



**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

**The Cathedral  
Saint Francis of Assisi**

125 Eagle Street, Albany, NY 12202  
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## Tea & Short Reads

Tackle a piece of literature on your own and then come to discuss it over a cup of tea at **All Saints Catholic Church**. We meet every Wednesday at 12:30pm, 12 Rosemont Street, All Saints Catholic Church Parish Offices, in the “Upper Room” (immediately next to All Saints Academy)

Tackle the reading on your own time, and then come on Wednesdays to discuss over a cup of tea. Snacks to share are welcome, but by no means expected! This time around, some of our readings are arranged to coincide with the end of summer, All Souls' Day on Nov. 2, and Veteran's Day on Nov. 11.

Parking is available in the lot from Brevator Street and limited parking on Rosemont. *We would ask more able-bodied folks to use the parking lot, to allow those with canes to access our meeting space more easily from Rosemont Street.*

October 2 – *All Summer in a Day* by Ray Bradbury

October 9 – *Tobit* from the Hebrew Scriptures

October 16 – *October Poem* by Paul Laurence Dunbar  
& *An October Garden* by Christina Rossetti

October 23 – *Where Are You Going? Where Have You Been?* by Joy Carol Oats

October 30 – *The Cask of Amontillado* by Edgar Allen Poe

November 6 – *Visiting a Dead Man on a Summer's Day*  
by Marge Piercy

November 13 – *The Death of the Ball Turret Gunner*  
by Randall Jarrell & *In Flanders Fields* by John McCrae

November 20 – *Thanksgiving* by Ella Wheeler Wilcox

If midday Wednesdays are a bad time, feel free to take the stories, gather some friends, and meet on your own over a cup of tea at a home, coffee shop, or anywhere else! The readings are available for free on Blessed Sacrament's website: [www.blessedsacramentalbany.org/tea-short-reads/](http://www.blessedsacramentalbany.org/tea-short-reads/)



Consider reading Pope Francis' new document on the importance of literature in integral human formation:

[www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2024/](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2024/)

**The Parish Offices and Churches will be CLOSED  
Monday, 2 September 2024  
in observance of Labor Day.**

**1 September is the  
World Day of Prayer of the Care of Creation**

## The 52nd DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE

will be held on

**Sunday, September 29th, 2024, at 3:00 pm  
Christ Our Light Catholic Church  
1 Maria Drive, in Loudonville.**

Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or other wedding anniversary are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will preside at the Eucharist and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the Parish Hall at Christ Our Light immediately following Mass.



**\*Please register** through your parish office or by email



**Singin the Liturgy, Renewing the Call**  
Celebrate 30 years with the Albany Chapter of the **National Pastoral Musicians Assoc.**

Every one is invited along with parish music directors, pianists, organists, and choir members. You don't need to be a musician as we explore the sung liturgy.

**Saint Edward the Confessor, Clifton park  
Thurs—Saturday, 26—28 September 2024  
Keynote Speaker & Composer Rev. Ricky Manalo**

12 breakout sessions with local and national presenter, 2 music reading sessions from OCP & GIA, Taize Prayer and a 30th Anniversary Concert

**For conference brochure and to register:  
[www.albanypm.com](http://www.albanypm.com)**

## 2024 Joint Parish Picnic

St. Francis of Assisi, the Cathedral, and Historic St. Mary

Saturday, 7 September 2024  
Elm Avenue Park—Town of Bethlehem  
11:30am—3:00pm

Kid's games, a 50/50 drawing, a kid's raffle, raffle for door prizes, and great food, fun, and fellowship. Hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages and paper products will be provided by the parishes. All we need is YOU and whatever tasty salads, side dishes, or desserts you decide to bring to share!

Sign-up sheets are at the entrances of the Churches. Just put your name, how many will be attending, and what dish or dessert you will bring to share.

## GOINGS ON AT THE CATHEDRAL



The Cathedral Parish is in need of additional **Readers** to proclaim God's word. Any adult who feels called to this ministry should contact our Liturgical Coordinator Patrick Buonacore at [Patrick.Buonacore@rcda.org](mailto:Patrick.Buonacore@rcda.org)

A reader workshop will be offered at the Cathedral for new and current Readers on Saturday, 14 September 2024 at 10am.

Cathedral Financial Report for August 18, 2024	
Regular Offertory (inc. PayPal)	\$1,772.42
Maintenance & Utilities	\$455.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,227.42</b>
Average Weekly Need	\$8,200
<b>SHORTFALL</b>	<b>(\$5,972.58)</b>
<i>The average weekly need is based on Total Expenses (2023-24)</i>	



If there is a family or person you know who needs assistance, please encourage them to call the St. Vincent De Paul Society "hotline" number for assistance. **518-807-5058**

## GOINGS ON AT SAINT FRANCIS

### STAFF CHANGES/TRANSITION

As we transition into a centralized staff, processes may change temporarily and there will be hiccups. We ask for your patience.

**For Mass Intentions**, please email [SFAAlbany@rcda.org](mailto:SFAAlbany@rcda.org), using the subject line: **MASS INTENTION**.

**For General Inquiries**, please email [SFAAlbany@rcda.org](mailto:SFAAlbany@rcda.org). Please specify your request in the subject line.

ALL bulletin entries with the subject line **BULLETIN ENTRY** to Father David at [David.Mickiewicz@rcda.org](mailto:David.Mickiewicz@rcda.org). He will be fielding those requests during the interim period.

The "Parish Secretary" email will become defunct . Please remove it from your contact list and replace it with [SFAAlbany@rcda.org](mailto:SFAAlbany@rcda.org).

**By telephone**, please call 518.463.4447.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience.  
**Jasper Stoller**, Pastoral Director of Operations

St. Francis Financial Report For August 18, 2024	
Regular Offertory (inc. PayPal)	\$3,127.55
Maintenance & Utilities	\$0
Food Pantry	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,127.55</b>
Average Weekly Need	\$10,500
<b>SHORTFALL</b>	<b>(\$7,372.45)</b>
<i>The average weekly need is based on Total Expenses (2023-24)</i>	

## Harvest Dinner Engagement Survey

We would like to revive our traditional Harvest Dinners (small dinners hosted at people's homes or at the parish center) as a fundraiser and community building opportunity for the church. To help us gauge interest, please respond to all that apply to [stfrancisalbanyfellowship@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancisalbanyfellowship@gmail.com).

- 1) Are you interested in being part of a steering committee to organize the dinners?
- 2) Would you like to host/attend a dinner?
- 3) Would you like to attend a larger catered/parish-prepared dinner at a hall?
- 4) Would you like to gather at a restaurant or other public place where a percentage of your meal goes to our parish?

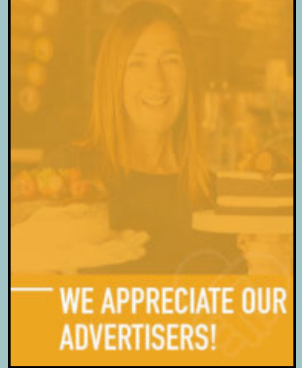


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