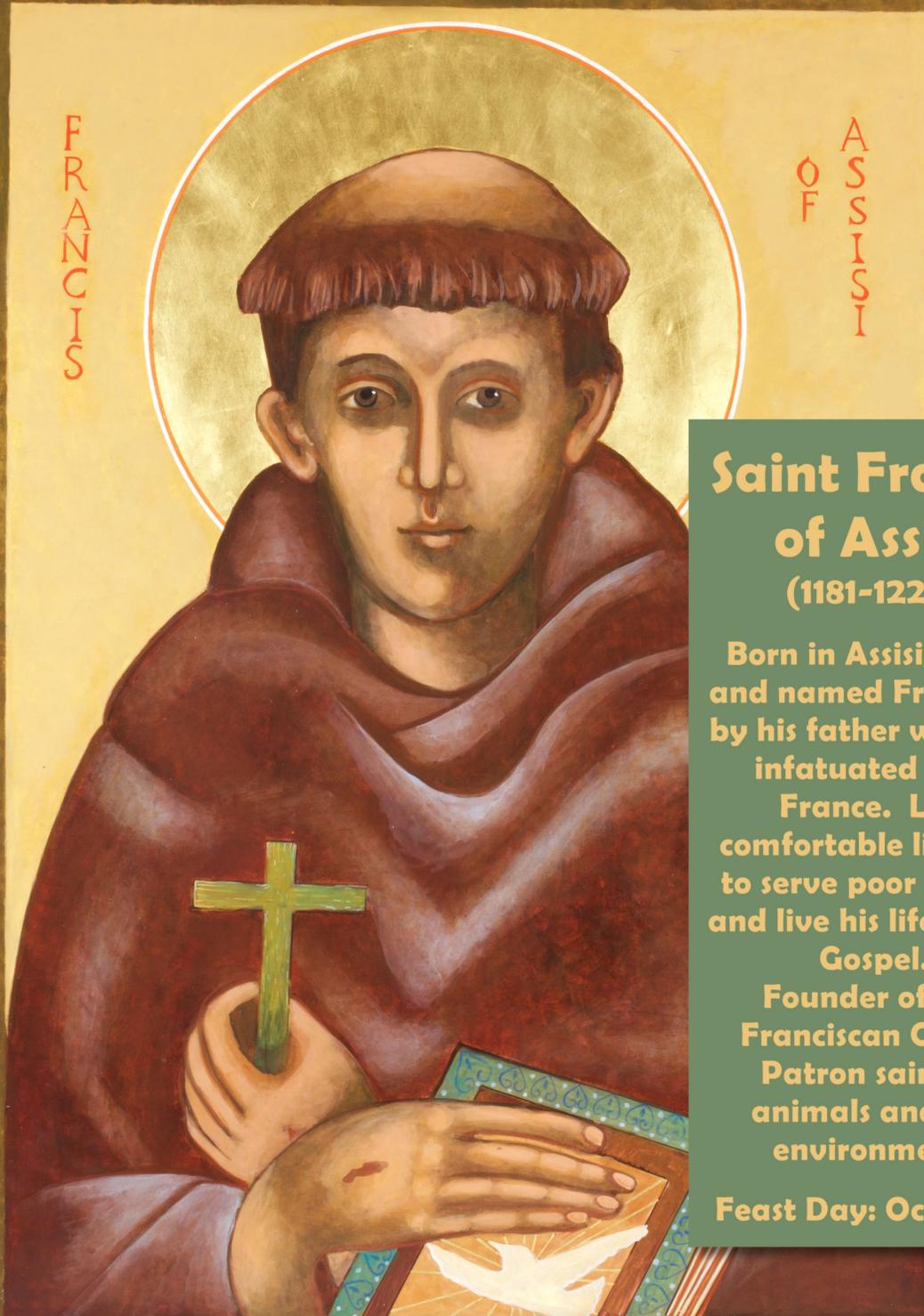


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Albany, New York



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Saint Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)

Born in Assisi, Italy, and named Francesco by his father who was infatuated with France. Left comfortable lifestyle to serve poor people and live his life by the Gospel.

Founder of the Franciscan Order.
Patron saint of animals and the environment.

Feast Day: October 4

May 24, 2020
7th Sunday of Easter

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 24TH, 2020

Pastoral Council Members Are Calling

At our most recent virtual Pastoral Council meeting, the group discussed ways in which we may remain connected. Dividing up our parish directory, they have agreed to phone our parishioners to ask how people are doing. If you do not receive a call and would like to, please contact the parish office.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Our intercession writers have been asked to continue crafting these prayers. There is no shortage of things / people / issues that need to be lifted up to God. We will be posting these weekly on our website.

Writer for May 30: Tim O'Brien

Writer for June 6: Patrick Maxwell

Please Check Out our Website

It contains links to our YouTube broadcasts of Sunday Mass as well as resources for praying at home and for keeping children engaged in practicing our faith. Also, some aspects of the website you might not normally view that might lift your spirits or be helpful in some way are our photo gallery and a link to Elizabeth's reflections.

www.stvincentalbany.org.

Zoom Sunday Scripture Faith Sharing

Organized by the Adult Faith Formation Committee, hosted on Zoom (a video conferencing platform) by Dave Rowell and facilitated by various committee members, we are now offering a weekly group discussion of the previous Sunday's scriptures on Mondays at 7 p.m. If you have any questions about participating in this discussion please contact Dave daverowell52@gmail.com.

You will need to have the Zoom App on your phone or computer.

Meeting ID: 290 223 0497

Password: 706003

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Mass Intentions

Even though we are offering a YouTube broadcast of Sunday Mass, because our people cannot be physically present, Mass intentions that had been requested will be re-scheduled when the celebration of Mass resumes. Please call the parish office to request a new date if you have a preference.



COLLECTION of May 11-18, 2020:

	<u>Online</u>	<u>Mailed In</u>	<u>Total</u>
Regular:	\$2,853.00	\$2,034.00	\$4,887.00
Food Pantry:	\$712.00	\$1,265.00	\$1,977.00
Rainy Day:	\$752.00	\$115.00	\$867.00
Other:	\$672.00	\$90.00	\$762.00

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>

With Deep Gratitude: Thank You to the John, Marie and Joseph Whalen Foundation

Before COVID -1- initiated the Pause and isolation Elizabeth, in consultation with the Stewardship Council, Pastoral Council and parish staff, had applied for a grant to purchase a van for parish use. She had requested half the cost of the vehicle. This grant has been awarded at the full cost of the vehicle.

It has been purchased and will be used initially to help with delivery of groceries from our Food Pantry. Additional intended uses are for youth ministry projects and activities and senior outings.
THANK YOU, WHALEN FOUNDATION!

Book of Intentions

While we are no longer gathering in the physical space of our church we are trying to maintain many of its benefits virtually. Included in this effort is an on-line Book of Intentions which can be found under the Prayer and Spirituality tab on our website. There is also a link through which you can submit your intentions.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 24TH, 2020

Panama Pilgrimage to Pastoral Center in Santa Fe, Darién

February 27 - March 8, 2020

Reflections

Dick Neimeyer

Perhaps the best way to describe my recent journey with my traveling companions: Eileen, Dave, Deb and Mauricio to Darién, Panama is this. It was challenging, eye opening, wonderful, and hot.

The first day of course involved air travel to Panama, to Atlanta and then to Panama City where we stayed overnight at a fine hotel.

After breakfast we began our journey to Santa Fe, a drive of about 2 hours. Once we arrived I was surprised a bit by the sparseness of the town and particularly the Pastoral Center. I had no real idea of what to expect and purposely did little research in advance, deciding on an element of surprise.

At this point I should make note of the people who run the place. Sr. Melinda Roper is head of the center. Clara Miza and Sr. Joji Finex, MD work there, and contributed their talents to our group in many ways. Also, a worker whose name I never really got provided maintenance for the Center and others provided meals for us. All are wonderful people who welcomed us with literally open arms and tender care.

Each morning and evening we all reflected on the event(s) of the day. Melinda, Clara, and Joji pretty much facilitated each reflection urging each of us to contribute thoughts. One great thing we did a couple of nights was to observe the night sky and ponder the mysteries of the cosmos, a passion of Melinda's. Dominant in the sky was the constellation Orion and a particularly bright moon.

Another event we participated in was meeting with about 40 to 50 children at the Center for a morning of various activities. I found this interesting but had trouble with the language barrier. Mauricio provided translation for us. We each introduced ourselves to the children, myself as Ricardo. One child wanted me and the others in our group to imitate an animal. One wanted me to be a monkey and my response was "Really?" I did perhaps make a very poor attempt. After, we all had lunch and each one of us shared a table with the kids. I had a good time with the ones I joined, and I served lunch to each of the kids at my table.

One activity I chose not to do, was visit a migrant camp near the Colombian border. I heard it was a humbling experience. Other activities included a visit to a family farm which proved to be very interesting and heart warming. We participated in blessing the family's home. Another visit was to the home of a single mother who once had a farm in her backyard. She decided to return the land to the rain forest. We hiked through the area to observe how well it had grown back. One thing of interest was a line of ants carrying pieces of leaves.

We attended Mass in a pavilion after a very bumpy ride on a dirt road. After Mass we had lunch prepared by one of the families. The food was good and the drinks refreshing. We donated soccer balls to the children there (as well as other locations during our trip). The kids - and a few adults - practiced their kicking skills one by one and did quite well.

On March 7th we said our farewells and returned to Panama City to stay a couple nights to explore the famous Panama Canal and visit an ecological diversity museum. Next day, we flew back home.

To conclude, I had a great time despite an ailment which "Gatorade" helped to get me over. I thought I had been drinking enough water but I guess not. Or maybe it was the cold showers.

Thanks for reading.

The Ascension of Jesus

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. Luke 24:51 (NIV)

Based on Luke 24:44-53



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- ♦ **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.

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Readings for the Week of May 24, 2020

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20
Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11;
Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25
Next Week: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34;
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

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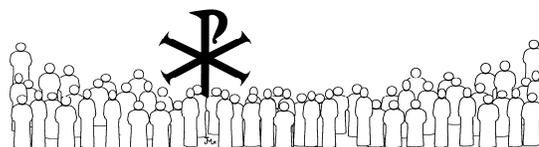
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