



**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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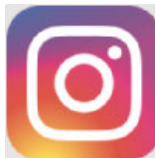
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**The Cathedral
Saint Francis of Assisi**

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Delaware Site: 391 Delaware Avenue, Albany, NY 12209

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



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SAINT FRANCIS: SECOND NEW TRUSTEE!

Father David has appointed a new trustee for Saint Francis of Assisi Parish: **Aracelly Ocaining**. Ms. Ocaining is well-known to many of you as an active member of the Hispanic community. We are thrilled to welcome her fresh perspective and to embrace the vital and growing Hispanic community at Saint Francis.

On behalf of the Saint Francis community, we extend our gratitude to Vincent Franconere for his dedicated service to the parish in the role of trustee.



CELEBRATION OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

10/06 10:30 AM Sunday Mass, followed by the Blessing of the Animals

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES WEEKEND

10/12 04:30 PM Mass with Traditional Purification Rite and Blessing with the relic of Saint Kateri

10/13 10:30 AM Mass with Traditional Purification Rite and Blessing with the relic of Saint Kateri

11:00 AM Solemn offering and burning of the prayer petitions

Harvest Dinner Host Registration



If interested in hosting a Harvest dinner (small dinners hosted in parishioner's homes to build community and raise funds for the parish), please reach out to Georgeann at 518-462-0879 (or via email at: gpayne1@nycap.rr.com) to register.

[Needed information to register will include your menu, the date and time of your dinner, and how many guests can fit at your table. Please see flyers on the church tables or on Listserv for full details.] **Please register by October 10th.**

Dinners will be posted at both sites later this month. There will be a suggested donation of \$35 per person to attend the dinners, and they will take place before December 15th.

North American Martyrs Feast Day Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine

October 19, 2024

8:30 AM: 7.2 MILE EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION—ST. MARY'S CHURCH, AMSTERDAM, TO OUR LADY OF MARTYRS SHRINE
12:00 PM: EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION TO ARRIVE AT SHRINE
12:00 PM—3:50 PM: ADORATION UNTIL BENEDICTION
1:00 PM: GROUNDS TOUR WITH BETH LYNCH BEGINNING AT SAINTS OF AURIESVILLE MUSEUM
3:00 PM—3:50 PM CONFESSIONS
4:00 PM NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS FEAST DAY MASS

SAINTS OF AURIESVILLE MUSEUM OPEN 10:00 AM—4:00 PM
VISITOR CENTER/GIFT SHOP OPEN: 10:00 AM—4:00 PM

Unleashing Love

Diocesan Women's Conference



The Unleashing Love Women's Conference will empower women to open their hearts to share God's love.

The conference includes three presentations, adoration, reconciliation, rosary, mass, lunch and beverages.

Speakers are Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger and

Laura Phelps.

Where: St. Edward the Confessor in Clifton Park

When: Saturday, October 19, 2024

Time: Check-in at 8:00 AM; event runs from 9 am to 3:30 PM

Register at:

www.rcda.org/UnleashingLove

Special Performance of "Groomed"

A Survivor's Journey of Healing and Hope

We invite you to join us for a profound and transformative event as our diocese hosts a special performance of "Groomed," an award-winning one-man play written and performed by Patrick Sandford, a survivor of childhood sexual abuse.

"Groomed" is more than just a play; it is a powerful testimony of one man's journey through the darkness of abuse and his eventual path to healing. Patrick shares his personal story, beginning with the abuse he suffered as a child at the hands of a trusted teacher.

When: Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Where: Roger Bacon Hall Auditorium at Siena College
515 Loudon Rd. Loudonville, NY 12211

Admission is free



Earth's Cry, Humanity's Call:

A Symposium on Integral Ecology

Siena College is hosting a two-day symposium, in-person or via livestream, on sustainability and integral ecology, October 10-11. Speakers and sessions will address the global realities of the climate crisis, as well as efforts that can be undertaken by individuals and organizations to address this most urgent issue.

The symposium is free to attend in-person, and there is also a virtual option available.

Register at:

www.sienaevents.ludus.com

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.

GOINGS ON AT THE CATHEDRAL



Voices from the Torah

Poetry by Bertrand Fay
Presented by
The Very Rev'd David Wm. Mickiewicz

Explore the inner thoughts of people from our most ancient stories, Adam, Cain and Seth, Isaac, Eve...

Sunday, 6 October 2024 at 3:00pm
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Corner of Eagle & Madison, Albany, NY

Sunday, 3 November 2024 at 3:00pm
The Church of Christ the King

SISTERS OF LIFE

Sun Oct 6, 2024

Representatives from The Sisters of Life will briefly speak to us next weekend on their ministries. Who are the Sisters of Life?

The Sisters of Life are a contemplative/active Roman Catholic community of women religious, who profess the three traditional vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, and a fourth vow to protect and enhance the sacredness of human life.

For more information: www.sistersoflife.org

**Cathedral Financial Report
for September 29, 2024**

Regular Offertory (inc. PayPal)	\$2,019.70
Maintenance & Utilities	\$55.00
TOTAL	\$2,074.70
Average Weekly Need	\$8,200
SHORTFALL	(\$6,125.30)

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

Attendance

11:00 AM	120
5:00 PM	102

GOINGS ON AT SAINT FRANCIS



COFFEE AND CONVERSATION GROUP

Next meetings
October 19th at 2:30 PM

Delaware Ave Rectory basement (entrance at rear of Rectory). This is a chance to socialize and discuss program ideas for fellowship, service, and faith sharing in our parish. All are welcome.

COMUNIDAD HISPANA

Santa Misa: Domingo 10:30 AM
Confesiones: Domingo 10:00 AM
Primer Domingo del mes: Bendición a tod's los niños y jóvenes al final de la Santa Misa

Avisos:
Santa Misa de los fieles difuntos celebrada por nuestro Obispo Edward Scharfenberger el día sábado 02 de noviembre a las 7:00 PM

TE ESPERAMOS!

**St. Francis Financial Report
For September 29, 2024**

Regular Offertory (inc. PayPal)	\$4,112.40
Maintenance & Utilities	
Food Pantry	
TOTAL	\$4,112.40
Average Weekly Need	\$10,500
SHORTFALL	\$6,387.60
<i>The average weekly need is based on Total Expenses (2023-24)</i>	

SAINT FRANCIS RECTORY NEWS

We are thrilled to share an exciting development with you! Our vibrant Hispanic community will soon embark on a new journey of faith formation within the walls of our parish rectory. Starting this month, the 2nd and 3rd floors of the rectory will become a dedicated space for their spiritual growth and learning. This new home provides a safe haven and a consistent learning environment for children and parents. Our rectory is not merely a building; it is a testament to our commitment to stewardship. By repurposing this space, we honor that responsibility. Let us extend our warmest support to our Hispanic community. Their faith enriches our entire parish family, reminding us that unity transcends language and culture.



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

Prayer for...

Cynthia Notaro, Honey Kausar, Mary VanSchiack Agnew, Maria Aricipa, David Briggs, 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, & Sandy Spulnick.

The Cathedral & Saint Francis of Assisi Staff



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

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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.

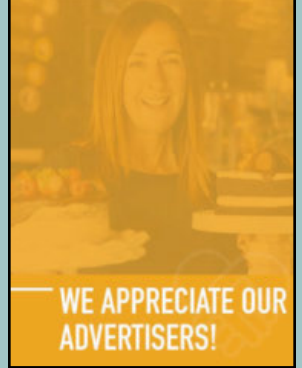


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