



All Saints Catholic Church & Academy 16 Homestead St Albany, NY 12203

Rev. Daniel Quinn, Pastor Rev. Stephen Yusko, Parochial Vicar
 Deacon Gary J. O'Connor Deacon Timothy J. McAuliffe
 4pm Saturday Vigil * 8am & 10:30am Sunday Mass

We come together in prayer so that our lives reflect the faith we profess

Livestream 10:30am Mass: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H4gwRhxiHAA>

December 8, 2024 2nd Sunday of ADVENT

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*A voice of one crying out in the desert:
 "Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make straight his paths.
 Every valley shall be filled
 and every mountain and hill shall be made low.
 The winding roads shall be made straight,
 and the rough ways made smooth,
 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*
 Luke 3:4-6

Clergy

Rev. Daniel Quinn, Pastor
 Rev. Stephen Yusko, Parochial Vicar
 Deacon Gary O'Connor Parish Life Coordinator
 Deacon Timothy McAuliffe

Church

All Saints Catholic Church
 16 Homestead Street Albany, NY 12203 (next to CVS)

Liturgy Schedule

4pm Saturday Vigil
 8am & 10:30am Sunday Mass
 Eucharistic Prayer Service: 9am Monday ~Thursday
 Reconciliation: 3pm Saturday or by appointment
 Rosary: following 9am Mass on Mondays

Parish Office

Monday-Friday 9am-12pm & 1-4pm
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Parish Center

10 Rosemont Street Albany, NY 12203
 Parking off Brevator Street

Parish School

All Saints Catholic Academy
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 518 438 0066 Grades K-8, 3 & 4 year old Pre-K
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 you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected at All Saints Catholic Church.

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PARISH Life

Mass Intentions

■ 2nd Sunday of ADVENT

Saturday, Dec. 7, 4pm Vigil

+Thomas Vacek by Family
+Lucy T. McCall *Birthday Remembrance* by Family
+Armand Marando by The Marando Family
+Mary Hayes by ANGELS To Each Other
+Marty Moakler, Jr. by Mary Rothaupt
+Clara Sans by Jean & Frank Gannon
+Sally Dunn *Birthday Remembrance* by Carol Makowski

Sunday, Dec. 8, 8am Mass

+William & Mary Branigan by Family
+Anita Lansing by Tom Rizzo
+Tim Loomis by Family
+Josephine Maresca by Laura & Tom Paonessa
All Living & +Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, Dec. 8, 10:30am Mass

+Anna Maria Bonaventura *Birthday Remembrance*
by sister Tina & Family
+Carl Bolognino *17th Anniversary*
by The Bolognino Family
+Francesco Alfano *Birthday Remembrance* by Family
+Andrew J. Makowski *Anniversary* by daughter Carol
+Col. Marty Moakler *Month's Mind* by Maureen & Tim

Bread & Wine Memorial Dec. 8 ~ 14th

+Jack Burke *Birthday Remembrance* by Family

Monday, Dec. 9, 9am Mass

Immaculate Conception of the BVM
All Living & +Deceased Parishioners

Monday, Dec. 9, 5:30pm Mass

Immaculate Conception of the BVM
All Living & +Deceased Parishioners

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7am Mass

All Living & +Deceased Parishioners

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 9am Prayer Service

Thursday, Dec. 12, 9am Mass

All Living & +Deceased Parishioners

■ 3rd Sunday of ADVENT

Saturday, Dec. 14, 4pm Vigil

+Rina Barbalace fby Family
+Raymond & Elizabeth Smith by Norah & Jack
+Marty Moakler, Jr. by Clare Carroll
+Elizabeth Cahill by Clare Carroll

Sunday, Dec. 15, 8am Mass

+Don & PJ Oberting *Anniversary* by Family
+Patricia Murphy by Tom Rizzo
+Tim Loomis by Family

Sunday, Dec. 15, 10:30am Mass

+Alam Zlomek by wife Antonietta
+Giuseppe Greco by Family
+Remo Lucarelli by Lena & Grace
+Mike File by Grazia Simeone
+Joan Gorzynski *14th Anniversary* by sister, Carol
+Clara Harrison Sands *Month's Mind* by Maureen & Tim
All Living & +Deceased Parishioners

We remember the following parishioners who have died during December in past years

+Shirley Baldwin 12/08/2019
+James Joseph Barber 12/10/2014
+Vincent Belfort 12/11/1993
+Francis H. Benoit 12/12/2016
+Berta Berdar 12/23/2022
+Carl Bolognino 12/04/2007
+Theresa J. Bonanni 12/15/2021
+Mary E. Bruce 12/14/2017
+Barbara Brundage 12/17/2018
+Rosalie Buker 12/11/2017
+Robert Burns, Sr. 12/12/2008
+Jennie Coluccio 12/28/2014
+Mildred Constant 12/28/2014
+Leo P Dean 12/12/2015
+Ruth Delamater 12/01/2022
+John Delehanty 12/31/1998
+Marian Delory 12/13/2015
+Paul Edward DelVecchio 12/29/2020
+Charles DiMura 12/16/2012
+Peter J. Dominic, Jr. 12/21/2014

+Anne L. Eagan 12/14/2014
+Nicholas Fabozzi 12/03/2011
+Frederick Farrand 12/16/2018
+James V. Futia 12/30/2006
+Scott Plumadore 12/22/2015
+William T. Heiserman 12/02/2003
+Margaret Hill 12/12/2023
+Joyce Audrey Hoffa 12/12/2022
+Thomas Hogan 12/10/2016
+William N. Kuzmak 12/07/2006
+Antoinette LaPorte 12/14/2017
+Daniel J. Maher 12/31/2020
+Ruth Malossi 12/30/2016
+Maria Mantova 12/16/2021
+Diane Mazoway 12/10/2018
+Helen McCarthy 12/12/2016
+Catherine McGarry-Czech 12/31/2016
+Debra A. McGurn 12/20/2021
+James McQuade, Sr. 12/10/2019
+Helen M. Mirabile 12/06/2010

+Anne Nelson 12/06/2016
+Virginia L. Nitsky 12/21/2014
+Daniel Onufrak 12/21/2023
+Santa Ann Pasquini 12/03/2021
+Kathleen Pennock 12/24/2016
+Marion Dorothy Pezzulo 12/22/2018
+Joseph Rizzo 12/21/2017
+Joseph Rocco 12/02/2019
+Bernice A. Rudzinski 12/02/2012
+Josephine Santaniello 12/06/1995
+John J. Sheehy 12/17/2012
+Frances Skorupski 12/01/2017
+Antonio Tirino 12/27/2006
+Thomas C. Vacek 12/07/2015
+Lisa Ann Valenti 12/20/2015
+Thomas VanBuren 12/21/2004
+Beatrice Walsh 12/05/2019
+Sandra Weidman 12/21/2022
+Frank Weinhofer 12/04/2020
+Stanley M. Zych 12/06/2006

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception December 9th By Janice Smircich

December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This year the Church observes this feast on December 9th. It is one of the Holy Days of Obligation in the Catholic Church. On this day, we celebrate the fact that the Most Blessed Virgin Mary was conceived and born without original sin on her soul. This special gift was entrusted to her so that she could fulfill the mission God entrusted to her: becoming the Mother of the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

We first hear of the term, "Immaculate Conception," when Mary answered Saint Bernadette's question, "Who are you?" This beautiful lady, as St. Bernadette described her, had appeared to her sixteen times in a grotto in Lourdes, France.

Mary's profound answer was, "I am the Immaculate Conception." The popes, without canonizing the words heard and repeated by Bernadette, also consider that Lourdes echoes the proclamation of this dogma. That is why they always place Lourdes and the grotto at the head of the Marian shrines throughout the world. Mary told Bernadette to dig for water in the dirt. The water that began to flow still heals many who come in faith for healing. Many miracles have taken place at this holy site.

"O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you!"

Our Lady of Guadalupe Dec. 12th

Each December 12 the Catholic Church honors Our Lady of Guadalupe. The feast recalls the day in 1531 when the Mexican peasant Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin, having seen a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Tepeyac, yet having been rebuffed by the local bishop, obeyed Mary's command to pluck the roses that were impossibly growing in the rocky land during December. Bundling the flowers within his outer garment, Juan Diego returned to the bishop and opened his tilma to show the miracle of the roses. Then, to the wonderment of them both, the roses falling to the floor revealed an imprint of Our Lady on the very garment that bore the miraculous flowers.

Devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe has spread throughout Mexico, Latin America, North America, and the world. She is the Patroness of the Americas. The tilma itself remains on display at a basilica in Mexico City, where it is the object of intense devotion. Although the date is not a holyday of obligation on the Church's calendar, it is practically observed that way among the Hispanic population, honoring the power and love of Mary, especially her concern for the poor and the lowly.

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Collections

Offertory Report December 1st Week 23 of the 2024-2025 Budget

Regular Collection = \$4,969.02
(including \$476 by e-giving)
Traditions Fund = \$614.50



Budgeted Weekly Collection = \$5,865
Budget to date = \$134,895
Regular Collections to date = \$141,099
Surplus to date = \$6,204

Texting

1. Text message to #844-957-3603
2. Enter your payment Amount

Online Giving

www.allsaintscc.org/online-giving

Diocesan Appeal— thediocesanappeal.org July 1, 2024 ~ June 30, 2025

Assessment: \$86,835.00
Total Raised: \$20,290.00 (61 Donors)
Balance due: \$66,545.00

The Parish will be responsible for making up the difference to the diocese. Please consider making a donation in the name of All Saints!

Thank You and God Bless You!

500 CLUB

The winning number drawn on 12/2 was 519. No one owns that, nor either of the adjacent numbers, so this week we are unable to give any money away.

Men's Association 500 Club
October 21, 2024 ~ April 14, 2025

Liturgy Committee Mtg

10am Monday December 16th at the Parish Office

FAITH Formation



Upcoming Faith Formation Sessions

9am Sunday at the Upper Room 12 Rosemont St.

Dec. 8th	Jan. 5th	Feb. 2nd
Dec. 15th	Jan. 12th	Feb. 9th
Dec. 22nd	Jan. 26th	



The Saint I Knew!

Kevin Wilson will be selling and signing his new book titled *The Saint I Knew! Exciting "Encounters" with Holiness*, before and after masses on the weekend of Dec 14 & 15.

The cost of the book of \$15 with a significant portion of the proceeds being donated to All Saints Church.

His book was reviewed in the *Evangelist* a couple weeks ago. The Foreword in the book is written by Bishop Edward Scharfenberger.

We know Kevin as a parishioner, serves on the parish's finance committee, catechist for grades 9-11 while preparing the 11th graders for confirmation. And he also lends his culinary skills at the Sister Maureen Joyce Soup Kitchen twice a month.

Please stop by and purchase a copy, perhaps for yourself or as a Christmas gift for family and friends. Let us give support to our fellow parishioner in this endeavor.

SMJ Soup Kitchen



Thank you to all who contributed to our Thanksgiving Day food collection. We collected 80 non-perishable items that will be distributed to the families we serve at the Sister Maureen Joyce Center Soup Kitchen.

During the month of December we are collecting new, warm socks (men's/women's) that will be handed out on our last Sunday of the year, December 29th. Our goal is to collect 75 pairs and we have three pairs so far! Items can be dropped off in or near the basket at the church entrance (on choir stairs). Thank you in advance.

We also continue to ask for donations of personal care items for those who come to the soup kitchen. The most requested items are toilet paper, deodorant (unisex), toothpaste, and soap. Shaving cream and razors are also needed. A basket is located at the church entrance (on the stairs) for these items. Thank you to all who have contributed!

Plan to volunteer with us in 2025. We welcome new and familiar faces and those we haven't seen for a while. Sign up sheets are at the church entrance. If you are a new volunteer, please provide your email address and take an information sheet from the binder that will give you details on where to park and other information.

Upcoming dates are:

December 29 (This is a change from the 22nd.)
January 12
January 26 (Only 6 volunteers needed.)
February 9
February 23

The Sister Maureen Joyce Center Soup Kitchen is located at 369 Livingston Avenue in Albany. Our volunteers hours are from 11 am to 2 pm. We serve about 75 families from the Arbor Hill community on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. We have an inter-faith partnership with Congregation Beth Emeth of Albany and they serve meals on the other Sundays during the month.

Senior Citizens' Confessions

The Catholic Church encourages all members to confess sins, but many senior citizens find themselves in a bind. They love the Church and want to do what is expected of them, but they no longer feel the temptations or commit the sins that troubled them in younger years. They have much at stake—the end of their lives is near. They do not want to err by not confessing their errors, but it is often hard to know what to say.

The Sacrament of Penance is required only for those in serious sin. But even those guilty of lesser sins are encouraged to confess them to experience more deeply the presence of the forgiving Christ. Regular confession is as good for the soul as regular physical checkups are for the body. You don't always need to see a doctor, but it's a good idea to do so regularly to prevent problems from settling in. Many senior citizens feel that they do not commit serious sin. They have spent a lifetime correcting their faults. They know now what they can change and what they cannot. Many of them doubt that they can still achieve interior conversion. Some resort to telling past sins, making the confession more devotional than sacramental—reliving past forgiveness rather than experiencing it anew.

No sin is too small for confession. Even if the penitent feels that there isn't much to say, saying something is usually better than saying nothing. If penitents feel that they have been living a faithful life of prayer and service, they can always use other sacraments for spiritual progress. For example, having received Communion, they can count the blessings they have received, note the good choices they have made, and thank God for the grace that has accompanied them for many days.

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Community Celebration of Reconciliation

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Albany
December 10th at 6:30 pm

The Catholic Church treasures the Sacrament of Penance. Many parishes offer a communal celebration of penance, especially during Advent and Lent. But private reconciliation is available every week of the year.

If you'd like to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, here's what to do:

- **Prepare.** Prayerfully recall your sins. Some will be specific actions. Some represent a more general pattern of behavior.
- **Go to the priest.** Visit when he's in the Reconciliation Room (Confessional) at your Parish or ask for an appointment. You may either kneel anonymously behind a screen or sit in a chair where you may speak face to face.
- **Be welcome.** You and the priest may greet each other. Make the Sign of the Cross. He may urge you to have confidence in God. You may indicate the interval since your last confession or anything else that will help. Just use common sense. Either you or the priest may read from Scripture.
- **Confess your sins.** Some penitents begin with a formula like "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned," but you don't have to. This is not indicated in the rite. Let the priest know your sins. You may discuss the sins you confess so the priest can give you the best counsel.
- **Receive a penance.** The priest will recommend some action after you leave to indicate to God the sincerity in your heart. Usually he suggests prayer or self-denial. If it sounds difficult, let him know.
- **Pray for forgiveness.** The priest may invite you to say a prayer of sorrow aloud. If you remember the Act of Contrition, you may use it. But you may also speak simply from your heart.
- **Receive absolution.** This is the best part. The priest proclaims absolution, and God forgives your sins.
- **Conclude.** The priest may say, "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good." If so, answer, "His mercy endures for ever" (Rite of Penance, 47). Or he may conclude informally.
- **Change!** Go forth, and with God's help, begin to live a new life of freedom from the slavery of sin!

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Our 2nd grade faith formation children have been busy!



Thanks to Deacon Tim for leading the 2nd-grade faith formation students and their families on a tour of our church. The behind-the-scenes tour included the discovery

that the church has a basement! The children got to learn about the altar, the tabernacle, the baptismal font, and the workings of the confessional in anticipation of their first reconciliation. Seeing the various colors of the priest's vestments reinforced the lessons they are learning about the liturgical colors. Parents and children enjoyed the tour and learned lots about our church. It was a wonderful experience for the entire group!



The second grade faith formation class is getting ready to help the animals celebrate Christmas. The class, with their parents, met to string popcorn, cranberries, carrots, and apples and to smear peanut butter on pinecones then roll them in birdseed. It was a great afternoon filled with lots of smiles and laughter as parents and children got to spend a fun time with one another and got to know each other a little bit better. Soon, they will head out to decorate the woods for the




All Saints Choir Presents

Christmas Lessons & Carols

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this service, we listen to nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promises of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or other song that reflects on the lesson's message and a brief prayer.

5:30PM SATURDAY **21** DECEMBER

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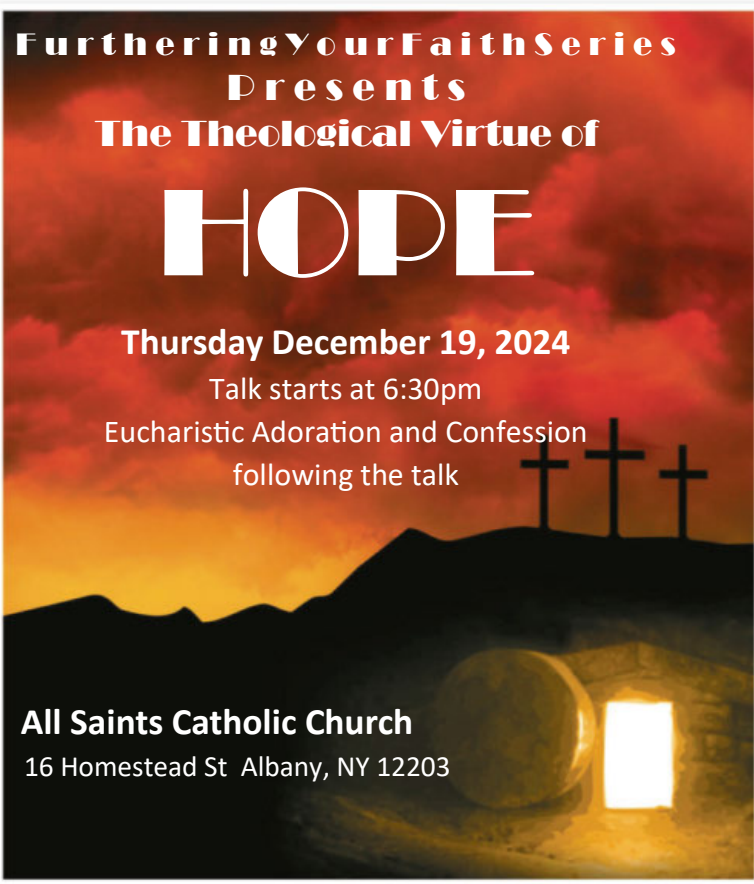
Thursday December 19, 2024

Talk starts at 6:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration and Confession
following the talk

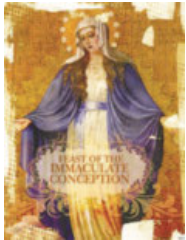
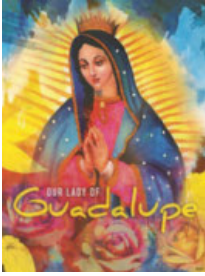
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December 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8 8am Mass 9am -Choir Practice -Faith Formation -RCIA 10:30am Mass 11am Soup Kitchen	9 Immaculate Conception of the BVM 9am Mass 5:30pm Mass 	10 7am Mass 6:30pm Reconciliation St. Francis of Assisi, Albany 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory Dec. 4th ~ Jan. 5th	11 9am Prayer Service 7pm Choir Practice	12 9am Mass 	13	14 3pm Confession 4pm Mass Kevin Wilson book signing
SMJ Soup Kitchen Collection: socks and personal items Giving Tree: Price Chopper Gift Cards						
15 8am Mass Kevin Wilson book signing 9am -Choir Practice -Faith Formation -RCIA 10:30am Mass Kevin Wilson book signing	16 9am Mass 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory Dec. 4th ~ Jan. 5th	17 7am Mass	18 9am Prayer Service 7pm Choir Practice	19 9am Mass 6:30pm Virtue of Hope Fr. Stephen Yusko	20	21 3pm Confession 4pm Mass 5:30pm Christmas Lessons & Carols
SMJ Soup Kitchen Collection: socks and personal items Giving Tree: Price Chopper Gift Cards						
22 8am Mass 9am -Choir Practice -Faith Formation 10:30am Mass	23 9am Mass	24 4pm Vigil -Christmas Eve -Children's Pageant	25 10:30am Mass Christmas Day	26 9am Mass	27	28 3pm Confession 4pm Mass
SMJ Soup Kitchen Collection: socks and personal items 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory Dec. 4th ~ Jan. 5th						
29 8am Mass 9am -Choir Practice 10:30am Mass 11am Soup Kitchen	30 9am Mass 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory Dec. 4th ~ Jan. 5th	31 4pm Vigil Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	1 10:30am Mass Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	2 9am Mass	3	4 3pm Confession 4pm Mass
SMJ Soup Kitchen Collection: personal items						

Weather Reminder Please note that when our weather conditions change to severe, it often raises a question as to whether the scheduled weekday Eucharist will be celebrated. Morning Liturgy will follow the lead of the Albany City Schools. When classes are delayed or cancelled, our 9am morning mass will also be cancelled for that day. Intentions will be rescheduled. Funeral liturgies are of course, an exception.

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