishes have been formed into ONE Pastoral Council. A Pastoral Council is a consultative body that investigates some aspect of the church's life, ponder it, and recommends its conclusions to the pastor. Ultimately is it a search for wisdom to assist the pastor.

\* We are moving to have ONE staff for the Network of parishes working at ONE locality. This will afford all the parishes a savings for salaries and benefits and allow for better communication and a working environment for the staff. When the process is complete, there will be ONE Faith Formation Director, ONE Building & Grounds Manager etc. across the three parishes.

# In today's Gospel hear Jesus tell us: *Whoever gives only a cup of cold water*

to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—Amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." This week, know that you will be bringing hope

to the poor by your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

### **ST. JAMES FOOD PANTRY**

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

From the Desk of Linda Cruz, Director:

Food Pantry: We can really use spaghetti sauce and peanut butter, PAPER BAGS, crackers, soup and canned meats (ravioli, hash, etc.) as these things are still not available at the Food Bank.

We always need hygiene items, mainly soap, shampoo and toothpaste.



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

### SJSA Soup Kitchen Seeking Volunteers

As of June 1st, the St. John's/St. Ann's Soup Kitchen allowed guests to come back inside to eat.



We are still looking for volunteers who can help with meal preparation, serving, and clean up for SATURDAY'S ONLY.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Cookie on her cell at 518-435-5915.

> Thank you for your help and willingness to be a part of this special ministry.

> > Peace, Fr. Sean

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, July 7th. (Please use the side entrance.)

### **REGISTER NOW FOR THE NYS EUCHARISTIC**

**CONGRESS:** Catholics from across New York State are planning to come together at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville on October 20-22, 2023 to celebrate the real presence of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The Congress will feature inspiring talks, Mass, Eucharistic adoration, opportunities for confessions, inspiring music and more. For details and to register (EVERYONE ATTENDING MUST REGISTER), log onto

https://nyseucharisticcongress.org

