



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!

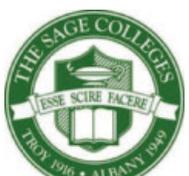
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SEEKING CANDIDATES!

With the recent changes at Blessed Sacrament, All Saints, and Mater Christi Parishes regarding their schools, part of our new governance model is to assemble a single new school board to oversee the parish schools in the city of Albany. We are seeking candidates to be proposed who would serve on the new Albany City Catholic School Board.

Good candidates for the school board exhibit:

- **The ability to advocate supportively in areas of importance to the educational program and school culture**
- **A willingness to give the time to serve conscientiously**
- **The ability to act without bias in the best interest of the students and of the school**
- **A life lived in consistency with the teachings of Jesus and His Church to serve others in response to their baptismal call**
- **Expertise in human development, education, finance, law, or financial development**
- **Active membership at one of the parishes in Albany**

Candidates' names, along with their contact information and a brief description from the person or people proposing them as to why they would make a good candidate, may be sent to Fr. Quinn at daniel.quinn@rcda.org.



Three weeks from today, we will gather with others in our community to fight hunger both here and around the world. **We need Walkers and Sponsors for the Albany CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, May 4th.** Please contact Pat Benac for more details and to sign up to be a Walker, a Sponsor, or both. You can reach her either by email (patricia.baker59@gmail.com) or leaving a message on 518-339-2190. Last year St. Francis of Assisi Parish had 12 walkers and raised \$2,331.45! Thanks for helping feed the hungry both in our community and throughout the world.

To join the team or donate check out our Team page or **scan the code to the right.**
www.crophungerwalk.org/albanyny.



Search for our team – St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

JOINT PARISH SPRING CLEANUP!

Saturday, May 3rd starting at St. Francis South End
9:30 AM—3:30 PM

Please join us for a spring cleanup of the South End, Delaware Avenue, and Cathedral worship sites. We'll be starting at the South End at 9:30 am with coffee and donuts, then moving to the Delaware site at around 11:30 with light lunch foods, to conclude at the Cathedral starting around 1:30 pm. Cleanup projects will include weeding, planting, and mulch in garden beds; scraping and painting fences and posts; cleaning steps and doors; etc. Bring your garden gloves, rakes, and any other materials you think might be useful. If you can't make it to all three sites, no problem! We still want your help!



HAPPY EASTER!

As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world.

Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl or donate online at www.crsricebowl.org/donate.

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

APRIL 20, 2025,

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

“They did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.” (John 20:9)

On Easter Sunday the heavy stone sealing the Lord Jesus's tomb was rolled aside, for He had raised His Body back to life after dying for the forgiveness of our sins. If we trust totally in Jesus, He will resurrect our dead bodies also when He returns at the end of time. St. Paul writes, “When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory,” (Col 3:4) because “God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.” (1 Cor 6:14)

So we can trust in the mercy of God, as Peter says: “Everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.” (Acts 10:43) No matter how great and persistent our sins are, God's mercy is greater. That is why this Sunday's psalm says, “Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.”

Next Sunday is the great celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday, the summit of the eight day “octave” celebrating Easter Sunday. Jesus, our Lord and God, offers complete forgiveness of all sins and punishments if we have gone to Confession and receive Holy Communion in a state of grace on Divine Mercy Sunday, on which “all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened.” Please join us for an afternoon celebration of Divine Mercy starting at 3:45 p.m. and culminating with 5:00 p.m. Mass and a delicious reception afterward (see detailed program in this bulletin). Let's take advantage of Confession this week if we haven't already, so that we may all be filled with the divine life that comes only from God's mercy.

Peace in Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Rudolph Jones

Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Jesus to St. Faustina, *Diary* n. 699)



Easter Sunday — 20 April 2025

GIVE US THIS DAY NOW AVAILABLE!

Pick up your copy of Give Us This Day at the back of church!

Mass Intentions		
<i>Saint Francis (Delaware)</i>		
Saturday, April 19 4:00 PM	Open for Mass Intentions	
Sunday, April 20 9:00 AM	Open for Mass Intentions	
<i>Saint Francis (South End)</i>		
Sunday, April 20 10:30 AM	No Mass	
<i>The Cathedral</i>		
Sunday, April 20 11:00 AM	Open for Mass Intentions	
Sunday, April 20 5:00 PM	No Mass	

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.

ADORATION offered on Thursday evenings at Historic St. Mary's 6:30-7:30 and, during Lent, on Fridays at the Cathedral 4-5 pm before Stations of the Cross at 5:15; and First Fridays at the Cathedral 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., and St. Francis Delaware Ave. 7:15-8:15 pm.

The Triduum Mass Times		
Holy Thursday	6:00 PM	The Cathedral St. Francis — Delaware (Spanish) & South End
Good Friday	6:00 PM	The Cathedral St. Francis — Delaware (Spanish) & South End
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil	8:30 PM	The Cathedral St. Francis — Delaware (English)
Easter Sunday	9:00 AM	St. Francis — Delaware (English)
	10:30 AM	St. Francis — Delaware (Spanish Mass)
	11:00 AM	The Cathedral
	There will be no 5:00 PM Mass at The Cathedral and no 10:30 AM Mass at St. Francis South End on Easter Sunday	

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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

Due to the early bulletin submission deadlines set by our publisher for Holy Week and Easter, the financial and attendance data typically provided each week under stewardship will be delayed. Stewardship for April will instead be provided in a bulletin insert, similar to our approach during Christmas. Our normal schedule will resume the weekend of May 1-2. Thank you for your understanding.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION
The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
April 27 3:45 PM

3:45 PM Veneration of St. Faustina's relic; Confession Available

4:00 PM Bless Image of Divine Mercy
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Reflection on Divine Mercy
Sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy, hymns and silent Adoration

5:00 PM Mass

6:00 PM Reception

All are welcome!

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

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:

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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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www.focuschurches.net



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The Cathedral



St. Francis

Prayers for...

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The Cathedral is open daily.

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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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