

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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**The Cathedral
Saint Francis of Assisi**

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Consecration to Mary Retreat



Starting Labor Day, Monday September 1 until Monday October 6. Our retreat book is "Total Consecration through the Mysteries of the Rosary" by Fr. Ed Broom OMV. The six meetings are at Mater Christi Church, 40 Hopewell St., Albany, 6:30-8:00 pm. All are welcome! (You do not have to attend to make your consecration). The Consecration Mass will be on October 7, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, at St. Francis of Assisi Church on Delaware Avenue.

For more information, email Jo Hepinstall at rosary.retreat777@gmail.com or check our website and social media for online signups.

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. God is deeply present to very young children, and they are capable of developing both a conscious and intimate relationship with God.

A specially prepared environment, 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 organized into three levels: ages 3-6, 6-9, and 9-12. Presentations are designed to draw the child into Biblical and Liturgical themes, whose materials are then available to the children to 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.

To learn more, visit <https://www.cgsusa.org/discover/cgs-approach/>. Catechists can answer questions and take registrations **after the 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM Masses on August 24.**



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.

PASTORAL REFLECTION

August 17, 2025

Jesus said, "There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!" (Luke 12:50)

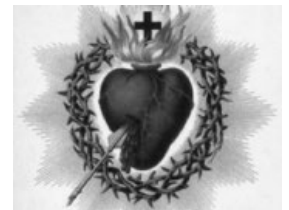
What is this "baptism" that Jesus must receive? In Mark's Gospel Jesus asks James and John, "Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" Jesus's "baptism" is His crucifixion and death, which save us from our sins by this ultimate expression of His love for the Father and for the world.

In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus agonizes over His coming suffering, saying, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done." Jesus "was in such agony and he prayed so fervently that his sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground." (Luke 22:42-44) Yet Jesus also says that He is in great anguish until this suffering is accomplished for us!

Who could ever desire suffering, unless it was out of love for one's beloved? We are beloved by God the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit. If we accept the Father's merciful love, especially in the healing sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance (Confession), the fire from Christ's Sacred Heart will consume our fears and transform us into saints, burning with love for the eternal Father.

Peace in Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Rendell R. Torres



"The flames of mercy are burning Me. I desire to pour them out upon human souls. Oh, what pain they cause Me when they do not want to accept them!" (Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary, 1074).

Annual Parish Picnic



The Annual Parish Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 6th at the Elm Ave. Park in the Town of Bethlehem from 11:30 'til 3:00. We'll have games, a 50/50 drawing, raffles, and great food, fun, and fellowship. Hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages and paper products will be provided by the Parishes. All we need is YOU and whatever tasty salads, side dishes, or desserts you decide to bring to share!

Sign-up sheets are at the entrances of the Churches. Just put your name, how many will be attending, and what dish or dessert you will bring to share.

We hope everyone decides to attend. There is also info in the bulletin about the picnic.

Thank you and Godspeed to Matt Castiglione!

Matt will be concluding his time as Parish Administrator of Historic St. Mary's Parish this weekend, having discerned that "it's time." Matt has been a truly pastoral presence at Historic St. Mary's for several years. 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.

— Fr. Rendell Torres



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 17 August 2025

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
<i>Saint Francis (Delaware)</i>		
Saturday, August 16 4:00 PM	<i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday, August 17 9:00 AM	<i>People of the Parish</i>	
<i>Saint Francis (South End)</i>		
Sunday, August 17 10:30 AM	† <i>Raymond & Elvira Brodfuehrer</i>	<i>Requested by Paul & Stacy Brodfuehrer</i>
	† <i>Janet Keller</i>	<i>Requested by Family</i>
<i>The Cathedral</i>		
Sunday, August 17 11:00 AM	† <i>Bishop Howard J. Hubbard</i>	<i>Requested by Maria Pangilinan</i>
	† <i>Billy Horan</i>	<i>Requested by Jim & Judy Horan</i>
Sunday, August 17 5:00 PM	<i>People of the Parish</i>	

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.



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

Pastoral & Finance Council Nominations

Is God calling you to discern our Lord’s mission in our parish network in downtown Albany? Our pastor Fr. Rendell Torres invites you to pray and nominate people (even yourself) to consider serving on the Network Pastoral Council or Finance Council. Nominees should be team players who embrace the universal call to holiness and seek the bigger picture of Jesus’s mission to save souls. To nominate someone, please email Deacon Tim Kosto at timothy.kosto@rcda.org or put in the collection basket at Mass a slip of paper with the **name, parish, phone number, email, and for which council (pastoral/finance/ either)**; there are also printed forms in our churches. Thank you and God bless you!

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!

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391 DELAWARE AVE
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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

*** 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 10-11*

Regular Offertory	\$2,493.50
PayPal	\$165.00
Maintenance & Utilities	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$2,658.50
Average Weekly Need	\$8,200.00
SHORTFALL	(\$5,541.50)

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

Attendance

11:00 AM 147	5:00 PM 122
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Saint Francis of Assisi

Weekly Offering—August 10-11

Regular Offertory	\$3,791.92
PayPal	\$215.00
Maintenance & Utilities	\$0.00
Food Pantry	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$4,006.92
Average Weekly Need	\$10,500.00
SHORTFALL	(\$6,493.08)

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

Attendance

Delaware	4:00 PM N/A	9:00 AM 70	10:30 AM 121
South End	10:30 AM 61		

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				



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

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The Cathedral



St. Francis

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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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