



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!

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**The Cathedral
Saint Francis of Assisi**

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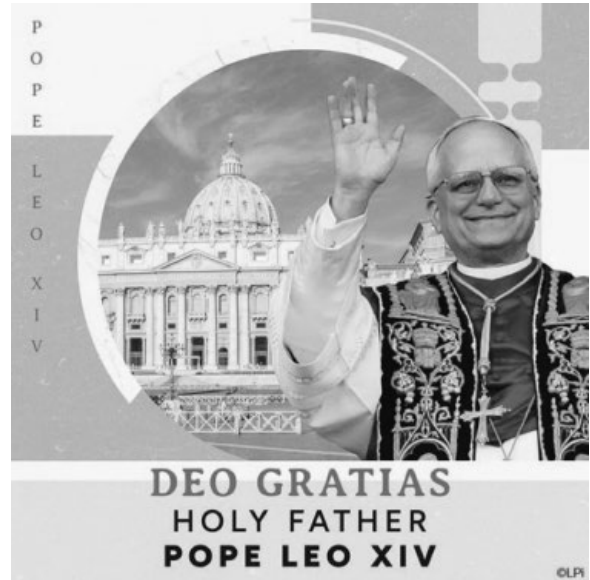
We are excited to introduce a new way for the Cathedral community to stay connected. This program has been highly successful for Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, and now we want to invite members of the Cathedral community to join us. And, if you're a member of Saint Francis and haven't signed up before, please join now!

Simply send your name and email contact to Bobby at:

Cathedral: CICALban@rcda.org.

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Stay informed and engaged with all the latest updates from our parish!



COUPLE TO
COUPLE LEAGUE

CHECK IT OUT! NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING, ONLINE COURSE

Couple to Couple League offers an online course where you can learn natural family planning, an accurate and moral way of knowing how to achieve or delay pregnancy. Natural Family Planning is not the rhythm method; it is scientifically accurate and helps open hearts in marriages. Find out more at www.ccli.org. Our parish is willing to help subsidize the course cost for you—please call if you're interested!

Thank you for your help



We would like to report that our large monstrance has been professionally repaired, and returned safely to the Cathedral. The restoration of this precious heirloom was made possible through your generosity. We would like to thank all of those who supported this project including the local area Order of Malta, and The O'Brien Insurance Agency whose generosity helped this project move forward expeditiously.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
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Catholic Charities Collection Weekend

Today we are joining parishes throughout the Diocese to support the work of Catholic Charities. With your help we can feed families in need, prevent eviction, support homebound seniors, counsel those in crisis, aid people with disabilities and provide safety to abuse survivors. All donations will stay within the Diocese to help neighbors close to home.



PASTORAL REFLECTION MAY 18, 2025

Jesus said: "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (John 13:34)

With our new Pope Leo XIV, we have new inspiration to love one another as the Lord Jesus commanded us. Pope Leo began by speaking to us of the peace of Jesus Christ which comes from being united in Him. His papal motto is "In the One [Christ] we are one." To become one in Christ, we need to become humble and detach ourselves from our egos and from any part of our wills that is not in harmony with the perfect will of Christ. No one is more united with Christ's will than His Mother, the Immaculate Virgin Mary in Heaven. Therefore, the more that we are united with her, the more we will be united with Christ—and one with each other.

That is the purpose of Consecration to Jesus through Mary, or "Marian Consecration." Our parish network (Cathedral, Historic St. Mary's, St. Francis of Assisi) is offering Marian consecration retreats this summer and fall to all people! The first consecration retreat begins on Memorial Day, May 26, as "Day 1," when you can start reading the book 33 Days to Morning Glory (by Fr. Michael Gaitley MIC) or listening to his book on the app Hallow (look for our Cathedral community and/or search for "33 Days to Morning Glory").

We will have an information meeting with a food reception this coming Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral. Then we will also have optional retreat meetings for six Mondays at Mater Christi Church (40 Hopewell St., Albany) from 6:30-8 pm starting on Memorial Day, May 26 (but you don't have to attend the meetings to consecrate yourself to Mary). The Mass of Consecration will be on the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, June 28, 9:00 a.m. at the Cathedral.

I invite you to pray to the Holy Spirit and ask whether the Lord might be calling you to make a total consecration to Jesus through Mary, a total renewal of your baptismal vows so that you can be totally united with Christ; in Him, we can be one as He and the Father are One.

Peace in Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Russell R. Jones

"O Mary, Mother and Mistress mine, unto You I give my body and soul, my life and death, and whatever shall come thereafter. All this I put into Your hands, O my Mother...O beautiful Lily, You have ever been a mirror for me...Mary, dearest Mother of mine, direct my inner life to make it pleasing for Your Son." (St. Faustina, Diary n. 79, 240)




Fifth Sunday of Easter — 18 May 2025


<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
<i>Saint Francis (Delaware)</i>		
Saturday, May 17 4:00 PM	† Jeanette Carioto	Requested by Son Robert & Daughter In Law Karen
	† Frances Serafino	Requested by Granddaughter Karen
Sunday, May 18 9:00 AM	† Gioconda Colao & Geoneffa Ricelli	Requested by Niece
<i>Saint Francis (South End)</i>		
Sunday, May 18 10:30 AM	People of the Parish	
<i>The Cathedral</i>		
Sunday, May 18 11:00 AM	† John Skovira	Requested by Family
Sunday, May 18 5:00 PM	† Joseph B. Fitzpatrick	Requested by Judith & Joseph Raciborski


Why request Mass intentions? The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, “From the beginning, the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the **Eucharistic sacrifice [the Mass]**, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God” (CCC 1032).

The dead in purgatory can no longer pray for themselves. Pope Francis said that offering Masses for the dead “is the best spiritual help that we can give to their souls, particularly to the most abandoned ones.” Masses can also be offered a living person who is sick or suffering; a living person who is celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special moment in their life; in thanksgiving to God; in thanksgiving for a prayer from a saint; or for a prayer intention (that does not contradict Church teaching). The efficacy or fruitfulness of a Mass in a person's life depends on that person's interior openness to God's will and not merely on the external performance of a sacrament (CCC 2111). We allow normally one intention per Mass, except that two Masses per week may have two intentions.



CONSECRATION TO MARY!
Starting Memorial Day, Monday May 26 until June 28, Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We will use the book 33 Days to Morning Glory or the app “Hallow” (search for “33 Days” and the Cathedral network). Info meeting: Sunday May 18 after 11:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral. Six weekly Monday meetings start on “Day 1,” May 26, 6:30-8 pm, at Mater Christi Parish. All are welcome! (You do not have to attend the meetings to make your consecration.) For more information, email Jo at johep@ymail.com, or check our website or social media for online signups <https://forms.office.com/r/iBZh3uMyYq>





Lectio Divina: We meet in the rectory for the prayerful contemplation of Sunday's Gospel. May 21st at 7pm.

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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

STEWARDSHIP

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Weekly Offering—May 10 & 11

Regular Offertory	\$2,952.00
PayPal	\$195.00
Maintenance & Utilities	\$55.00
TOTAL	\$3,202.00
Average Weekly Need	\$8,200.00
SHORTFALL	\$4,998.00

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

Attendance	
11:00 AM 181	5:00 PM 83

Saint Francis of Assisi Weekly Offering—May 10 & 11

Regular Offertory	\$4,188.03
PayPal	\$100.00
Maintenance & Utilities	\$0.00
Food Pantry	\$935.00
TOTAL	\$5,223.03
Average Weekly Need	\$10,500.00
SHORTFALL	(\$5,276.97)

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

Attendance			
Delaware	4:00 PM 66	9:00 AM 82	10:30 AM 190
South End	10:30 AM 72		

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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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

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275 State Street, Albany, New York

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The Cathedral



St. Francis

Prayers for...

Noah Langan, Kathleen Fiorillo, 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 Runfolo, Michele Sloman, Rev. Paul Smith.

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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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