

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 5 JULY 2026

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This weekend, our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Unlike most nations, the United States was not founded primarily on a shared ethnicity, language, or culture. Instead, our founders built a political community out of diverse peoples united by a shared vision of liberty. That vision echoes something deep in the Christian mystery revealed in today's Gospel.

Jesus returns to his hometown. The people see only what is familiar: the carpenter, the son of Mary, one of their own. As Mark tells us, "They took offense at him.

Jesus said, 'A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.'" Their narrow vision blinds them. Jesus has come to inaugurate a new communion that transcends geography, bloodlines, and culture. He has come to unite all people in himself.

At its best, America's national unity reflects this possibility, which fully subsists only in the Catholic Church. Our unity is not based on ancestry or tribe, but on a shared commitment to higher ideals. For this reason, we can love our country with gratitude while situating patriotism within the broader horizon of faith.

Rooted in Christ, we are less vulnerable to the unholy tribalism that threatens civic life and faith. This weekend, let us thank God for our nation and pray that we also live as citizens of Heaven in Jesus Christ.

— Father John Muir

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1:00 pm–3:00 pm
Welcome Table Tues. Th: 11:30 am–1:00 pm



Vivimos en tiempos donde la gratitud y la confianza en la familia y en la sociedad han perdido su valor. Muy poco se agradece y la confianza está muchas veces a prueba entre las personas. ¿Dónde están esos sentimientos de aprecio por las cosas buenas? ¿Dónde se ha quedado la confianza del uno para el otro? Reconocer estos sentimientos en las personas que nos rodean y en nosotros mismos es un verdadero reto. Hoy, la Palabra de Dios nos muestra cómo Jesús es agradecido con su Padre: "Yo te alabo, Padre, Señor del cielo y de la tierra, porque has mantenido ocultas estas cosas a

los sabios y entendidos y las has revelado a la gente sencilla" (Mateo 11:25). Jesús nos da muestra de la confianza que existe entre el Padre y el Hijo.

Actualmente, ¿cuáles serán las cosas sencillas que debemos perseguir? La sencillez, la confianza y la gratitud, de seguro, se encuentran en una búsqueda sincera con el mismo Hijo de Dios. La base es la relación personal que llevemos con el Señor por medio de la oración y el acercamiento sincero a los sacramentos de la Reconciliación y la Eucaristía. Los cristianos no debemos permitir que la tibieza y el cansancio nos alejen de la búsqueda de un encuentro íntimo con Jesucristo para aprender de sus enseñanzas. Cada día es una oportunidad para un nuevo comienzo y para seguirlo con fidelidad. Recordemos que "su yugo es suave y su carga ligera". ¡Es la promesa al seguirlo!

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MEET OUR NEW COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR NICOLLE MENDOZA



Hi, I'm Nicolle. It's so nice to meet you!

For the past seven years, my work has focused on project management and place branding, which is centered on helping communities honor their history, share their identity, and bring meaningful ideas to life. This experience has taught me how to work closely with others and build projects from the ground up through hard work and dedication.

I am truly excited to bring this background to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Historic Saint Mary's, and St. Francis of Assisi. My goal is to work alongside the church community to ensure everyone stays well-informed, while also sharing with the wider world what makes our parishes so special.

To help us do that, we are officially launching our Flocknote platform! I highly encourage everyone to sign up so you can stay fully up-to-date with parish news, upcoming events, and find streamlined opportunities to support our church through online giving.

We have some amazing efforts planned, and I cannot wait to get started. Specifically, I am looking to build out our social media content creation and live stream teams. If you have a passion for these, we would love to have you join our volunteer teams! Feel free to email me at nicolle.mendoza@rcda.org

I look forward to creating collaborative efforts within our community, and I would love for you to be a part of it. I look forward to connecting with you.

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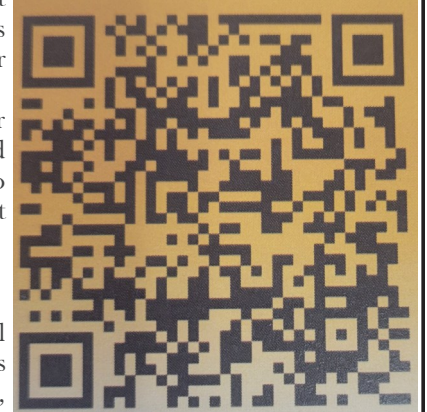
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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Weekend Confession and Mass Schedule:

Saturday:	Confession	3:15–3:50 pm	St. Francis (Del. Ave.)
	Mass	4:00 pm	St. Francis (Del. Ave.)
Sunday:	Mass	9:00 am	St. Francis (Del. Ave.)
	Mass	10:30 am	St. Francis (Del. Ave.)
	Mass	10:30 am	St. Francis (South)

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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

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

St. Francis of Assisi and the Eucharist A Reflection

We remember St. Francis for his joyful simplicity, love of nature and poverty, but the true center of his spirituality was “the most holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Francis was amazed by the humility of a God who comes to us daily under the appearance of bread: “O sublime humility! O humble sublimity! The Lord of the universe so humbles Himself that for our salvation He hides Himself under an ordinary piece of bread!”

For Francis, the Eucharist was not mere symbol but the living Christ, present just as he had been among the Apostles. Because of this, he insisted on reverence—clean churches, worthy vessels, and devotion from clergy and laity alike. In his final letter, he didn’t emphasize poverty, obedience or ecology—hallmarks of his movement—rather, he commanded his friars to preach penance and Eucharistic devotion everywhere.

As we celebrate the “Year of St. Francis,” proclaimed by Pope Leo to mark the 800th jubilee of his death, we commit ourselves to a deeper devotion to the Eucharist and recall our friend’s words: “Hold back nothing of yourselves, that He Who gives Himself totally to you may receive you totally.”

Peace and all good!

**Dear Brothers and Sisters
of *St. Francis of Assisi Parish***
Grace and peace to you!

It is with a heart full of joy and gratitude that I introduce myself as your new pastor. My name is Fr. Daniel Vallejo, and I come to you after two years of priestly ministry that have shaped me deeply — from my formation at Mundelein Seminary in Chicago, to parish life here in the Diocese of Albany. Along the way, I have had the privilege of walking with families in their joys and sorrows, accompanying young people in their search for meaning, and celebrating the sacraments that connect us to the living God — especially during the last two and a half years at St. Pius X Church in Loudonville, under the guidance of Fr. Jim Walsh.

I believe the Church is, above all, a home — and a home is only truly a home when everyone who enters feels welcomed, known, and loved.

And what better patron for that mission than Saint Francis of Assisi! He was a man who looked at the broken, the forgotten, and the outcast — and saw the face of Christ. He rebuilt what was crumbling, not with power, but with love. *That is exactly the spirit I hope we will cultivate together.*

This is a new beginning for all of us. A new chapter. And I believe with all my heart that God has beautiful things in store for this community.

I come to you not as someone who has all the answers, but as a brother in faith — ready to listen, to serve, and to walk alongside each one of you. *Together*, we will build a parish that is truly a place of encounter: where the lonely find friendship, where the wounded find healing, where the searching find a home.

Our doors are open. Our hearts are open. You are welcome here — exactly as you are.

Let us begin this journey together, in the spirit of our beloved Saint Francis: with simplicity, with joy, and above all, with love.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Daniel Vallejo



**Queridos hermanos y hermanas
de la *Parroquia de San Francisco de Asís***
¡La gracia y la paz del Señor estén con ustedes!

Es con el corazón lleno de alegría y gratitud que me presento como su nuevo párroco. Mi nombre es el P. Daniel, y llego a ustedes después de dos años de ministerio sacerdotal que me han formado profundamente — desde mi formación en el Seminario de Mundelein en Chicago, hasta la vida parroquial aquí en la Diócesis de Albany. A lo largo del camino, he tenido el privilegio de acompañar a familias en sus alegrías y dolores, caminar junto a los jóvenes en su búsqueda de sentido, y celebrar los sacramentos que nos unen al Dios vivo — especialmente durante los últimos dos años y medio en la Parroquia de San Pío X en Loudonville, bajo la guía del P. Jim Walsh.

Creo que la Iglesia es, ante todo, un hogar — y un hogar solo es verdaderamente un hogar cuando cada persona que entra se siente bienvenida, conocida y amada.

¡Y qué mejor patrono para esa misión que San Francisco de Asís! Fue un hombre que miró a los rotos, a los olvidados, a los marginados — y vio el rostro de Cristo. Reconstruyó lo que estaba en ruinas, no con poder, sino con amor. *Ese es exactamente el espíritu que espero cultivemos juntos.*

Este es un nuevo comienzo para todos nosotros. Un nuevo capítulo. Y creo con todo mi corazón que Dios tiene cosas hermosas reservadas para esta comunidad.

Vengo a ustedes no como alguien que tiene todas las respuestas, sino como un hermano en la fe — listo para escuchar, para servir y para caminar junto a cada uno de ustedes. *Juntos*, construiremos una parroquia que sea verdaderamente un lugar de encuentro: donde el solitario encuentre amistad, donde el herido encuentre sanación, donde el que busca encuentre un *hogar*.

Nuestras puertas están abiertas. Nuestros corazones están abiertos. Ustedes son bienvenidos aquí — exactamente como son.

Comencemos este camino juntos, en el espíritu de nuestro amado San Francisco: con sencillez, con alegría y, sobre todo, con amor.

Su hermano en Cristo,
P. Daniel Vallejo

Sunday Mass Intentions

As of June 26, 2026

Saint Francis (Delaware)

Requested by:

Sat, July 4 4:00 PM	Pro Populo	
Sun, July 5 9:00 AM	Pro Populo	
Sun, July 5 10:30 AM	Pro Populo	
Sat, July 11 4:00 PM	† Gloria Johnson, † Francis R. Johnson, † Francis J. Johnson	Gloria Moak
Sun, July 12 9:00 AM	Pro Populo	
Sun, July 12 10:30 AM	Pro Populo	
Saint Francis (South End)		
Sun, July 5 10:30 AM	Pro Populo	
Sun, July 12 10:30 AM	Pro Populo	

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Readings for the Week of July 5, 2026

Sunday:	Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/ Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
Monday:	Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday:	Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/Rom 8:18-23/ Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

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