



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.*

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Saint Francis of Assisi**

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Dear parishioners,

We recently subscribed to the app Hallow and to the media platform Formed.org. These will be great ways for all of us to grow in our faith, including through the Marian consecration retreats. For example, using Hallow, you can go to the community page for the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, and look for the prayer challenge for "33 Days to Morning Glory." You can also use the app for other prayers and ways of growing closer to God.

The online platform Formed.org also has a videos for the Marian consecration series "33 Days to Morning Glory" and other wonderful programs. I hope that this these to offerings may help you grow closer to Jesus through Mary, and may God bless you!

Fr. Rendell Torres

HALLOW APP

For current subscribers:

1. Open app, find Community tab (bottom of screen), create profile
2. Search for parish (zip code is fastest), join parish

For people completely new to Hallow:

1. Scan QR code (hallow.com/parish)
2. Find parish (zip code is fastest), set up profile
3. Follow prompts to \$1 trial (to opt out and be on the free version, hit "skip" when prompted)
4. Take note of login credentials (phone # or email address) and be sure to use these same credentials when logging in once the app is downloaded.



For current users on the free version who wish to remain on the free version:

1. Open app, find Community tab (bottom of screen), create profile
2. Search for parish (zip code is fastest), join parish

FORMED SUBSCRIPTION

1. Go to formed.org
2. Click on "Find Your Parish Subscription"
3. Enter your email address and click "Next"
4. On the sign in page, enter the code that was sent to your email
5. Click "Next"
6. Enter your parish's zip code and click on your parish name
7. Click "Sign up"

We Need You: Ministry Opportunities

Please take to prayer sharing your time and talent by volunteering for one or more of these Cathedral ministries:

Altar Server: Communal worship is an outward expression of our dedication to Jesus Christ and His Church. Ministering as an Altar Server is an opportunity for you to explore the Sacred Mysteries and deepen your understanding of the faith. Our Cathedral has a particular need for those who are able to lift and carry 15-25lbs.—ensuring both processional cross and candles at every Mass. To learn more please contact Gerry or Patrick after Mass.

Live Stream: Our Livestream is working! We currently stream Sunday morning Mass as well as various Diocesan liturgies on the RCDA YouTube. To improve the quality of the broadcast our Livestream Ministry is being reformed. Creative camera work and smooth transitions are much more important than technical knowledge. No experience is necessary and training will be provided. Please reach out to Patrick for more info.

OCIA: You can help adults on the journey to become Christian, enter full communion with the Catholic Church, or complete the Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation. We will soon be initiating the new Order of Christian Initiation of Adult (formerly RCIA) ministry. We are in need of both catechists and sponsors. If you are called to this ministry, please contact Gerry Johnson or Deacon Jim Agnew at the Cathedral office or after the 11 AM Mass.

Visitation: The homebound and sick cannot attend Mass in person, but you can bring Jesus to them. Our Cathedral is forming a Visitation Ministry and more Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are needed. Those discerning interest to this sensitive ministry should already have a strong devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and the Body of Christ. Please email Patrick to be included in our upcoming mini-retreat and training.

PASTORAL REFLECTION

July 6, 2025

***"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."* (Luke 10:2)**

The Lord Jesus sends out his disciples with the Gospel ("good news") of God's mercy for sinners. God "plants the seed" of this good news in the souls of sinners who hear it. Jesus desires that more "laborers" (clergy and laypeople) are sent out to sow the seeds of the Gospel, cultivate it through love of God and love of neighbor, and "reap the harvest" when sinners accept Divine Mercy.

Pope Francis often explains the difference between a "sinner" (who seeks God's forgiveness) and a "corrupt" person (who doesn't seek God's forgiveness). If we recognize ourselves as sinners and open ourselves to God's divine grace, the Lord will enter and make us holy, which means doing God's will. God calls each of us to holiness, as God says, "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy." (Leviticus 19:2, 1 Peter 1:16)

As we strive to grow in holiness, we must be patient with ourselves and not get discouraged. God is patient and merciful, as long as we keep trying to do His will and keep trusting in Jesus. The more that we trust in Jesus, the more grace we will receive to make abundant his harvest of holy souls.

Peace in Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Rendell R. Torres

I have offered this day for priests." (St. Faustina, Diary, n. 823)

Pastor away July 8-24: Dear parishioners, I will be using some of my vacation time to visit and care for my mother at her assisted living facility on Montana from July 8-24. My younger sister provides most of the care for my mother, but she will be away in July, so my older sister and I will take turns caring for our mother. Masses will be covered by other priests, and I will be somewhat accessible during that time by email and through our office. Please pray for my mother and family, and I look forward to seeing you all when I return.

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!

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 6 July 2025

Mass Intentions

Saint Francis (Delaware)

Saturday, July 5 4:00 PM		
Sunday, July 6 9:00 AM	<i>People of the Parish</i>	
Saint Francis (South End)		
Sunday, July 6 10:30 AM		
The Cathedral		
Sunday, July 6 11:00 AM	† <i>Marie Horan</i>	<i>Requested by Judith & James Horan</i>
Sunday, July 6 5:00 PM		

Confession Times

St. Francis of Assisi (Delaware)	Saturdays: 3:15 PM
St. Francis of Assisi (South End)	Before or after Mass (by request)
Historic St. Mary's	Saturdays at 3:15 PM Weekdays at 11:30 AM After Mass (by request)
The Cathedral	Sundays: 10:30 AM-10:50 AM 4:15 PM—4:50 PM

BECOME HOLY BY CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY!

Are you ready to learn the quickest, surest, easiest, and most perfect way to holiness?

St. Louis de Montfort knew that the quickest way to be transformed into a saint is through a relationship with Our Immaculate Virgin Mother, Mary, as Mother of the Incarnate Word and Spouse of the Holy Spirit. Join us on Monday, July 7, as we begin a six-week retreat for Marian Consecration using the book *Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus Christ Through Mary*: According to St. Louis De Montfort by Fr. Hugh Gillespie, SMM. (You can purchase online, or at our meeting on July 7 while supplies last.) We will meet six Mondays through 8/11, 6:30-8:00 pm, at Mater Christi Church, 40 Hopewell St., Albany, and listen to talks by Fr. Hugh Gillespie SMM. The consecration Mass will be on the Solemnity of the Assumption on August 15 at Historic St. Mary's at 12:05 p.m. and the Cathedral at 5:30 p.m.; there will also be a vigil Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Parish on Delaware Ave. on August 14 at 5:30 p.m.

If you desire deeply to transform your relationship with Christ, this is the easiest and most perfect way. □ Please look out for flyers and signup sheets in church. You may also follow similar readings the app "Hallow" (search for "33 Days" and the Cathedral network). All are welcome! (You do not have to attend the meetings to make your consecration.)

For more information, or to sign up to attend in person, scan the QR code, or contact Jo Hepinstall at st.louis.demontfort777@gmail.com, or go here <https://forms.office.com/r/NNWQFNEFZE> or check our Cathedral social media for online signups. All are welcome! If you cannot meet with us in person, use the book and watch Father Hugh Gillespie's videos at <https://visitationproject.org/pages/divine-invitation-33-day-total-consecration-to-jesus-through-mary> Click the "Preparation for Total Consecration" image to view .



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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 July 4th, the financial and attendance data typically provided each week under stewardship will be delayed. Stewardship for June 6th will instead be provided in a bulletin insert. Our normal schedule will resume the weekend of July 12-13. Thank you for your understanding.

If we are ever unable to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion (either because we are physically unable to be at Mass or are spiritually not in a state of grace), we can ask the Lord to make a "spiritual communion" such as the following:

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy
Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my
soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my
heart.
I embrace You as if You were
already there and unite myself
wholly to You. Never permit me to
be separated from You.

Amen.



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

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CENTER

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 10:am—12pm; 1:pm 3pm

WELCOME TABLE

Tuesday and Saturday: 11:30am—1:00pm

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15 Trinity Place, Albany, New York

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St. Francis

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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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