



The Parish of Saint Francis of Assisi

The Cathedral Church of the Immaculate Conception

Welcome! - Bienvenido! - Mabuhay!

*From wherever you have traveled or have been led on your spiritual journey,
we, the Catholic communities of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and Saint Francis of Assisi,
welcome you to our parishes.*

*We are located on the land of the Mohawk People of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Mohican People
who were the first stewards of the land upon which our Churches were built in what we now call the City of Albany.*

*We invite you to make yourself at home in one of our parish communities
and consider joining our Christian way of life, worship and service in Jesus Christ.*

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Dear parishioners,

We recently subscribed to the app Hallow and to the media platform Formed.org. These will be great ways for all of us to grow in our faith, including through the Marian consecration retreats. For example, using Hallow, you can go to the community page for the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, and look for the prayer challenge for "33 Day Marian Consecration" ending in time for the August 15 Consecration Day. You can also use the app for other prayers and ways of growing closer to God. The online platform Formed.org also has a videos for the Marian consecration series "33 Days to Morning Glory" and other wonderful programs. I hope that this these offerings may help you grow closer to Jesus through Mary, and may God bless you!

Fr. Rendell Torres

HALLOW APP

For current subscribers:

1. Open app, find Community tab (bottom of screen), create profile
2. Search for parish (zip code is fastest), join parish

For people completely new to Hallow:

1. Scan QR code (hallow.com/parish)
2. Find parish (zip code is fastest), set up profile
3. Follow prompts to \$1 trial (to opt out and be on the free version, hit "skip" when prompted)
4. Take note of login credentials (phone # or email address) and be sure to use these same credentials when logging in once the app is downloaded.

For current users on the free version who wish to remain on the free version:

1. Open app, find Community tab (bottom of screen), create profile
2. Search for parish (zip code is fastest), join parish

FORMED SUBSCRIPTION

1. Go to formed.org
2. Click on "Find Your Parish Subscription"
3. Enter your email address and click "Next"
4. On the sign in page, enter the code that was sent to your email
5. Click "Next"
6. Enter your parish's zip code and click on your parish name



PASTORAL REFLECTION: REMADE FOR MISSION, PART 3
August 3rd, 2025

***"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."* (Luke 12:15)**

Jesus describes a rich man who built larger barns to store extra grain from a bountiful harvest so that he could stop working and use his wealth exclusively for his own luxurious pleasure. God said him, "You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?" Jesus concludes, "Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."



Being rich in what matters to God takes time and is all that matters when we die. Have we stored up treasure in heaven through our love of Jesus and works of mercy? Or does our love of money occupy the highest priority, whether at home or in our parish?

In the "investment logic" of God, money is meant for mission, to draw souls to the Father. Are we materially hoarding or spiritually investing our money, our possessions, and even our churches for the mission of saving souls, including our own? The answers are found in humble and honest prayer, especially after Holy Communion and in Adoration, and in seriously pondering the words of Our Lady, "Do whatever He tells you."

Peace in Jesus through Mary,

***"I find pleasure, not in large buildings and magnificent structures, but in a pure and humble heart"* (Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary, n. 532)**

ASSUMPTION OF MARY CELEBRATIONS!

We will celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15! The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven, body and soul, flows from our faith in the Resurrection! She is an image of the Church's members, whom God desires to be with Him physically in heaven in the Father's House. So this is a **holy day of obligation** to praise and thank God. Please plan to **celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption at one of the following Masses:**



- **8/14 vigil Mass** (Spanish-English bilingual), **5:30 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Parish on Delaware Ave.** (Bishop Scharfenberger, celebrant);
- **8/15 at Historic St. Mary's at 12:05 p.m.** (community ice-cream social after Mass) and
- **8/15 at the Cathedral at 5:30 p.m.** (followed by a reception); Join us for Adoration and the rosary before the 5:30 Mass at the Cathedral.

At these Masses, we will also offer the opportunity to make or renew your consecration to Jesus through Mary, using the prayer composed by St. Louis Marie de Montfort.

It also is the **parish feast day of Historic St. Mary's Church**, the oldest church in our Diocese (the second oldest in New York State, after St. Peter's in Manhattan). **That Sunday 8/17, we will have a special parish celebration for Historic St. Mary's between the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses**, including saying farewell to our St. Mary's Parish Administrator Matt Castiglione.

Note: After the Vigil Mass on 8/14, you can see the movie: **TRIUMPH OF THE HEART: The Untold Story of St. Maximilian Kolbe's Passion**. Thursday, August 14, 7:00 p.m. Scene One Spectrum 8 Theatres. Sign up to be notified about tickets (\$20) here: www.toth-albany-ny.eventbrite.com

Thank you and Godspeed to Matt Castiglione!

Matt will be concluding his time as Parish Administrator of Historic St. Mary's Parish on August 15. He has reflected and prayed about his work at St. Mary's and discerned that "it's time." Matt has been a truly pastoral presence at Historic St. Mary's for several years, sincerely caring for the priests who serve and parishioners who pray and worship at the oldest Catholic church in our Diocese. He loves Historic St. Mary's parish most of all because of goodness of the people. *Please join me in thanking Matt at a reception on Sunday, August 17, between the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses*, as part of the celebration of our parish feast day of the Assumption.

– **Fr. Rendell Torres**



DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE:

The **Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration** will be held on **Sunday, September 14th, 2025, at 3:00 PM**, at **Christ Our Light Catholic Church, 1 Maria Drive, in Loudonville**. Couples celebrating their 1st, 25th, 50th, or any special wedding anniversary are invited to attend this celebration, which honors the enduring bond of love, and strengthens the sense of community among couples within the Albany Diocese! Bishop Scharfenberger will celebrate the Liturgy at 3 p.m. and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the Parish Hall at Christ Our Light immediately following Mass, with an opportunity for photos with each couple. Please register through your parish office or you may e-mail Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org. **Deadline is September 7.**

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 3 August 2025

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
<i>Saint Francis (Delaware)</i>		
Saturday, August 2 4:00 PM		
Sunday, August 3 9:00 AM	<i>People of the Parish</i>	
<i>Saint Francis (South End)</i>		
Sunday, August 3 10:30 AM		
<i>The Cathedral</i>		
Sunday, August 3 11:00 AM	† <i>Kathreen Leary</i>	<i>Requested by James McLean</i>
Sunday, August 3 5:00 PM		

<i>Confession Times</i>	
St. Francis of Assisi (Delaware)	Saturdays: 3:15 PM
St. Francis of Assisi (South End)	Before or after Mass (by request)
Historic St. Mary's	Saturdays at 3:15 PM Weekdays at 11:30 AM After Mass (by request)
The Cathedral	Sundays: 10:30 AM-10:50 AM 4:15 PM—4:50 PM

CARMELITE MISSIONARIES VISITING

On August 3 (at St. Francis, South End), we welcome Carmelite priest Fr. Gregg Durham O. Carm. who will describe the Carmelite Friars' mission and how we can support them. The Carmelites, through prayer and action, establish ministries where there is the greatest need. They create programs to relieve the poor, minister to those in hospitals and prisons, provide education, conduct spiritual and religious formation in almost 40 countries on five continents, and help victims of the war in Ukraine. Your generosity in the second collection to support their missionary work is greatly appreciated.

MORNING PRAYER MONDAYS, South End

All are invited to join in reciting Morning Prayer every Monday at 8:30 am at St. Francis of Assisi's South End site (93 Fourth Ave., Albany). Morning Prayer includes psalms and readings that provide a way to rise in the morning, praise God for bringing us through the night, and dedicate ourselves to him at the start of the new day. It is an extension of the Eucharistic Liturgy into other parts of the day to make it holy. Will you spend 15-20 minutes with us to start your week in prayer and praise to God. We will be using the "Christian Prayer" and will have copies of the prayers available for participants. Beginning Monday, August 4 (feast day of St. John Mary Vianney).

DIOCESAN MENS' CONFERENCE!

Saturday, August 9 | 8:15AM-4:00PM
St. Edward the Confessor Church
569 Clifton Park Center Road, Clifton Park, NY



The conference includes engaging presentations from Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and Fr. James Walsh, Reconciliation, Mass, Adoration, refreshments and lunch. The Step Up Men's Conference will give men the tools needed to grow on holiness in their everyday lives. Early registration is \$45.00 per person until July 31 (includes lunch and snacks). Regular Registration: \$50 per person from August 1 to 8. Day of Registration: \$55 per person on-site. College age and younger men are free. Space is limited. All attendees must register. For more information and to register go to <https://www.rcda.org/stepup>

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Santa Misa: Domingo 10:30 AM
Confesiones: Domingo 10:00 AM
Primer Domingo del mes: Bendición a todos los niños y jóvenes al final de la Santa Misa

* **Hora Santa:** Todos los primeros Sábados de cada mes a las 5:15pm.

- **Inscripción para clases de catecismo (Primera Comunión y Confirmación) durante todo el mes de Agosto.**
- El Obispo Ed celebrará una Misa de Vigilia bilingüe en español e inglés por la Asunción el jueves 14 de agosto en St. Francis en Delaware Ave. (anteriormente iglesia St. James) a las 5:30 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Weekly Offering—July 26 & 27

Regular Offertory	\$2,155.50
PayPal	\$325.00
Maintenance & Utilities	\$40.91
TOTAL	\$2,521.41
Average Weekly Need	\$8,200.00
SHORTFALL	(\$5,678.59)

The average weekly need is based on Total Expenses (2024-25)

Attendance

11:00 AM 148	5:00 PM 121
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Saint Francis of Assisi Weekly Offering—July 26 & 27

Regular Offertory	\$4,187.32
PayPal	\$0.00
Maintenance & Utilities	\$0.00
Food Pantry	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$4,187.32
Average Weekly Need	\$10,500.00
SHORTFALL	(\$6,312.68)

The average weekly need is based on Total Expenses (2024-25)

Attendance

Delaware	4:00 PM 45	9:00 AM 61	10:30 AM 125
South End	10:30 AM 51		

Our Parish Network Mass Times:

Historic Saint Mary's	Saint Francis	The Cathedral
Saturday 4:00 PM	Saturday 4:00 PM Delaware	
Sunday 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday 9:00 AM Delaware 10:30 AM Delaware (Spanish) 10:30 AM South End	Sunday 11:00 AM 5:00 PM
Mon-Fri 12:05 PM		

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518.414.1929

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Saint John's/Saint Ann's Center

88 Fourth Avenue, Albany, NY 12202

518.472.9091

CENTER

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 10:am—12pm; 1:pm 3pm

WELCOME TABLE

Tuesday and Saturday: 11:30am—1:00pm

In need of juice and hygiene products

Reminder: We cannot accept outdated, opened or used items.

Other Area Food Pantries include:

Saint Mary

10 Lodge Street, Albany, New York

518.462.4357

Trinity Alliance

15 Trinity Place, Albany, New York

518.364.1103

www.trinityalliancealbany.org/food-pantries

FOCUS Churches of Albany

275 State Street, Albany, New York

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The Cathedral



St. Francis

Prayers for...

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Cathedral Church Hours

The Cathedral is open daily.

Sunday: 9:00am – 6:00pm

Monday—Saturday: 9:00am – 3:00pm

The Cathedral Church and Parish Offices will be closed on National Holidays and other days throughout the year as noted in the bulletin.



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