

## 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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## ASSUMPTION OF MARY CELEBRATIONS!

We will celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15! The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven, body and soul, flows from our faith in the Resurrection! She is an image of the Church's members, whom God desires to be with Him physically in heaven in the Father's House. So this is a **holy day of obligation** to praise and thank God. Please plan to **celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption at one of the following Masses:**



- **8/14 vigil Mass** (Spanish-English bilingual), **5:30 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Parish on Delaware Ave.** (Bishop Scharfenberger, celebrant);
- **8/15 at Historic St. Mary's at 12:05 p.m.** (community ice-cream social after Mass) and
- **8/15 at the Cathedral at 5:30 p.m.** (followed by a reception); Join us for Adoration and the rosary before the 5:30 Mass at the Cathedral.

At these Masses, we will also offer the opportunity to make or renew your consecration to Jesus through Mary, using the prayer composed by St. Louis Marie de Montfort.

It also is the **parish feast day of Historic St. Mary's Church**, the oldest church in our Diocese (the second oldest in New York State, after St. Peter's in Manhattan). **That Sunday 8/17, we will have a special parish celebration for Historic St. Mary's between the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses**, including saying farewell to our St. Mary's Parish Administrator Matt Castiglione.

**Note:** After the Vigil Mass on 8/14, you can see the movie: **TRIUMPH OF THE HEART: The Untold Story of St. Maximilian Kolbe's Passion**. Thursday, August 14, 7:00 p.m. Scene One Spectrum 8 Theatres. Sign up to be notified about tickets (\$20) here:

[www.toth-albany-ny.eventbrite.com](http://www.toth-albany-ny.eventbrite.com)

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd!

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception will be offering The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) method of faith formation for the 2025-26 year for children from ages 3 to 9.

The philosophy of CGS is that even very young children have a religious life. God is present to them in their deepest being, and they are capable of developing both a conscious and intimate relationship with God. A specially prepared environment known as the "atrium" is filled with materials of people, places, and things from Scripture and Liturgy which nurture this relationship between the child and God. The program is broken into three levels corresponding to the different planes of the child's development: ages 3-6, 6-9, and 9-12. Presentations with specific materials are designed to draw the child into Biblical and Liturgical themes, which are then available to the children during their work time so they may further absorb the lessons.

The Cathedral will offer a Level I Atrium for children ages 3-6 on Fridays from 4:00-5:30 pm and a Level II Atrium for children ages 6-9 on Fridays from 6:00-7:30 pm. Both sessions will begin September 26. For more information, email Jody Agnew at [agnewj@apcsd.org](mailto:agnewj@apcsd.org). To learn more about this method of catechesis, you can visit <https://www.cgsusa.org/discover/cgs-approach/>. Catechists trained in this program will be available to answer questions and take registrations after the 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM Masses on August 24th.



## PASTORAL REFLECTION

August 10, 2025

**Jesus said, "Do not be afraid...Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."** (Luke 12:32-34)

Where are we storing up treasure? In our possessions, or in our works of mercy? Jesus teaches us that the only treasure that lasts forever in heaven is our love for God and for other people, a concrete love that is always a gift of ourselves.

The Eucharist is Jesus's spiritual and physical total gift of Himself to all who are open to receiving him completely. In the Last Supper and the Crucifixion and the Mass, which are all one cosmic supernatural event, Jesus "loved His own in the world and He loved them to the end." (John 13:1) St. Therese says that when Jesus gives Himself in Holy Communion, He desires that the soul welcomes Him with love: "It is not to occupy a golden ciborium that Jesus every day comes down from heaven, but it is to find another heaven, namely our soul, in which He takes delight."

Let's make our souls another heaven for Jesus, especially by giving alms to the poor. Mother St. Teresa of Kolkata said, "Whenever I meet someone in need, it's really Jesus in his most distressing disguise." Everyone has something to offer, and as Jesus says in the Gospel today, "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more."

Peace in Jesus through Mary,

**"I demand from you deeds of mercy which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it."** (Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary, n. 742)



## Thank you and Godspeed to Matt Castiglione!

Matt will be concluding his time as Parish Administrator of Historic St. Mary's Parish on August 15. He has reflected and prayed about his work at St. Mary's and discerned that "it's time." Matt has been a truly pastoral presence at Historic St. Mary's for several years, sincerely caring for the priests who serve and parishioners who pray and worship at the oldest Catholic church in our Diocese. He loves Historic St. Mary's parish most of all because of goodness of the people.

*Please join me in thanking Matt at a reception on Sunday, August 17, between the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses*, as part of the celebration of our parish feast day of the Assumption.



## DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE:

The **Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration** will be held on **Sunday, September 14th, 2025, at 3:00 PM, at Christ Our Light Catholic Church, 1 Maria Drive, in Loudonville**. Couples celebrating their 1st, 25th, 50th, or any special wedding anniversary are invited to attend this celebration, which honors the enduring bond of love, and strengthens the sense of community among couples within the Albany Diocese! Bishop Scharfenberger will celebrate the Liturgy at 3 p.m. and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the Parish Hall at Christ Our Light immediately following Mass, with an opportunity for photos with each couple. Please register through your parish office or you may e-mail [Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org](mailto:Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org). **Deadline is September 7.**

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 10 August 2025


<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
<i>Saint Francis (Delaware)</i>		
<b>Saturday, August 9</b> 4:00 PM		
<b>Sunday, August 10</b> 9:00 AM	<i>People of the Parish</i>	
<i>Saint Francis (South End)</i>		
<b>Sunday, August 10</b> 10:30 AM	† <i>Jean Marie Chapman Magin Ryan</i>	<i>Requested by Paul &amp; Stacy Brodfuehrer</i>
<i>The Cathedral</i>		
<b>Sunday, August 10</b> 11:00 AM	† <i>John N. Travis &amp; Betty Carmody</i>	<i>Requested by Betty Travis</i>
	† <i>Anthony Violato</i>	<i>Requested by Connie Violato</i>
<b>Sunday, August 10</b> 5:00 PM		

### **HARVEST DINNERS**

We are looking for parishioners who would be willing to “Host” a Harvest Dinner within the parishes of St. Francis of Assisi, Historic St. Mary’s, and Cathedral. Last year, at St. Francis, this event was a success. The attendees at all the dinners given were deliciously delighted with each dinner they attended. Dates being considered are September 15 to November 14. If you are interested and have never hosted a Harvest Dinner, contact Georgeann at gpayne1@nycap.rr.com, and I will be glad to explain. This is a great way for parishioners of each church to get together for a social & entertaining time.

### **Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit!**

We are excited to host the International Exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World as designed by Blessed (soon to be Saint) Carlo Acutis **September 5-7** at each of our four churches (Cathedral, St. Mary’s, and St. Francis’s two locations). Eucharistic Miracles are extraordinary events or phenomena which manifest the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. For example, a consecrated Host may become human heart tissue, a person may be miraculously healed after receiving Jesus in Holy Communion, the power of Christ in the consecrated Host may stop a flood or fire, or in a saint may live solely on the Eucharist for years. Blessed Carlo photographed many of these miracles and designed this exhibit to spread devotion and faith in Jesus in the Most Holy and Blessed Sacrament. Come and witness the love that Jesus has for you. We will have interests for all ages, including coloring pages for children, copies of the comic book The Digital Disciple, and more.



**My Parish NFP**  
My Parish NFP is a one stop shop for engaged couples, married couples, single women, and families to discover more about natural family planning and fertility awareness, in line with the teachings of the Catholic Church. It is a hub for classes, information, and resources in both English and Spanish. Find out more at [www.myparishnfp.org](http://www.myparishnfp.org)

### **Parking near the Cathedral!**

There is free parking in the parking garage diagonally (catty corner) across from the Cathedral on weekends and after 4 p.m. on weekdays. Enter on Philip Street and park on the 4th floor. If there’s an attendant, just say that you are going to the Cathedral and can park there for free. Please spread the word! Please also pray and offer sacrifices/fasts for our discussion with New York State about using the Madison parking lot. Thank you!

### COMUNIDAD HISPANA 391 DELAWARE AVE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

**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

**\* Hora Santa:** Todos los primeros Sábados de cada mes a las 5:15pm.

- **Inscripción para clases de catecismo (Primera Comunión y Confirmacion)** durante todo el mes de Agosto.
- El Obispo Ed celebrará una Misa de Vigilia bilingüe en español e inglés por la Asunción el jueves 14 de agosto en St. Francis en Delaware Ave. (anteriormente iglesia St. James) a las 5:30 p.m.

## STEWARDSHIP

### Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception *Weekly Offering—August 2-3*

Regular Offertory	\$2,225.00
PayPal	\$206.52
Maintenance & Utilities	\$644.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,075.52</b>
Average Weekly Need	\$8,200.00
<b>SHORTFALL</b>	<b>(\$5,124.48)</b>

*The average weekly need is based on Total Expenses (2024-25)*

#### Attendance

<b>11:00 AM</b> 151	<b>5:00 PM</b> 125
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### Saint Francis of Assisi *Weekly Offering—August 2-3*

Regular Offertory	\$3,943.93
PayPal	\$180.00
Maintenance & Utilities	\$0.00
Food Pantry	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,898.93</b>
Average Weekly Need	\$10,500.00
<b>SHORTFALL</b>	<b>(\$5,601.07)</b>

*The average weekly need is based on Total Expenses (2024-25)*

#### Attendance

<i>Delaware</i>	<b>4:00 PM</b> 40	<b>9:00 AM</b> 64	<b>10:30 AM</b> 160
<i>South End</i>	<b>10:30 AM</b> 61		

### **Our Parish Network Mass Times:**

Historic Saint Mary’s		Saint Francis		The Cathedral	
<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 PM	<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 PM Delaware		
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 AM Delaware 10:30 AM Delaware (Spanish) 10:30 AM South End	<b>Sunday</b>	11:00 AM 5:00 PM
<b>Mon-Fri</b>	12:05 PM				



### **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](http://www.trinityalliancealbany.org/food-pantries)

#### **FOCUS Churches of Albany**

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[www.focuschurches.net](http://www.focuschurches.net)



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### ***Prayers for...***

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### **Cathedral Church Hours**

The Cathedral is open daily.

Sunday: 9:00am – 6:00pm

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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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