



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.



What are you doing May 4th? Would you like a way to visit with friends, enjoy the outdoors, get exercise AND help change the world? Come walk with us in the Albany CROP Hunger Walk to raise funds to fight hunger in our community and around the world. As of Friday, April 12th we only had two walkers registered. If you choose to walk on the official date of May 4th, it starts and ends at St. Vincent de Paul's Church on Madison Ave. in Albany. Or, you can choose to walk VIRTUALLY!

Last year a group of us chose to walk at The Crossings with Fr. Sean and eat ice cream at Scoops afterwards. There will be a group of us doing that again this year on Sunday, May 18th. Contact Pat Benac (patricia.baker59@gmail.com) or send a text at **518-339-2190** for more information and to get your Walker envelope.

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!



THANK YOU!

Together, we changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl. THANK YOU for being a part of this effort! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at any entrance at The Cathedral or St. Francis or donate online at crsricebowl.org/donate.

PASTOR'S REFLECTION APRIL 27, 2025, 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER: "DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY"

Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." (John 20:19)

On the Sunday after Easter, Jesus appeared again to His apostles and invited Thomas to put his hands into His pierced side which, when on the Cross, was a fountain of Divine Mercy, pouring forth Blood (the Eucharist) and Water (Baptism). This Sunday, the summit of the octave (eight days) of Easter Sunday, is thus called "Divine Mercy Sunday," when the divine floodgates of God's grace pour forth without limit onto the world, from Christ's Most Sacred Heart. His merciful love is like the two rays in the image of Divine Mercy, offering forgiveness and healing to us poor sinners.

Jesus said to St. Faustina **"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion [on Divine Mercy Sunday] shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."** Normally a person go to Confession sometime before Divine Mercy Sunday and then receive Holy Communion at one of the Masses for that Sunday. Father Ignacy Rozycki, a Vatican theological expert, stated, "This extraordinary grace is a promise for all souls that the generosity of Jesus is really without limit on this day.... a motivation for them to ask, with great and limitless trust, for all the graces that the Lord wants to lavish on this Sunday."

Please join our Divine Mercy celebration at our Cathedral this Sunday at 3:45 p.m. with Confessions, Adoration, music, Scriptural reflection, then 5:00 p.m. Mass (you may receive Holy Communion at Mass twice per day) and a delicious reception afterward (see program in this bulletin; free parking will be available in the lot next to the Cathedral and in the parking garage on Philip street, off Madison Ave). On this day, "all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened."

God will give us the extraordinary grace also to be merciful toward others, to be holy as God is holy (1 Peter 1:15).



Peace in Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Russell R. Jones

GIVE US THIS DAY NOW AVAILABLE!

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

Mass Intentions

Saint Francis (Delaware)

Saturday, April 26 4:00 PM	Open for Mass Intentions	
Sunday, April 27 9:00 AM	Karen Pologa Wedding Anniversary	Requested by Andy Pologoa
Saint Francis (South End)		
Sunday, April 27 10:30 AM	Open for Mass Intentions	
The Cathedral		
Sunday, April 27 11:00 AM	Open for Mass Intentions	
Sunday, April 27 5:00 PM	Open for Mass Intentions	

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.



**SAVE THE DATE:
CONSECRATION TO MARY!**

Starting Memorial Day, Monday May 26 until June 28, Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We will use the book *33 Days to Morning Glory* and the app "Hallow" (search "33 Days" on Hallow). Orientation meeting Sunday May 18 after 11:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral.

MAY IS BLESSED MOTHER'S MONTH!

Blessed Sacrament has First Saturday Devotions and Mass:
7:30 a.m. Confession and Adoration;
(meditate 15 minutes on the rosary);
8:30 a.m. Rosary; 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass;



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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.

Sunday
April 27



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
CELEBRATION**

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

PROGRAM

- 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

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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518.414.1929

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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:

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518.462.4357

Trinity Alliance

15 Trinity Place, Albany, New York

518.364.1103

www.trinityalliancealbany.org/food-pantries

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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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