



## 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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## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 20 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



### We Need You: Ministry Opportunities to Share Your Time & Talent

I ask you to pray about joining one or more of our ministries that are in need of volunteers.

**Server:** Have you ever wondered about the ways you can serve God and our worshipping community? We are currently unable to routinely have cross and candles in procession at both the Sunday 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM masses. If you are called to this ministry, especially if you are able to carry 15-50 lbs., please contact Patrick or Gerry in the sacristy to the right of the altar after either Mass!

**Livestream:** Have you ever wondered about the ways you can share the celebration of the Eucharist with those unable to attend Mass in person? Our livestream equipment is working again! We need volunteers to use the simple equipment for streaming the weekly Sunday 11:00 AM and special Masses on the Cathedral Facebook Page, and/or the RCDA/Cathedral YouTube Channel. Training will be provided. No experience is necessary! If you are called to this ministry, please contact Patrick Buonacore at our Cathedral office or after 11:00 a.m. Mass.

**OCIA:** Have you ever wondered about the ways you can help adults on their journey to becoming Christians, to entering into full communion with the Catholic Church, or to completing the sacraments First Communion or Confirmation? We will soon be initiating the new Order of Christian Initiation of Adult (OCIA), formerly RCIA, ministry. We are in need of catechists and sponsors. If you are called to this ministry, please contact Gerry Johnson or Deacon Jim Agnew after 11:00 Mass or at our Cathedral Offices.

To contact Patrick, send an e-mail to: [Patrick.Buonacore@rcda.org](mailto:Patrick.Buonacore@rcda.org)

### PASTORAL REFLECTION

July 20, 2025

**Jesus said, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." (Luke 10:41-42)**

Jesus gently points out that Martha has lost her peace by worrying about many things. Her sister Mary, however, has chosen "the better part," to sit at the feet of Jesus and listen to Him. Work is necessary, but listening first to Jesus guides our work and makes it fruitful.

This applies especially to Bishop Scharfenberger's recent letters about being "Remade for Mission," exhorting us to listen to Jesus and discern what specifically God's mission is for each parish, and what we need to carry it out. At one level Jesus says, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:31-46) and "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19)

But how do His words apply to serving people within our parish boundaries, even outside of church? Bishop Ed consistently asks, "Who is here?" Who lives or works here, and why should our parish have a physical presence unless we are serving locals spiritually or corporally? Moreover, as Bishop Ed quipped in his June 25 column, "Dead flowers [around the altar] do not give glory to God... Neither do half-empty churches!"

Therefore, our parish network (including St. Francis of Assisi, Historic St. Mary's, and the Cathedral) and all parishes of our Diocese will begin a synodal process (listening, discussion, action) during the next 12 months. (Read more at [www.rcda.org/remadeformission](http://www.rcda.org/remadeformission).) However, because of unsustainable operating deficits within our parish network, we also must take some significant initial actions to "stop the bleeding." We three parishes are in this together in the Body of Christ, the Church, and when one part suffers, the whole Body suffers: "God has so constructed the body...so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another." (1 Corinthians 12:24-26)

I would like parishioners to offer me prayerful guidance (because without prayer, people follow themselves, not God), so in August I will renew meetings with our finance councils and restart the convening of an inter-parish Pastoral Council with the facilitating assistance of Deacon Tim Kosto. If you know someone (even yourself) who is willing to pray and work for the common good of our parish network, please email me or Deacon Tim at the email addresses in the bulletin, or call our parish office. But again, please pray (and I highly recommend the illuminating grace of Confession) before "doing" anything, because it ultimately is all about discerning the will of Jesus, for ultimately it is His mission, and we are His Body, the Church.

Peace in Jesus through Mary,

*Fr. Rendell R. Torres*



**"When you reflect upon what I tell you in the depths of your heart, you profit more than if you had read many books. Oh, if souls would only want to listen to My voice when I am speaking in the depths of their hearts, they would reach the peak of holiness in a short time."** (Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary, n. 584)

**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**

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 20 July 2025

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
<i>Saint Francis (Delaware)</i>		
<b>Saturday, July 12</b> 4:00 PM		
<b>Sunday, July 13</b> 9:00 AM	<i>People of the Parish</i>	
<i>Saint Francis (South End)</i>		
<b>Sunday, July 13</b> 10:30 AM		
<i>The Cathedral</i>		
<b>Sunday, July 13</b> 11:00 AM	† <i>Femminella Family</i>	<i>Requested by Mr. Theodore &amp; Mrs. Linda Raab</i>
	† <i>Raab Family</i>	<i>Requested by Mr. Theodore &amp; Mrs. Linda Raab</i>
<b>Sunday, July 13</b> 5:00 PM		

**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](mailto:CICAlban@rcda.org)

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

### **CARMELITE MISSIONARIES COMING**

Pope Leo XIV has called us to be a church of missionaries. And there is no better way to do that than supporting the missionaries that will be coming to our parishes this summer! Your support makes a tremendous difference.

Last year, through the Mission Cooperative program our diocese raised \$228,754. On **July 19-20 (at St. Mary's), July 26-27 (at Cathedral St. Francis of Assisi, Delaware Ave.) and August 3 (South End)**, we will be welcoming Carmelite priests who will describe their missions and how we can support their missionary work.

The Carmelites respond to the call to love one another through prayer and action by establishing ministries where there is the greatest need. They create humanitarian programs to relieve the suffering of the poor, minister to those in hospitals and prisons, provide education, and conduct spiritual and religious formation in almost 40 countries on five continents.

This year we are hoping to be of continued help to the victims of the war in Ukraine. Your generosity in the second collection next week to support the Carmelite Friars' missionary work will be greatly appreciated.

### **GIVE US THIS DAY NOW AVAILABLE!**

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

### **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.

### **STEWARDSHIP**

#### **Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Weekly Offering—July 12 & 13**

Regular Offertory	\$2,540.37
PayPal	\$330.00
Maintenance & Utilities	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,870.37</b>
Average Weekly Need	\$8,200.00
<b>SHORTFALL</b>	<b>(\$5,329.63)</b>

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

#### **Attendance**

<b>11:00 AM</b> 105	<b>5:00 PM</b> 138
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#### **Saint Francis of Assisi Weekly Offering—July 12 & 13**

Regular Offertory	\$3,441.30
PayPal	\$100.00
Maintenance & Utilities	\$20.00
Food Pantry	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,561.30</b>
Average Weekly Need	\$10,500.00
<b>SHORTFALL</b>	<b>(\$6,938.70)</b>

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

#### **Attendance**

<b>Delaware</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b> 30	<b>9:00 AM</b> 84	<b>10:30 AM</b> 140
<b>South End</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b> 47		

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

<b>Historic Saint Mary's</b>		<b>Saint Francis</b>		<b>The Cathedral</b>
<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**

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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**

275 State Street, Albany, New York

518.443.0460

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



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***St. Francis***

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

Peter Edic, Noah Langan, Kathleen Fiorillo, Jon Collins, Nathan Williams, Harold LaMountain, Rev. Frank O'Connor, Sue Moss, Cynthia Notaro, Honey Kausar, Mary VanSchiack Agnew, Maria Aricipa, Mary Dolan, Charles Duffy, Church Dyer, John Fanning, Joyce Flanagan, Gina Garrison, Katherine Gilligan, Chris Godfrey, Marge Hepp, Michael Horgan, Alison Horgan-Zepeda, Rev. David Jones, Alice LaChapelle, Betty McSweeney, Joe O'Clair, Jaxson Rivera, Sr. Natalie Runfolo, Michele Sloman, Rev. Paul Smith.

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Monday thru Thursday, 9:00am – 3:00pm

**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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