



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.*

Welcome College Students!

Central Offices & Mailing Address:

125 Eagle Street Albany, New York 12202

Offices Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 9:00am—3:00pm

Office Phone: 518.463.4447

Email: CICALban@rcda.org

SFAAlbany@rcda.org

**The Cathedral
Saint Francis of Assisi**

125 Eagle Street, Albany, NY 12202

Delaware Site: 391 Delaware Avenue, Albany, NY 12209

South End Site: 93 Fourth Avenue, Albany, NY 12202



CONNECT WITH US!

@cathedralalbany

@saintfrancisalbany

www.cathedralic.com

www.facebook.com/CathedralAlbany

www.facebook.com/SaintFrancisAlbany



Six minutes a day... that is all we are asking! A reflection on Scripture, and a fun fact about Catholic traditions. This Lent, we are providing *Little Black Books of the Diocese of Saginaw* as a way to journey through the season. Spending time with the Lord Jesus in Scripture... and a little learning, too. Free copies are located in the back of all three churches. **(Available in both English and Spanish).**



During this lent season we invite you to consider supporting the St. Vincent de Paul Society. This group of parishioners provides emergency assistance, such as rent and utilities payments, for people who've fallen behind. The folks they help are all local. Supporters can either write a check made out to the Society and add it to the collection basket or drop their donations in one of the poor boxes. Your generosity makes a direct impact on those facing hardship. Thank you for your kindness and support!

If you have any questions, please call Dan Persico at (518) 390-0416.

JOIN US FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS | 5:15 PM
March 7 through Good Friday

CONFESSIONS AFTER STATIONS

And Before Sunday Masses

During lent, confessions will be available after masses during the week Tues-Friday at St. Mary's and after the 5pm mass at The Cathedral.



PAYING IT FORWARD AS A LEAD MOTHER IN NIGERIA

In Nigeria, over 25 million people are experiencing extreme food insecurity due to climate change, poverty and conflict. Because of violence in their hometown, Amina and her family were forced to flee and start life over again in a new village. Learn how Amina's participation in a Catholic Relief Services program helped her prepare nutritious meals for her family and support other families in her community to overcome the challenges of hunger and malnutrition.

Visit crsricebowl.org/week-2 to read this week's Story of Hope.

Prayer for Pope Francis

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,
look favorably on your servant Francis,
whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;

Grant, we pray, that by word and example
he may be of service to those over whom he presides
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,
he may come to everlasting life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Exciting Update: Phone Systems Enhanced!



We are thrilled to announce that our phone systems have been successfully upgraded! (I know, I know... it's about time!) A special thank you to Eric and Lance from ECB Communications for their days of diligent work in inspecting and correcting our system. They also collaborated with Spectrum to transfer the phone lines from the former offices at Saint Francis of Assisi parish to the network offices at Cathedral.

What does this mean for you?

- If you dial the old Saint Francis phone number, your call will now be directed to our main office, ensuring it can be promptly answered.
- All outgoing calls from our offices will display the main number (518) 463-4447, making it easier for you to recognize and reach us.

We are confident these improvements will enhance our communication and service to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you for your patience and continued support!

Lectio Divina group to meet for the prayerful engagement of Sacred Scripture on Wednesday, March 19th at 7pm in the Rectory of the Cathedral.

GIVE US THIS DAY NOW AVAILABLE!

Give Us This Day is a monthly publication centered on the Word of God. Drawing inspiration from a multitude of voices, it provides a relevant and trustworthy understanding of Scripture. Whether you have five minutes or a half hour, *Give Us This Day* supports your desire to pray. Look for copies in the back of the church.



**National Grid Foundation Awards
Catholic Charities \$550,000**

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany announced an unprecedented investment from the National Grid Foundation, which has awarded two grants totaling a record \$550,000 to support the organization's Emergency Assistance services. This milestone underscores the growing need for financial assistance in the face of rising living costs and increased demand for basic necessities like fuel, electricity, and housing.

St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners ...

We are starting a new Easter Project
this Easter ...

that of sending Easter Greetings to
Clients in Nursing homes ...
collecting on

Sundays 3/16th, 23rd, 30th/ 2025

All you need to do is the following ...

Purchase an Easter Card

Sign the card with...

"Parishioner of St. Francis of Assisi"

put the signed card in the envelope
and drop in one of the

Boxes so marked at either

Church Site...

Many Thanks ...

Georgeann

COMUNIDAD HISPANA

**391 DELAWARE AVE
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

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

Stewardship

**The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Weekly Offering—March 8 & 9**

Regular Offertory	\$3,659.29
PayPal	\$170.13
Maintenance & Utilities	\$17.00
TOTAL	\$2,846.42
Average Weekly Need	\$8,200.00
SHORTFALL	(\$4,353.58)

The average weekly need is based on Total Expenses (2023-24)

Attendance

11:00 AM 143	5:00 PM 118
------------------------	-----------------------

**Saint Francis of Assisi
Weekly Offering—March 8 & 9**

Regular Offertory	\$4,049.64
PayPal	\$0.00
Maintenance & Utilities	\$0.00
Food Pantry	\$535.00
TOTAL	\$4,584.64
Average Weekly Need	\$10,500.00
SHORTFALL	(\$5,915.36)

The average weekly need is based on Total Expenses (2023-24)

Attendance

Delaware	4:00 PM 50	9:00 AM 68	10:30 AM 157
South End	10:30 AM 66		



Saint James FOOD PANTRY

Corner of St. James Place & Summit Avenue, Albany, NY 12209

518.414.1929

Monday & Wednesday: 10:00am—12:30pm

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

518.443.0460

www.focuschurches.net



Thank you for your generous support!

*If you would like to make a financial contribution to your parish
through your smartphone, please point your
camera at the QR codes below and tap the link.*



The Cathedral



St. Francis

Prayers for...

Jon Collins, Nathan Williams, Harold LaMountain, Rev. Frank O'Connor, Sue Moss, Cynthia Notaro, Honey Kausar, Mary VanSchiack Agnew, Maria Aricipa, Mary Dolan, Charles Duffy, Church Dyer, John Fanning, Joyce Flanagan, Gina Garrison, Katherine Gilligan, Chris Godfrey, Marge Hepp, Michael Horgan, Alison Horgan-Zepeda, Rev. David Jones, Alice LaChapelle, Betty McSweeney, Joe O'Clair, Jaxson Rivera, Sr. Natalie Runfola, Michele Sloman, Rev. Paul Smith.

The Cathedral & Saint Francis of Assisi Staff



The Most Rev'd Edward B. Scharfenberger, D.D.
Bishop of Albany

Cathedral Clergy

The Very Rev'd. Rendell Torres, Rector

Rendell.Torres@rcda.org

Mr. James M. Agnew, Deacon

James.Agnew@rcda.org

Mr. Timothy J. Kosto, II, Deacon

Timothy.Kosto@rcda.org

Saint Francis Assisting Clergy

Rev. Sean O'Brien, OFM

Rev. William Persia, CSC

Pastoral Director of Operations

Mr. Jasper Stoller

Jasper.Stoller@rcda.org

Social Media Administrative Assistant

Mr. Bobby Linthavong

Bobby.Linthavong@rcda.org

Music & Liturgy

Dr. Brian Glikes, Director of Diocesan & Cathedral Music

Brian.Glikes@rcda.org

Mr. Patrick Buonacore, Liturgical Coordinator & Sacristan

Patrick.Buonacore@rcda.org

Saint Francis Music

Kristen Witham

Buildings & Grounds

Mr. Kurt Schlachter, Facilities Manager

Cathedralfacilities@rcda.org

Mr. Tim Balfe, Campus Maintenance

Cathedralmaintenance@rcda.org

Saint James Food Pantry

Linda Cruz, Director

518.414.1929

Central Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday, 9:00am – 3:00pm

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.

DANIEL KEENAN

Funeral Home

490 Delaware Ave., Albany, NY 12209

(518) 463-1594

www.danielkeenanfuneralhome.com

Serving the parish families since 1955!

James D. Warren & Sons, Inc.

Air Conditioning
& Refrigeration
Plumbing & Heating

69 4th Ave., Albany

434-6138

ALAN D. GROSSMAN, Pres.



MOORE FIRE EQUIPMENT

Sales & Service
Professional Recharging &
Service At Your Location

Randy Moore - President

462 Orange Street • Albany

518-438-1927

WE APPRECIATE OUR
ADVERTISERS!



Order Online at duckdonuts.com | Open 7 days from 8am - 6pm

VISIT US! Latham Farms near Dick's Sporting Goods



2 FREE DONUTS

WITH ANY PURCHASE

Valid only in-shop at Duck Donuts Latham. Limit one coupon per person, per visit.
Not valid with any other offer. No cash value.

Place Your Ad Here and Support our Parish!

Instantly create and
purchase an ad with

AD CREATOR STUDIO



4lpi.com/adcreator

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here
and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME
Victoria Russo

vrusso@4LPi.com

(800) 477-4574 x6283

ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection
From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide



ADT Authorized
Provider

SafeStreets

833-287-3502

SUPPORT
OUR
PARISH



SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

