Church of St. Vincent de Paul

Albany, NY

"A Place of Courageous Hospitality"

"Let us walk in the light of the Lord."
--Isaiah 2:5

December 1, 2019 - First Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 7
5:00PM Rev. Michael Fufferd

Sunday, December 8
8:30AM St. Vincent's Parishioners
11:00AM St. Vincent's Parishioners

This Week at St. Vincent's

12/2	Confirmation Rehearsal 6:30PM All Saints Church
12/3	Confirmation 6:30PM All Saints Church RCIA 7:00PM (L)
12/7	Advent Family Reconciliation Service 2:00PM (C) Mass 5:00PM (C)
12/8	Mass 8:30AM (C) Peace & Justice Prayer Group 10:00-10:30AM (Chapel) Mass 11:00AM (C) Family Advent Celebration 12:15PM (PH) Mass 6:30PM (C)

(C) Church, (G) Grotto, (PC) Parish Center, (PH) Parish Hall, (L) Lounge, (MTG 1) Meeting Room 1, (MTG 2) Meeting Room 2

The collection for November 23-24, 2019 will be posted in next week's bulletin!

Would you like to begin receiving offertory envelopes? Give the Parish Office a call at 518-489-5408 or you may also sign up for e-giving on our website at: http://stvincentalbany.org/donate

Thank you for your generosity and regular financial support of our parish community!

Peace and Justice Prayer Group

Join us for an informal time to pray, reflect and share with each other about our concerns for this hurting world. We will be meeting Sunday, December 8, 10:00 – 10:30 am in the Chapel.

Confirmation

This week 9 of our teens will be confirmed on Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:30PM at All Saints Catholic Church. We invite you all to share in this journey with them. Please keep them in your prayers this week and throughout the Christmas season: Jasmine Burgos, Sean O'Neil, Julian Rivera, Evan O'Brien, Vincent Lembo, Suzanne Penna, Jorelle Rivera, Katherine Choi Googins, Pedro Guevara.

Re-igniting Our Faith: Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany Capital Campaign

In recent weeks Elizabeth has spoken about this capital campaign and our plans for addressing needs here at St. Vincent De Paul as part of our participation in this diocesan program. As also mentioned, the Diocese will use 30% of the proceeds for supporting retired priests, seminarian education, support for Catholic schools and evangelization efforts. The remaining 70% returns to the parish which we will use to address deferred maintenance issues and establish a parish foundation to provide seed money for innovative ministries and projects. Letters have been sent to parishioners with a known giving history, (e.g. Bishop's Appeal.) Pledge cards can be found in the worship space chairs and detailed information is available on a table in the parish hall. Please contact Elizabeth if you have any questions.

Family Advent Events

Advent Family Reconciliation Service:
Saturday, December 7th at 2:00 PM. Come celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in a family friendly service. Reconciliation is a great way to prepare hearts for Christmas! Childcare available for parents wishing to participate.

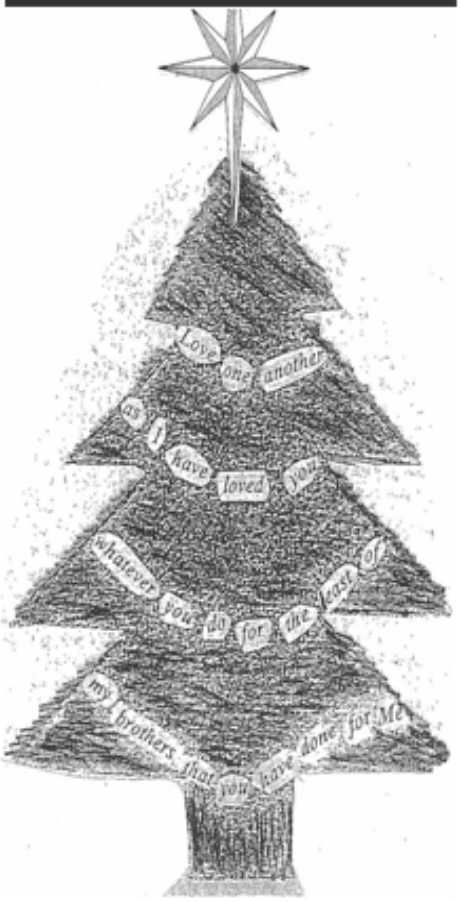
Christmas Junior Choir:
We will rehearse **Sundays, December 15 and 22 immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass.** Rehearsals will be about 45 minutes. All children and teens are welcome to participate. Instrumentalists should contact Marie prior to rehearsal so that there will be enough music. Questions? Contact Marie at 489-5408, ext 111 or at music@stvincentalbany.org

Family Advent Celebration:
On **Sunday, December 8**, there will be a Family Faith Formation Event immediately following the **11:00 AM Mass**. We will be celebrating the Feast of St. Nicholas with an afternoon of fun and fellowship for the whole family. Please RSVP your family so we have enough food and materials to Ellen, faithformation@stvincentalbany.org

GIVING TREE

Thank you in advance for your continued participation in this wonderful tradition.

If you wish to purchase a gift, go to one of the Christmas trees and select one of the two-piece tags with labels. ***WRITE YOUR NAME and PHONE NUMBER on the WHITE RECTANGLE and LEAVE IT in the basket by the tree.*** *Purchase the gift, wrap it* ***(please include a gift receipt inside the gift before wrapping, especially for clothing)*** *and securely attach the colored, labeled tag to the outside of the package.*



Please return the gift no later than 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 8th.

If you wish to donate money, please make checks payable to: St. Vincent's Giving Tree, write "Giving Tree" on the check memo line.

Please place your donation in an envelope marked "Giving Tree," and put the envelope in the collection basket at Mass.

PEACE!

THE MOST COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE GIVING TREE

WHO GETS THE GIFTS?
The gifts are for the children (12 and under) of families who visit St. Vincent's Food Pantry.

WHERE DOES THE "TREE TAG" MONEY GO?
All donations made through our "tree tags" support the work of the Food Pantry. Your gifts help in the following ways: buying any missing gifts; supplying Price Chopper gift cards for families' holiday dinners; supporting the routine ministry of the Food Pantry

WHAT HAPPENS IF I LOSE THE TAG?
We can track lost tags IF YOU FILLED OUT THE WHITE RECTANGLE & LEFT IT IN THE BASKET. Please call the church as soon as you realize that it is gone and we will call you back with the necessary information.

WHAT IF I RETURN THE GIFT LATE?
Late gifts cost money & cause extra work for our Giving Tree committee. You may know that you intend to bring in the gift, but we have to assume that the gift needs to be replaced. If gifts are not in on time, the committee must use some of the "tree tag" money to buy missing gifts.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 P.M. Vigil
Sunday	8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
	6:30 P.M. (September-May)
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 AM– 3:00 PM
EMAIL secretary@stvincentalbany.org
FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/stvincentalbany

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.
- **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. St. Vincent's 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.

Less Than 0.01$ Gluten Hosts & Personal P.A. Receivers are available.

Readings for the Week of December 1, 2019

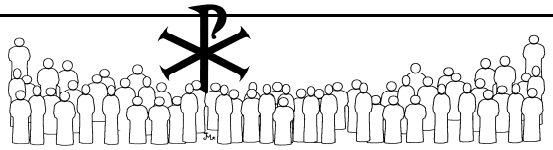
Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44
Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wed: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Week: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

PASTORAL TEAM:

Parish Life Director	Elizabeth Simcoe pld@stvincentalbany.org
Sacramental Ministers	Reverend Leo P. O'Brien lobrien26@nycap.rr.com 518-640-9582 Reverend Michael Farano
Faith Formation/ Youth Ministry	Ellen Kueterman faithformation@stvincentalbany.org
Food Pantry & Peace & Justice	Angela Warner socialjustice@stvincentalbany.org
Liturgical Ministries	Meg McCarthy liturgy@stvincentalbany.org
Music & Liturgy	Marie Bernadett music@stvincentalbany.org
Senior Ministry and Pastoral Outreach	Sr. Eleanor Guerin, RSM pastoraloutreach@stvincentalbany.org
Pastoral Outreach	Lisa Nolan pastoraloutreach2@stvincentalbany.org
Bookkeeper	Veronica Schmidt-Henzler businessmanager@stvincentalbany.org
Maintenance	Rich Nagengast maintenance@stvincentalbany.org
Parish Secretary	Rebecca Cribbs Rice secretary@stvincentalbany.org
Custodian	Carlos Baez

ST. VINCENT'S PRESCHOOL:

Director	Eileen Jaklitsch st.vincentspreschool@gmail.com www.stvincentalbany.org/preschool



PARISH TRUSTEES:

Paul Larrabee
Katrina Consiglio

THE COLLEGE OF ST. ROSE:

Office of Spiritual Life: 454-5250

Website: www.strose.edu/officesandresources/spiritual_life

Director of Campus Ministry	Joan Horgan HorganJ@mail.strose.edu

SANTA'S WORKCAMP

Saturday Dec. 7th

6:00-9:00PM

St. Vincent's Church, Albany

Cost: Only $10 per child

We are inviting all Kindergarten to 5th Graders to join us for a night of Christmas Cheer! Drop your child off at St. Vincent's to enjoy crafts, cookie decorating, and a Christmas movie all in support of our teens headed to Workcamp this summer.

TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT EMAIL EVENTS@STVINCENTALBANY.ORG

Seniors, please mark your calendars!

We will have a special guest, Deacon Ed Solomon, at our Advent Luncheon on Wednesday, December 11th, at noon in the parish hall. His topic is entitled, "Reflections of a Missionary Disciple". We will begin with a sub lunch and then Ed will lead us in an Advent Prayer. We will watch a brief video about Africa and then, he will share with us about his trip. If you would like to attend, please call Sr. Eleanor at 518-489-5408 by Thursday, December 5th. The donation for the lunch is $5.00.

Parish Registration:

We hope you will find St. Vincent's hospitable, prayerful and inclusive. To register as a St. Vincent's Parishioner please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket or mail to the church! A member of the parish staff will reach out for more information.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone Number _____

Check One: __ New Parishioner
__ Change of Address
__ Update of information

Liturgical Ministers for December 7-8

Baker: Pat Marsh
Writer: Gail Waring
Writer for Dec. 15: Kathy Schongar

Saturday, 5:00 pm

Presider/Homilist:	Fr. Leo O'Brien
Acolyte:	Richard DeGrijze
Readers:	Beth McCarthy, Mary Blais
Eucharistic Ministers:	Barbara Bailey, Rebecca Rice, Fred Morris, Deborah Morris, **1 Needed**
Liturgical Coordinator:	Eleanor Guerin
Driver for Fr. O'Brien:	Mary Blais

Sunday, 8:30 am

Presider/Homilist:	Fr. Michael Farano
Acolyte:	Marggie Skinner
Altar Servers:	**2 Needed**
Readers:	Bill Dollard, Dennis Guyon
Eucharistic Ministers:	Karen Drotar, Mary Oill, Fran Dempsey, Rich McDevitt, Lynn Dollard, Clare Pelkey
Liturgical Coordinator:	Lynn Dollard
Ministers of Hospitality:	James Keller, Jeanne Monteau
CLW– School Age:	Susan D'Entremont
Coffee Hour:	Corrina Duvall, Donny Duvall
Counters:	John Delehanty, Don Dugan, **1 Needed**

Sunday, 11:00 am

Presider/Homilist:	Fr. Michael Farano
Acolyte:	Mary Ann Neimeyer
Altar Servers:	Madeline Penna, Daniel Penna
Readers:	Jean Viglucci, Emmett Schweiger
Eucharistic Ministers:	Robert Ward, Bill Quackenbush, Kayleigh Holligan, Janice Kehn, Paul Zullo, Kathie Quackenbush, Rich Athens, Diane Marcil, Ellen Naughter, **1 Needed**
Liturgical Coordinator:	Jim Bennett
Ministers of Hospitality:	Alison Bandos-Weber Katherine Bollin, **2 Needed**
CLW– School Age:	Tahlia Hadley
CLW– Small Children:	Maureen Athens
Coffee Hour:	Al Turo, Carol Turo
Counters:	Phyllis Cardona, Janice Kehn, Katherine Bollin
Veronica Ministry:	Regina Garcia

Hospital Visitation: December 1, 2019

SPH - Alyssa L., Marty
AMCH - Rebecca, Jeanne Q.