

Church of St. Vincent de Paul

Albany, NY

"A Place of Courageous Hospitality"

Youth Service Day and
Confirmation Candidates
at the Sr. Maureen
Joyce Center



"God delivers the
needy when they call."

--Psalm 72:12

December 8, 2019 – Second Sunday of Advent

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT~ DECEMBER 8, 2019

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, December 14

5:00PM Helen Van Bergen
req. by The Wasielewski & Daly Families

Sunday, December 8

8:30AM Kermis Martin req. by Joanne Martin
11:00AM Rose Crupi req. by The Family



This Week at St. Vincent's

12/11 Senior Luncheon 12:00PM (PH)
12/12 Parish Advent Reconciliation 7:00PM (C)
12/14 Mass 5:00PM (C)
Young Adult Christmas Night 6:00PM (PH)
12/15 Mass 8:30AM (C)
K-5 Faith Formation 9:45-10:45AM (PC)
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

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

Our parish is concluding the active portion of this diocesan initiated capital campaign. To date, 51 households have given or pledged \$117,035 towards our diocesan goal of \$405,794. Thank you to our very generous benefactors.

70% of the proceeds return to St. Vincent's and our goal is to use the money we receive to upgrade the cooling system in the back part of the church building, address deferred maintenance issues and establish a foundation to provide seed money for new initiatives. It is not too late to give. Pledge / donation information is still available at the entrances to the church.



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

Advent Reconciliation Service

Just as people prepare their homes for Christmas with tidying up and decorating, celebrating the sacrament of

Reconciliation during Advent provides a good opportunity to put one's spiritual life in order. The Church of St. Vincent DePaul will offer a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday, December 12 at 7 p.m. We will follow a simplified format with confessors: Fr. Michael Farano,

Fr. John Moyna, Fr. Frank O'Connor and Fr. Joe O'Brien. All are welcome.

Collection of Used Eyeglasses

High school student, Elizabeth Sipos is collecting used eyeglass which will be re-furbished and made available to those in need. This collection will continue through the end of the year. Collection boxes are at the Madison St. Entrance and in the office by the parking lot entrance.

COLLECTION FOR NOVEMBER 23-24, 2019:

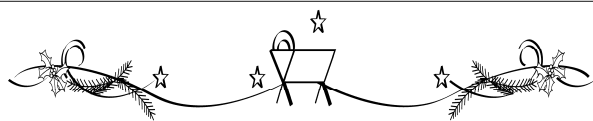
	<u>In Pew:</u>	<u>E-Giving:</u>	<u>Total:</u>
Regular:	\$5,935.00	\$1,629.13	\$7,564.13
Food Pantry:	\$380.00	\$270.00	\$650.00
Rainy Day:	\$237.00	\$20.00	\$257.00
Human Development:	\$1,910.00	\$0.00	\$1,910.00

THE COLLECTION FOR NOV. 30- DEC. 1, 2019 WILL BE REPORTED 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!

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Christmas Schedule

Sunday, December 22, 12:15-1:15PM

Decorating the Church

Tuesday, December 24,

5:00PM Mass celebrated with families and children, especially

9:15PM Singing of carols and Christmas hymns

10:00 PM Mass

Wednesday, December 25, 10:00AM

Mass

December 25-27, Parish Offices closed

The Creation Care Team Presents:

Real Or Fake? No Contest.

By Rebecca Angel Maxwell

Recently, a report came out saying artificial or live christmas trees were environmentally equal, but looking closely at the study, it shows an incredible amount of interpretation of data and for our region of the world, real trees are the only option for a "green" Christmas.

Manufacturing/Growth: Artificial trees are PVC plastic. There are numerous studies showing dangerous toxins to the environment and human health during manufacturing including lead, DEHA, dioxins, and arsenic. There is no way to prevent this exposure. Petroleum manufacturing, the basis of all plastics, contributes to CO2, and therefore climate change. Real trees grow on farms where they clean the air of CO2 and are part of natural ecosystems. There is a variable amount of chemicals depending on the grower, but not even close to what is used to create every fake one.

Travel: Both fake and real trees have a similar amount of transportation for people going out to buy the tree since cars and trucks are required for bringing fake trees to the store or driving out to get a real one. Shipping across the world is greater for artificial trees since most are manufactured outside the United States. Additionally, each component of a fake tree is shipped to the factory, every ounce of petroleum too. The emissions for fake far outweigh a real one.

Use: While in your home, live trees can be a fire hazard, which can be prevented by regular watering. Fake trees with wiring inside branches have also been linked to sparks and fires. Both kinds of trees can have mold and dust which can affect indoor air quality. Artificial trees are PVC plastic which leach dangerous toxins into the air linked to cancer, reproductive issues, immune system suppression, and problems with child development.

Disposal: Artificial trees do not decompose and cannot be recycled. At some point, a fake tree will end up in a landfill and stay for hundreds of years leaching toxins into our land.

Real trees decompose if thrown into a landfill. But the better option is being chopped for firewood or chipping for gardens, parks and other helpful regional uses.

Social Justice: The labor practices of the petroleum industry and overseas factories are in constant violation of labor laws. Every dollar you spend on an artificial tree goes into the pockets of the 1% who are destroying our world for their greed. In our region, buying a real tree supports our local economy and family farms, which contribute to healthier air quality and ecosystems.

A Third Option: Potted trees the most "green" option to explore. Keep our world and your home safe and buy real trees!



YOUNG ADULT



CHRISTMAS MOVIE PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

6:30PM ST. VINCENT'S PARISH HALL

PLEASE
BRING
A FOOD
DISH
TO SHARE!

ALL YOUNG ADULTS ARE
INVITED TO JOIN US FOR
AN EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP,
FUN, AND CHRISTMAS CHEER!



JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF GAMES, MUSIC, FOOD, AND A CHRISTMAS MOVIE. THIS IS A FREE EVENT OPEN TO ALL YOUNG ADULTS. WE INVITE YOU TO WEAR YOUR CRAZIEST CHRISTMAS SWEATER OR COZIEST CHRISTMAS JAMMIES AS YOU ENJOY A NIGHT OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!

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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 8, 2019

Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;

Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2,3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14

Wed: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;

Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3,4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16,

18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Week: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10;

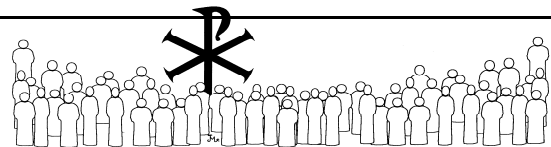
Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

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 pastoralloutreach@stvincentalbany.org
Pastoral Outreach	Lisa Nolan pastoralloutreach2@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

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Advent Bible Study

Fr. O'Brien is offering a program, "Advent with Matthew" on Wednesday, December 10, at 3 p.m. at Avila, 100 White Pine Drive. All are welcome.

Did You Know St. Vincent's is Good for Your Memory?

A parishioner shared a recent article from the *Wall Street Journal* about research in the area of dementia which stated the following: "Some of the researchers followed 1, 772 people age 65 or older, 207 of whom developed dementia. After adjusting the results for age, ethnic group, education and occupation, the authors found that people who engaged in more than six activities a month – including hobbies, reading, visiting friends, walking, volunteering and attending religious services – had a 38% lower rate of developing dementia than people who did fewer activities." ("What Science Tells Us About Preventing Dementia", Monday, November 18, 2019)

Becoming a Catholic Christian

Perhaps you have been sitting in the community, worshipping with us but are not a Catholic and have been wondering how to become one. Perhaps you have a friend or family member who has expressed an interest in the Catholic Church and you would like to help them have some of their questions answered. Perhaps you were baptized Roman Catholic but missed receiving the sacraments of Eucharist and / or Confirmation along the way and would like to do so now. Please contact Elizabeth if you would like to know more.

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 14-15

Baker: Patty McKay

Writer: Kathy Schongar

Writer for Dec. 22: Beth McCarthy

Saturday, 5:00 pm

Presider/Homilist:

Acolyte:

Readers:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Liturgical Coordinator:

Driver for Fr. O'Brien:

Fr. Leo O'Brien

Marcia Ringelmann

Mary Morris, Deborah Morris

Fred Morris, Anne Wasielewski,

Dan O'Connell, Patrick Cullings,

Nancy Cullings

Amy O'Connell

Rosemarie Tobin

Sunday, 8:30 am

Presider/Homilist:

Deacon:

Altar Servers:

Readers:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Liturgical Coordinator:

Ministers of Hospitality:

CLW– School Age:

Coffee Hour:

Counters:

Fr. Michael Farano

Deacon Marty Beckman

Jacob Zullo, Gabriel Zullo

Sally Beckman, Mary Frances Beck

Mary Jean Keegan, Mark Keegan,

Eileen Larrabee, Joanne Martin,

Kate Paul, Rosa Veltman

Mary Anne Young

Jeanne Monteau, Molly Johnson

Andre Castagna

Tim Farrell, Mary Sheridan

Mary Ricard, Joanne Martin

1 Needed

Sunday, 11:00 am

Presider/Homilist:

Acolyte:

Altar Servers:

Readers:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Liturgical Coordinator:

Ministers of Hospitality:

CLW– School Age:

CLW– Small Children:

Coffee Hour:

Counters:

Veronica Ministry:

Fr. Michael Farano

Jerry Van Alstine

Katrina Martin, Sylvie Conroy

Laurie Kirchman, Susan Shipherd

Don Smith, Fernando Vazquez,

Dave Rowell, Ray Cardona,

Angela Warner, Chris Burns,

Angel Rosa, Ruth Smith,

Rose Capurso, Al Turo

Jack Consiglio

Dave LaFleur, Joan Marso,

Carol Turo, **1 Needed**

Anne Penna

Katrina Consiglio

Patty Gorman, Judy Joyce

Chuck Kowalski,

Richard Medvetz, **1 Needed**

Jennifer Richard-Morrow



Hospital Visitation: December 8, 2019

SPH - Deb & Alyssa, Kerry

AMCH - Clarisse, El