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Albany, NY

"A Place of Courageous Hospitality"

Gaudete - Rejoice

Cub Scout Pack 1023 visited the Food Pantry and Faith Formation youth celebrated St. Nicholas Day!

3rd Sunday of Advent- December 11, 2016

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 17
5:00PM Donald L. Kircher by St. Vincent's Parish
Josephine Vindittie req. by Elizabeth Simcoe

Sunday, December 18
8:30AM Elizabeth J. Martin (8th Ann.) req. by Joanne B. Martin
11:00AM Rose Crupi req. by The Family
Richard Frasier by Bill & Elizabeth Simcoe

COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 4, 2016 -

	In Pew:	E-Giving:	Total:
Regular:	$ 6,604.32	$ 1,370.00	$ 7,974.32
Food Pantry:	$ 6,269.25	$ 320.00	$ 6,589.25
CCHD:	$ 35.00		$ 35.00
Evangelist:	$ 18.00		$ 18.00
All Souls:	$ 40.00		$ 40.00
All Saints:	$ 40.00		$ 40.00
Enhancement:	$ 2,088.00	$ 687.00	$ 2,775.00
Enhancement - Total Amount Pledged:			$ 553,275.49
Total Amount Paid:			$ 531,927.38
Outstanding:			$ 19,928.11

Thank you for your generosity. Your regular financial support of our parish community is essential to our continued viability and vitality.

GIVING TREE GIFTS ~ *Deadline for bringing in gifts is Sunday, December 11 at 1PM!*

POINSETTIA PLANTS ~ Plants are ready for pick-up this weekend after all Masses.

CHRISTMAS EVE JUNIOR CHOIR - Youth are invited to sing or play their instruments at the 5PM Christmas Eve Mass. *Thirty minute rehearsals will be on Dec. 11 & 18 following the 11AM Mass.* Contact Marie Bernadett at music@stvincentalbany.org or 489-5408, ext. 111.

NOVEMBER FOOD PANTRY UPDATE ~ Our Food Pantry served 446 households in November: 975 adults, 556 children, 134 infants & toddlers less than 4 years old, and 97 seniors - a total of 1,762 individuals. Also, the Knights of Columbus donated 36 turkeys plus bags filled with Thanksgivings sides. Overall 146 households received either a turkey or $20 in Price Chopper gift cards for their Thanksgiving meal. Thank you all for your generosity and ongoing donations!!

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! ~ We have the gift for the 'person who has everything' on your Christmas gift-giving list - St Vincent's Food Pantry Christmas Cards! **Call the parish office at 489-5408 or visit the Parish Hall after Masses 12/10-11 & 12/17-18.**

This Week in our Parish

MON	Yoga, 6:00PM (C)
TUES	Choir Rehearsal, 7:00PM (C)
SAT/SUN	***Fourth Sunday of Advent***
	Fair Trade Sale, after Masses (PH)
SUN	(No Faith Formation - see GIFT)
	Adult Faith Formation, 9:45AM (PC)
	Junior Choir Rehearsal, after 11AM Mass
	GIFT, 12:15PM (PH)
	Creation Care Team, 12:15PM (Room 1)

(C) Church, (G) Grotto, (PC) Parish Center, (PH) Parish Hall, (L) Lounge, (HIS) Hubbard Interfaith Sanctuary

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Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

- ***Faith Formation* - December sessions: 12/11. No sessions on Dec. 18 but please join us for GIFT!**
- **Any families interested in participating at the 5pm Christmas Eve Mass, please contact Beth Carlin for more information.**
- **Next Youth Night - Monday, Dec. 12 from 6:30-7:30PM at the Parish Center. Hope to see you then!**
- **Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) - Sunday, Dec. 18 (see below).**

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER (GIFT) - Everyone is invited to an intergenerational afternoon next Sunday, Dec. 18, from 12:15-2PM in the parish hall for a Pot Luck Lunch and *Being a GIFT* - being gifts of faith to each other - during this season and always. *Activities appropriate for ALL AGES!*

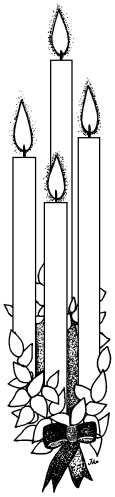
PLEASE NOTE ~

- The last Sunday 6:30PM Mass is Dec. 11, 2016 and will resume on Jan. 22, 2017
- There will be one combined bulletin for the weekends of Dec. 24/25 & Dec. 31/Jan 1.

St. Vincent's Parish would like to thank

Magin and Keegan Funeral Home 891 Madison Ave

for their generous donation of the 2017 Catholic Calendars



2016 CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASSES

December 24

5:00 p.m. ~ Christmas Eve Children's Mass

9:15 p.m. ~ Carol Singing

10:00 p.m. ~ "Midnight" Mass

December 25 ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ Christmas Day

December 31 ~ 5:00 p.m. ~ Vigil

January 1, 2017 ~ 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Making Funeral Arrangements in Advance

The death of someone we love is a deeply painful and trying time. Making funeral arrangements when family members live out of town or have conflicting ideas can add further difficulties.

Parish Life Director Elizabeth Simcoe invites you to consider preparing your funeral arrangements in advance. This might mean selecting readings, music and ministers for the liturgy. These choices can always be adjusted, too, if circumstances change. If you are interested in this opportunity, please call or email Elizabeth to set up an appointment at 489-5408 or pld@stvincentalbany.org.

Forming a Building and Grounds Committee

Our parish has wonderful spaces in which to worship, gather and fulfill the mission of the Church. Like all buildings, they need careful attention and preventative maintenance.

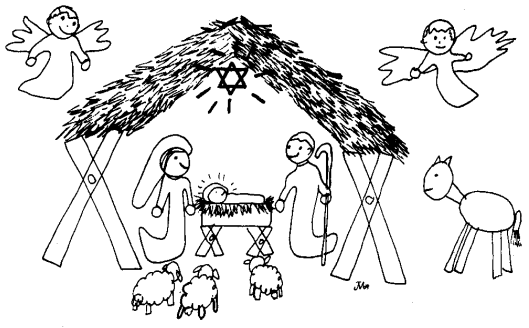
Elizabeth Simcoe is requesting that interested persons with knowledge of buildings and their systems meet with her on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at 3:00PM in the Parish Hall to begin the process of setting up a committee to make an overall review of our facilities and develop a plan for keeping them in tip top shape. Please email or call Elizabeth if you are interested and available by January 3 at 489-5408 or email pld@stvincentalbany.org.

A Prayer for College Students ~ While we are preparing the way of the Lord, our college students are preparing for finals, so here is a thought from Philippians for them...

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." **Philippians 4:6-7**

Blessing of a Manger or Nativity Set

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
and raise up our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Savior of all,
and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.



DECEMBER 11, 2016 ~ THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings for the Week December 11, 2016

Sunday:	Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
Monday:	Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30
Friday:	Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Jn 5:33-36
Saturday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Next Week:	Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

ADULT FAITH FORMATION ~ The Camino de Santiago in northern Spain is an ancient pilgrim path. Pat Schuler will share her pilgrimage walking 500 miles in 35 days on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 9:45AM in Meeting Room 1. Pat lived the maxim, "I am not a human being on a spiritual journey, I am a spiritual being on a human journey." All are welcome.

CREATION CARE TEAM ~ meets the third Sunday of each month - next meeting is Dec. 18 at 12:15PM in Meeting Room 1. All are welcome.

SENIORS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS ~

- *Lunch at Grapa '72 on December 14. We will leave the church parking lot at 11:00AM.* Call Sr. Eleanor at 489-5408 if you need or can share transportation.
- *Christmas Luncheon at The Red Lobster on January 4, 2017.* We will leave the church parking lot at 11:00AM. Please call Sr. Eleanor if interested.

YOGA CLASSES ~ Mondays from 6-7PM in the church Class schedule: *Dec. 12 & 19*. A donation of $5 or more is asked to benefit our Sister Parish. For information contact Judi England, Kripalu teacher, at yogajudi@aol.com.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Parishioner In Need of Help - Due to the sale of a building, Rita, a single mom with school age children, needs to find a 3-4 bedroom affordable apartment in this neighborhood by the end of December. If you can be of assistance with this, please call or Elizabeth Simcoe, Parish Life Director.**

Attention Enhancement Fund Donors:

The pledge period for the Enhancement Fund will be coming to a close at the end of this year. If your donation is being given online, you will need to identify an end date thru the online option. Visit the church's website at www.stvincentalbany.org. If you need any assistance with making this arrangement, please contact Veronica Schmidt-Henzler in the Parish Office at 489-5408, ext. 107. We are most grateful for you faithful, generous support of this sanctuary enhancement project.

Liturgical Ministers for December 17/18:

Baker:	Bill Dollard
Writer:	Lisa Nolan
Writer for Dec. 24/25:	TBD

Saturday, 5:00 pm

Presider/Homilist:	Fr. Leo O'Brien
Adult Acolyte:	Rich DeGrijze
Readers:	Cory Taliaferro, Johanne Floser
Eucharistic Ministers:	Janet Brandli, Madeline Cafiero, Nancy DiBlasi, Ray Garthner, Michael Pastore
Liturgical Coordinator:	Rosemarie Tobin

Sunday, 8:30 am

Presider/Homilist:	Fr. Richard Vosko
Adult Acolyte:	Shylah Addante
Altar Servers:	Jake Ruud, Arielle Duvall
Readers:	Michael Dollard, Bill Dollard
Eucharistic Ministers:	Fran Dempsey, Eileen Larrabee, Rich McDevitt, Clare Pelkey, Lisa Ruud, Maryanne Tuite
Liturgical Coordinator:	Chris Savastio
Ministers of Hospitality:	Sandy Vollaro, Dave Vollaro
CLW:	Susan D'Entremont
Coffee Hour:	Tim Farrell, Mary Sheridan
Counters:	Joanne Martin, Mary Ricard, **1 Needed**

Sunday, 11:00 am

Presider/Homilist:	Fr. Richard Vosko
Adult Acolyte:	Suzanne O'Connor
Altar Servers:	Charlie LaDue, James Burke
Readers:	Rich Athens, Diane Miller
Eucharistic Ministers:	Kendall Aufmuth, Chris Burns, Twiggy Collen, Laurie Kirchman, Erin Knoerl, Bill LaDue, Leslie Phelan, Eileen Shirey, Angela Warner, Paul Zullo
Liturgical Coordinator:	Jim Bennett
Ministers of Hospitality:	Kathleen Hidalgo, Patty Gorman, Debbie Jo Ross, Katherine Bollin
CLW:	Meg McCarthy, Beth McCarthy
Veronica Ministry:	Rosa Veltman
Coffee Hour:	Maureen Carr Dormaratz, Katrina Consiglio
Counters:	Janice Kehn, Dick Neimeyer, Ray Pitlyk

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

Hospital Visitation: Week of December 11

SPH - Sharon Randall/Laura Scoones, Jeff Vigliotta

AMCH - Kathy McCoy/Eleanor Guerin

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 P.M. Vigil
Sunday	8:30 & 11:00 A.M.; 6:30 P.M.
	(last 6:30PM Mass is 12/11/16 - resumes 1/22/17)
PARISH CENTER	984 Madison Avenue
FOOD PANTRY	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 12:30-2:30 PM~ (518) 694-3153
PRESCHOOL	(518) 482-5346 www.stvincentspreschool.com

OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday, 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

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PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE FOR:

- **Pastoral Care** - Visits to homebound parishioners, hospital patients or nursing home residents.
- **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults -** Membership in the Roman Catholic Church.
- **Infant Baptism** - Celebrated monthly (except during Lent)
- **Reconciliation** - By appointment or 4:45PM Saturdays
- **Matrimony** - At least 6 months prior to your hoped for date.
- **Bereavement Ministry -** is available through the parish office. Please call and ask for Sr. Eleanor Guerin.

Gluten Free Hosts & Personal P.A. Receivers are available.

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PASTORAL TEAM:

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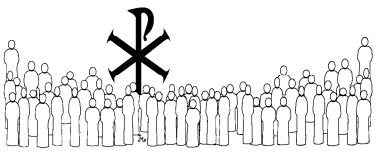

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