

MASS SCHEDULE



St. Paul the Apostle

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday 9:30 AM

Church of St. Adalbert

Sunday 11:00 AM

Holy Days As Announced

Reconciliation By Appointment

**Mass with Father Frisoni
on TV and Online**

Weekly Mass is available to view online by going to any one of our churches' Facebook or web pages. A link for Mass is posted on Saturdays at 4:00 PM and you can watch it any time after that. Schenectady Cable customers may watch Mass on TV Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM, repeated on Thursday at 6:00 AM on Spectrum Channel 1301 or Verizon Fios Channel 36.

OUR TEAM

Rev. Matthew H. Frisoni

Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Albany and Pastor

Toni LaFond

Pastoral Associate for Administration

Arlene Parisi

Director of Religious Education and Faith Formation

Katie Parisi

Associate Director of Religious Education and Faith Formation

Diane Bouchard

Pastoral Associate for *Kerygma*

Carol Phillips

Secretary, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Adalbert Churches

Mickey Torre

Secretary, St. Paul the Apostle Church

Musicians

Diane Baltazar, St. Adalbert

Joan Nikolski, St. Paul the Apostle

David Rossi, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Paul the Apostle

HOW TO REACH US

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

1255 Pleasant St.

Schenectady, NY 12303

518-393-4109

olmcsche@rcda.org

mountcarmelschdy.org

Parish Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday &

Thursday 9:00 AM—12 Noon

Parish Giving

December 20, 2020

Envelopes: \$2,811

On-Line: \$ 385

Other(Evangelist): \$ 28

Total \$3,224



Goal: \$36,211

Pledges & Gifts Received

99 / \$18,420

Still Needed: **\$17,791**

50.8% of Goal

St. Adalbert

550 Lansing St.

Schenectady, NY 12303

518-346-4204

saschene@rcda.org

churchofstadalbert.org

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday & Friday

9:00 AM—12 Noon

Parish Giving

December 20, 2020

Envelopes: \$3,356

On-Line: \$ 394

Other(Christmas): \$2,226

Total \$5,976



Goal: \$33,277

Pledges & Gifts Received

42 / \$7,624

Still Needed: **\$25,653**

23% of Goal

St. Paul the Apostle

2777 Albany St.

Schenectady, NY 12304

518-377-8886

spaschen@rcda.org

spacny.org

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday

9:00 AM—12 Noon

Parish Giving

December 20, 2020

Envelopes: \$3,173

On-Line: \$3,380

Other: \$ 0

Total \$6,553



Goal: \$84,286

Pledges & Gifts Received

139 / \$43,138

Still Needed: **\$41,138**

51.5% of Goal

We truly appreciate your continued support! We understand that we, the church included, are all facing the same economic challenges. You may donate by US mail or leave in the office mail slot. Also for your convenience, online giving is available by going to any one of our church websites.

Dear family,

Merry Christmas to you! I pray that God's presence may touch your hearts and lift your spirits. He is with us. He is for us.

FROM THE *Pastor's Desk*

I am most grateful to you for your kind Christmas cards and greetings to mark the celebration of our Lord's Nativity. Thank you so much for all of your prayers and wishes.

There are many helping hands whose hard work and dedication allow us to have a wonderful Christmas season: decorating team members, musicians and singers, videographers and editors, ushers, shovelers and salt spreaders, giving tree organizers, pandemic safety team members, laborers, and each of you in our mission to pray for one another.

For what else in our lives are we joyful? Each answer to this question is our gift from Christ Jesus. Blessings and joy this Christmas season,
Fr. Frisoni

Thursday, December 31

**4:00 PM, Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God Mass
at Church of St. Adalbert**



Mass will be filmed and the video will be posted later on each of our three parish websites and Facebook pages.



“Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Living Out Christmas in the New Year”
usccb.org/prolife/living-out-christmas-new-year

Please consider an end of year gift to the **Diocesan Appeal**. Not only will you be helping your parish reach its goal, your support will also have an immediate impact on families in our Diocese at a time when the need has never been greater.

In addition, your donation by December 31, may qualify for a special tax deduction.

Special \$300 tax deduction helps most people give to charity this year – even if they don't itemize.

The recent federal relief package (officially the CARES Act) includes a temporary \$300 deduction for donations made before the end of this year. To learn more about how your gift may qualify, visit www.irs.gov and search **\$300 Deduction**.



THE DIOCESAN APPEAL
ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY, NY

HELP YOUR PARISH REACH GOAL

Make your pledge or gift today!

With your gift in partnership with your parish and the Diocese of Albany, we can continue to serve you and our faith communities.

2020-21 Diocesan Appeal Update as of 12/20/2020



It is our collective responsibility to ensure our parishes and the Diocese are robust in our ability to meet the needs of our faith community. Together, we empower individuals and families towards discipleship.

Make your gift or pledge today

Donate.thediocesanappeal.org

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

NOTE:

**All Parish Offices will be closed
December 28 through January 3.
Offices will reopen on Monday, January 4.**

Don't forget...

Make your gift or pledge today
Donate.thediocesanappeal.org

Or mail to:
Diocesan Appeal
Stewardship Office
40 North Main Avenue
Albany, New York 12203



FIND LINKS TO ALL OF OUR SOCIAL MEDIA ON YOUR PARISH WEB SITE

 mountcarmelschdy.org 

 churchofstadalbert.org 

 spacny.org

Looking for young adult fellowship? **Capital Region Catholic** seeks to nurture Christ-centered relationships for people ages 23-40. We meet together to grow in the faith, share our lives in fellowship and bond through fun activities.

Join us virtually on Zoom every Wednesday night for 6:00 pm dinner, 7:00 pm prayer & discussion of faith, and 8:30 pm games.

Link to the Zoom meeting: <https://bit.ly/3qAzsGX>

Check out our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/capitalregioncatholic/>

Contact: CapitalRegionCatholic@gmail.com with any questions.



- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**
Altar Linens
- 12/27 Marianne Cristello
 - 1/3 Lina Antenucci
 - 1/10 Marie Gardner
 - 1/17 Rosalie Claghsey
 - 1/24 Barbara DePoalo

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2020

SUN 12/27	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
MON 12/28	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
TUE 12/29	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
WED 12/30	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
THU 12/31	1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
FRI 1/1	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
SAT 1/2	1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28
SUN 1/3	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2020

Sunday:	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Monday:	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Tuesday:	St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
Thursday:	St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
Friday:	Mary, The Holy Mother of God; New Year's Day; World Day of Peace
Saturday:	Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week

REFLECTION FOR TODAY

We continue to celebrate this festive season of Christmas by honoring the Holy Family. Jesus' mother, Mary and his foster father, Joseph, each trusted in the Lord when they accepted the unique start to their family. Though their family faced dangers from the start, they remained united in love, which Saint Paul calls the bond of perfection. May our families share these bonds of love, enabling us to face the hardships and sorrows of life.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE BY BUD OZAR

The gospel today shows Mary and Joseph weren't "perfect" parents. If you have ever been "amazed" and "astonished" at what came out of your child's mouth, then you are in good company. If there were times you "didn't understand" your children or felt "anxious" about their behavior so did Mary and Joseph. Parenting is tough but it is also the stuff of holiness.



*New
Year's
Blessings*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation 2020-21

Kindergarten through 11th Grade

Registration is open online at:

<http://catholicformation.weebly.com/>

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

We invite you and your child to prepare for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion together during the coming months. We use a process for preparing your child called Growing Up Catholic. This is a memorable time of your child's life – and the memories you make during this preparation period will be cherished for a long time. Sessions are scheduled once a month during your child's normal Zoom session times. We will email you the Zoom Growing Up Catholic invite as that session approaches. All sessions are 9:30-10:30 AM: January 24, 2021, February 7, 2021, March 14, 2021, April 11, 2021.

For more information or to register for any of our programs please contact:

Arlene Parisi or Katie Parisi

518-377-0506 or arleneparisircffp@gmail.com

Faith Formation news and program updates are on Facebook:

[facebook.com/religiouseducationandfaithformationoffice](https://www.facebook.com/religiouseducationandfaithformationoffice)

FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

December 26th through January 4th

No Sessions

January 9th

Pick up packets

Optional in-person Family Session

Baptism Preparation

Parents must attend a Baptism preparation session before scheduling their baby's Baptism. Sessions are held at our Faith Formation Center, located at St. Paul the Apostle School. Copies of your baby's birth certificate and prospective godparents' Confirmation certificates must be provided on the day parents attend the Baptism preparation session. Covid-19 pandemic precautions are followed. Face masks are required.

KIDS CORNER

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Love God and trust him with your life. Then you will want to do what God asks. Simeon listened to God. Anna served God for many years in the temple. Mary and Joseph did everything God asked them to do for Jesus. Everyone in the temple knew that Jesus was sent by God to be their Savior. They trusted God with Jesus' precious life.



PRAYER

God, help me to love you enough to do all that you ask me to.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus belonged to God. Look up the word "belong" in the dictionary. Thank God that you are his child, too.

MASS INTENTIONS

St. Paul the Apostle

Saturday 12/26/2020.....4:00 PM
 Janet & Chet Granato & Treanor Family + Kathleen Sheehan
 Louis Bacchi + Family
 Intentions of Twins, Peg Broady & Terry Dufour,
 94th Birthday + Family
 Phillip DePoalo + Wife, Carol
 Dorothy Clow + Carol DePoalo
 Melvin Rose + Carol DePoalo
 Beverly Pawlows + Carol DePoalo
 Intentions of Patricia Baidy + St. Paul's Rosary Society
 Elaine & Ron Poirier + Family
Sunday 12/27/2020.....8:00 AM
 Vina Aini + Family
Saturday 1/2/2021.....4:00 PM
 Grazia Torre + Family
 Anthony Maurceri + Family
 Carmella Maurceri + Granddaughter
 Carl & Mary Trichilo + Family
Sunday 1/3/2021.....8:00 AM
 Marianne Cook + Ken and Peggy Frese
 Mark Cook + Ken and Peggy Frese

St. Adalbert

Sunday 12/27/2020.....11:00 AM
 Rose Matuszyk + Family
 Peg & John Duck + Family
 Eugene Gierka + Holy Name Men's Society
Sunday 1/3/2021.....11:00 AM
 Mary Jamroziak + Barbara Caputo

Remember in your prayers
John DeMarco, Fernando Schiazza
 and **Mary Ann Malkiewicz**
 who have fallen asleep in the Lord.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday 12/27/2020.....9:30 AM
 Richard DiCesare + Family
 DiCesare & DePasquale Families + Family
 John & Mary Kovarovic + Vicki & Joe DiCesare
 Giuseppina DeMarco + John DeMarco & Family
 Yolanda Longo + Loving Son Paul & Family
 1st Anniversary Joshua Richards + Family
 John Cammarene + Bill Thwaits
 Beatrice & Frank Rossi + Mary & Fred Schiazza
 Anniversary & Birthday Rose Cristello + Teresa & John Cristello

Sunday 1/3/2021.....9:30 AM
 Tom DeLorenzo + Nancy
 Daniel & Mary Statuto + Daughter MaryAnn
 Domenico Sangiovanni + Wife Elvira
 Catherine Vasko + Family
 Intentions of Anne Marie Forth
 Thomas V. Palazzo + Frank DeSarbo
 Dorothy Mauro + John Micalizzi

December 27 2020

Memorial Candle

Marie Tebbano
 By
Mary Ann DeMeo

Sanctuary Candle

RoseAnne Goodman
 By
Mary Ann DeMeo

