



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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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 13 July 2025

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 Day Marian Consecration" ending in time for the August 15 Consecration Day. 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.

To contact Patrick, send an e-mail to: Patrick.Buonacore@rcda.org

PASTORAL REFLECTION

July 13, 2025

Jesus asked, "Which of these three...was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said, "Go and do likewise." (Luke 10:36-37)

In Jesus's parable a traveler is robbed, stripped of his clothes, and left to die. A priest and a scholar pass by, but only a Samaritan stops and cares for the man. The "Good Samaritan" brings the nearly dead man to an inn to be cared for.

Saint Augustine sees the Samaritan as Christ who saves and restores us to life. The traveler represents Adam (and all people), who is attacked by Satan and demons (robbers), is stripped of immortality, and left spiritually dead from sin. Jesus comes as the Good Samaritan who unexpectedly rescues man from death and brings him to the inn of the Church, which refreshes and heals humanity through the Sacraments.

This restoration and "divinization" of humanity (2 Peter 1:4) radiates through the lives of the saints like St. Kateri Tekakwitha, a great Adorer of the Eucharist and whose feast day is this Monday, July 14. Born in Auriesville (whose Martyrs' Shrine is a 2025 Jubilee Year site in our diocese), she is an image of steadfast pure love among her people who largely rejected Christ. Yet she did penance for them, a stirring inspiration to us that Jesus Christ offers us the grace to be forgiving and even solicitous for those who hate us because we love and follow the Lord.

Peace in Jesus through Mary,

"You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere."
(St. Faustina, Diary, n. 742)

Pastor away until July 24: Dear parishioners, I will be using some of my vacation time to visit and care for my mother at her assisted living facility in Montana un 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.



Diocese of Albany -- Step Up Men's Conference 2025

The Diocese of Albany is hosting the Step Up Men's Conference on Saturday, August 9 from 8:15 AM to 3:30 PM at St. Edward the Confessor Church in Clifton Park.

The Step Up Men's Conference will give men the tools needed to grow in holiness in their everyday lives. The event will include presentations from Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and Fr. James Walsh, Reconciliation, Mass, Adoration, Rosary, refreshments, and lunch.

The early registration cost is \$45. per person until July 31 and includes lunch. College age and younger men are FREE, but must register.

All attendees MUST register. Space is limited.

For more information and to register:

<https://www.rcda.org/StepUp>

Or scan the barcode to the right.



When: Saturday, August 9 from 8:15 AM to 3:30 PM

Where: St. Edward the Confessor Church
569 Clifton Park Center Road, Clifton Park

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Mass Intentions

Saint Francis (Delaware)

Saturday, July 12 4:00 PM		
Sunday, July 13 9:00 AM	<i>People of the Parish</i>	
Saint Francis (South End)		
Sunday, July 13 10:30 AM		
The Cathedral		
Sunday, July 13 11:00 AM	† <i>Edmond & Elise Mahar</i>	<i>Requested by Friend</i>
	† <i>Cacioppo Family</i>	<i>Requested by Mr. Theodore & Mrs. Linda Raab</i>
Sunday, July 13 5:00 PM	† <i>In Honor of Holy Family</i>	

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). To request a Mass intention give us a call at 518-463-4447 or send an email to CICALban@rcda.org

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

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Weekly Offering—July 5 & 6

Regular Offertory	\$2,703.81
PayPal	\$285.00
Maintenance & Utilities	\$650.00
TOTAL	\$3,638.81
Average Weekly Need	\$8,200.00
SHORTFALL	(\$4,561.19)

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

Attendance

11:00 AM 158	5:00 PM 128
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Saint Francis of Assisi Weekly Offering—July 5 & 6

Regular Offertory	\$4,637.39
PayPal	\$380.00
Maintenance & Utilities	\$874.25
Food Pantry	\$35.00
TOTAL	\$5,926.64
Average Weekly Need	\$10,500.00
SHORTFALL	(\$4,573.36)

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

Attendance

Delaware	4:00 PM 45	9:00 AM 76	10:30 AM 133
South End	10:30 AM 55		

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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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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www.focuschurches.net



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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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