



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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WAY OF THE STAR

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SUNDAY DECEMBER 15, 2024 // 6:30 PM

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FREE ADMISSION // DOORS WILL BE OPEN AT
6 PM FOLLOWING THE 5 PM MASS

QUESTIONS? VISIT THE PARISH WEBSITE: WWW.STTHOMAS-CHURCH.ORG

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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.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE: 2025 JUBILEE YEAR OPENING MASS



Join Pope Francis and Catholics around the world in celebrating the opening of the Jubilee Year in the Diocese of Albany with Bishop Scharfenberger on Sunday, January 5th, 3:00 pm, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

This significant event will commence with a pilgrimage from Historic Saint Mary's to the Cathedral. More details to follow.

Please note that the 5:00 pm Mass will be suspended this day. We warmly invite everyone to join us for this special 3:00 pm Mass.

An Advent Message



Jesus seems so absent from the run-up to Christmas. Jesus is barely mentioned in the Advent Scriptures readings. We hear about Jesus from others, John the Baptist, for example, but do not meet him face to face. Sr. Joan Chittister is very helpful here: ... *Advent is about the power of emptiness and the spiritual meaning of smallness. When we have little to begin with, we have even less to*

lose. It means we have nothing to fight over and even less to boast about in life.

*When Advent seeps into our soul, we come to understand that small is not nothing and empty is not bereft. To be small is to need, to depend on the other. Smallness bonds us to the rest of the human race and frees us from the arrogant isolation that kills both the body and the soul. To be empty is to be available inside to attend to something other than the self. **We become full of the blessings of life.***

*Then, emptied out by our awareness of our own smallness, we may have the heart to identify with those whose emptiness, whose poverty of spirit and paucity of life is involuntary. Then, **we may be able to become full human being ourselves, full of compassion and full of consciousness...***

This is an Advent in the true sense as a time of preparation for a joyful event, anticipating Jesus – soon to be, but not yet.


Excerpted from Rev. Christopher Smith, Rector of St. Ann's Episcopal Church

JOIN US FOR A

EUCCHARISTIC CONSECRATION

Begins Wednesday, December 4

Make it a part of our prayerful preparations to celebrate the Jubilee Year



The book, "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory" is available through the Dynamic Catholic website (Save \$ if you buy in bulk)

Pray it together, as a parish, a parish network, with your friends

The Consecration will end on Sunday, January 5, 2025 with a celebration officially opening the Jubilee Year in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany.

www.rcda.org/jubilee-2025

Advent Reflections

Join Father David as we bring in the season of hope, peace, joy, and love. Father will be sharing inspiring video messages on our social media accounts. Be sure to check us out on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

Financial and attendance numbers for December 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, and January 5th will be printed as an insert.
Thank you.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 24

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve)

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| 4 p.m. Vigil Mass | Historic Saint Mary |
| 5 p.m. Vigil Mass | Saint Francis of Assisi (Delaware) |
| 5 p.m. Vigil Mass | The Cathedral |
| 7 p.m. Vigil Mass | Saint Francis of Assisi (Delaware) [Spanish] |

Wednesday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

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| Midnight Mass | The Cathedral |
| 9 a.m. Mass during the Day | Historic Saint Mary |
| 9 a.m. Mass during the Day | Saint Francis of Assisi (Delaware) |
| 10 a.m. Mass during the Day | The Cathedral |
| 10:30 a.m. Misa del día | Saint Francis of Assisi (Delaware) [Spanish] |

Sunday, January 5

Feast of Epiphany

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| 3 p.m. | The Cathedral |
| PLEASE NOTE: Due to the beginning of the Year of Jubilee, the usual 5 p.m. Mass at The Cathedral will be at 3 p.m. | |



We're on YouTube!

What can you expect on our channel? We will be introducing READS: Informing Faith and Conscience, discussing visual arts, architecture, the history of the Cathedral, and so much more! We hope that you will consider subscribing to our YouTube channel and be a part of our community.

www.youtube.com/@cathedralalbany



Lessons & Carols



Sunday, 15 December 2024 at 2:00 PM



Saint Francis of Assisi
 391 Delaware Avenue
 Albany, New York

COMUNIDAD HISPANA

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

AVISOS:

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| Convivio Navideño | Sábado 21 de Diciembre | 5:30PM |
| Santa Misa de Navidad | Miércoles 25 de Diciembre | 10:30AM |
| Santa Misa de Año Nuevo | Miércoles 01 de Enero | 10:30AM |

Help Us Walk with You

To minister to parishioners of Cathedral, Saint Mary and Saint Francis, we ask your assistance.



If a parishioner is hospitalized and would like a pastoral visit, the Sacraments of Anointing, Confession and/or Holy Communion, please call the parish offices. **If you are scheduled for surgery**, you can request and receive the Sacrament of the Sick before your admission to the hospital. This will help to avoid emergency calls for a priest when one may not be available.

Note: hospitals have Pastoral Care Offices through which you may request a chaplain or priest and they often have Eucharistic Ministers from area parishes making visits to distribute Holy Communion. Please inquire about the spiritual services afforded by a medical institution.

If parishioners are in nursing homes or homebound and would like a connection with the parish, please call the offices. Due to HIPPA Laws, we are unable to ask nursing homes directly about patients or their spiritual needs. Thank you for helping us serve our community.

GIVING TREE

It's that time of year again when we ask for your help in providing gifts for the children in our community. The "Giving Tree" will be set up in church with tags for each child to receive a gift. A flyer with more details about dates and other information will be on the table next to the tree.

Thank you for your continued support.

God bless.



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



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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.

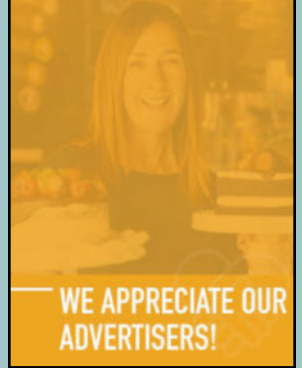


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