

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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Saint Francis of Assisi**

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 27 July 2025

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 2 July 27, 2025

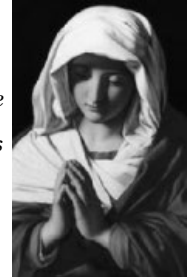
"If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" (Luke 11:13)

When Jesus's disciple asks Him to teach them how to pray, Jesus begins with the Father: **"Father, hallowed be your name."** Being a disciple of Jesus means being a member of His mystical Body, the Church. So if Jesus is the Son of God the Father, then each one of us, in Jesus, is also a beloved son or daughter of the Father.

That is why our prayer can be powerful, even priestly, in Jesus the great High Priest. Jesus's prayer obtains everything from the Father because Jesus is His beloved Son. And Jesus teaches us, His disciples and mystical Body, to remain in Him and ask the Father for the Holy Spirit.

In last week's bulletin I described our pressing need to discern the mission of each of our parishes, including what we need in order to carry out that mission, and what we need to let go. This communal discernment process requires the Holy Spirit, the Light and Wisdom of God, because we don't have the financial or priestly resources to continue as we are doing. Please read the bulletin insert for this week (and last week's bulletin article), and as Jesus says, ask the Father in heaven to give the Holy Spirit to us, so that we may know what defines our mission and what we need from God to carry it out.

Peace in Jesus through Mary,



"When we pray, we ought not force the Lord God to give us what we want, but we should rather submit to His holy will." (St. Faustina, Diary, n. 1525)

ASSUMPTION OF MARY CELEBRATIONS!

We will celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15! It is the parish feast day of Historic St. Mary's Church, the oldest church in our Diocese (and the second oldest in New York State, after St. Peter's in Manhattan).

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven, body and soul, is so important to our Christian faith in the resurrection! Not only did Jesus raise His human body and soul into heaven, but He also raised His mother's body and soul into heaven at the end of her life on earth.

She is an image of the Church, because each one of us is desired by God not only to live forever after death but to be with God with our bodies and souls in heaven. We were made not for this earth but for the Father's House!

That is why the Assumption is a holy day of obligation to praise and thank God for sending His Son to suffer and die for our sins and to rise from the dead to give us hope.

Please plan to attend and **celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption Mass at one of the following times: August 15 at Historic St. Mary's at 12:05 p.m. (community ice-cream social after Mass) and the Cathedral at 5:30 p.m. (Bishop Scharfenberger, celebrant, followed by a reception); vigil Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Parish on Delaware Ave. on August 14 at 5:30 p.m.**

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.

That Sunday, we will also have a special parish celebration for Historic St. Mary's between the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses—save the date!



We Need You: Ministry Opportunities to Share Your Time & Talent

I ask you to pray about joining one or more of our ministries that are in need of volunteers.

Server: Have you ever wondered about the ways you can serve God and our worshipping community? We are currently unable to routinely have cross and candles in procession at both the Sunday 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM masses. If you are called to this ministry, especially if you are able to carry 15-50 lbs., please contact Patrick or Gerry in the sacristy to the right of the altar after either Mass!

Livestream: Have you ever wondered about the ways you can share the celebration of the Eucharist with those unable to attend Mass in person? Our livestream equipment is working again! We need volunteers to use the simple equipment for streaming the weekly Sunday 11:00 AM and special Masses on the Cathedral Facebook Page, and/or the RCDA/Cathedral YouTube Channel. Training will be provided. No experience is necessary! If you are called to this ministry, please contact Patrick Buonacore at our Cathedral office or after 11:00 a.m. Mass.

OCIA: Have you ever wondered about the ways you can help adults on their journey to becoming Christians, to entering into full communion with the Catholic Church, or to completing the sacraments First Communion or Confirmation? We will soon be initiating the new Order of Christian Initiation of Adult (OCIA), formerly RCIA, ministry. We are in need of catechists and sponsors. If you are called to this ministry, please contact Gerry Johnson or Deacon Jim Agnew after 11:00 Mass or at our Cathedral Offices.

To contact Patrick, send an e-mail to: Patrick.Buonacore@rcda.org

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 27 July 2025

Mass Intentions

Saint Francis (Delaware)

Saturday, July 26 4:00 PM	† David Nicholas	Requested by Family
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Sunday, July 27 9:00 AM	People of the Parish	
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Saint Francis (South End)

Sunday, July 27 10:30 AM		
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The Cathedral

Sunday, July 27 11:00 AM		
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Sunday, July 27 5:00 PM		
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Confession Times

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 July 26-27 (at Cathedral St. Francis of Assisi, Delaware Ave.) and August 3 (St. Francis, South End), we will be welcoming Carmelite priests who will describe their missions and how we can support their missionary work. The Carmelites respond to the call to love one another through prayer and action by establishing ministries where there is the greatest need. They create humanitarian programs to relieve the suffering of the poor, minister to those in hospitals and prisons, provide education, and conduct spiritual and religious formation in almost 40 countries on five continents. This year we are hoping to be of continued help to the victims of the war in Ukraine. Your generosity in the second collection next week to support the Carmelite Friars' missionary work will be greatly appreciated.

Parking near the Cathedral!

There is free parking in the parking garage diagonally (catty corner) across from the Cathedral on weekends and after 4 p.m. on weekdays. Enter on Philip Street and park on the 4th floor. If there's an attendant, just say that you are going to the Cathedral and can park there for free. Please spread the word! Please also pray and offer sacrifices/fasts for our discussion with New York State about using the Madison parking lot. Thank you!



Diocese of Albany -- Step Up Men's Conference 2025

The Diocese of Albany is hosting the Step Up Men's Conference on Saturday, August 9 from 8:15 AM to 3:30 PM at St. Edward the Confessor Church in Clifton Park.

The Step Up Men's Conference will give men the tools needed to grow in holiness in their everyday lives. The event will include presentations from Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and Fr. James Walsh, Reconciliation, Mass, Adoration, Rosary, refreshments, and lunch.

The early registration cost is \$45. per person until July 31 and includes lunch. College age and younger men are FREE, but must register.

All attendees MUST register. Space is limited.

For more information and to register:
<https://www.rcda.org/StepUp>

Or scan the barcode to the right.



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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.

STEWARDSHIP

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Weekly Offering—July 19 & 20

Regular Offertory	\$1,696.00
PayPal	\$75.00
Maintenance & Utilities	\$790.00
TOTAL	\$2,561.00
Average Weekly Need	\$8,200.00
SHORTFALL	(\$5,639.00)

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

Attendance

11:00 AM 125	5:00 PM 116
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Saint Francis of Assisi Weekly Offering—July 19 & 20

Regular Offertory	\$3,230.92
PayPal	\$0.00
Maintenance & Utilities	\$458.25
Food Pantry	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$3,689.17
Average Weekly Need	\$10,500.00
SHORTFALL	(\$6,810.83)

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

Attendance

Delaware	4:00 PM 52	9:00 AM 73	10:30 AM 125
South End	10:30 AM 50		

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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Saint John's/Saint Ann's Center

88 Fourth Avenue, Albany, NY 12202

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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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